



GARROWHILL PRIMARY JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Dear parents, carers and friends,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3 at Garrowhill Primary School. Our very best wishes to everyone for the year ahead. We hope 2022 is a happy, healthy and prosperous one for you. This term is always very busy and below you will see the diary for the month ahead.

All families should now have set up access to Parentsportal. Thank you to the families who have linked to their child's Parentsportal account. If you have not done this, please help us by linking to your child's account now. To login to Parentsportal; you need a MyGov account with Glasgow City Council. If you require any support with this, please contact the Clerical Team who will be happy to help.

We have been recommended for consideration as an Apple Distinguished School and have a visit from an Education Advisor from Apple this month. Huge thanks to Mrs Chatham, the staff and children for their wonderful work on all things digital!

This month we are delighted to have some school trips in the diary. Primary 5/4 will be visiting the Learning Lab in Glasgow Science Centre and will enjoy watching 'A Beautiful Planet' in 3D in the IMAX.

There is always a lot happening so please make sure you are able to receive my weekly update on the school app as well as messages from the main office. This way we can keep you as up-to-date as possible with school news. If your email address or mobile phone number has changed, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Please remember that you can make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher at any point during the year should you have a question or concern. Mr Young, Mrs Beastall and I are also available so please do not hesitate to contact us through the main office or by e mail, we are always happy to help.

Kindest regards,

Gayle Clarkson

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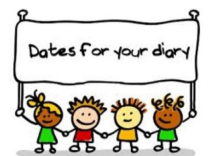
Covid-19 Revised School Guidance

You will be aware of the changes to guidance, announced by the First Minister on Wednesday 5th January.

- Positive Cases (regardless of vaccination status) must isolate for 10 days. However, if the person tests negative on day 6 and day 7 on a LFD they may leave isolation if they have no fever after their day 7 test.
- Fully Vaccinated (2 doses plus booster) adult 'high risk' contacts AND all contacts who are aged under 18 years and 4 months take 7 daily LFD tests and report results instead of isolating - no requirement for a PCR test to be released from self-isolation.
- Low risk contacts will be identified by schools when they are informed of positive cases, and classes will be sent information letters as before. These contacts do not require self-isolation.

We will continue to follow the Risk Assessment in school and current mitigations will remain in place. Thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

JANUARY DIARY



11 & 18th	P7 Swimming
21st	Movie Treat Afternoon for Harris House!
25th	Apple Distinguished Schools Visit
28th	P5/4 trip to Glasgow Science Centre

Term 2 House Winners

Huge congratulations to **Harris House**, our term 2 house winners.
They will enjoy a Movie Treat afternoon on Friday 21st January.
Well done, everyone!



School Uniform - Dress for Success

It is a pleasure to see our children dressed so smartly in their school uniform. Thank you all so much for your on-going support. You can order items of school uniform online at anytime from our uniform supplier: www.logoxpres-schoolwear.co.uk

Please note the formal Garrowhill Primary School uniform consists of:

- Grey school trousers/skirt - not black.
- White shirt or blouse. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- School tie.
- Burgundy cardigan or jumper
- Black shoes - if children are wearing trainers to school these should be black.
- All children must have a pair of indoor shoes.

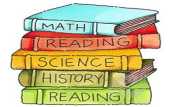


Where possible children should wear their shirt and tie to school. On PE days children can bring their PE kit in their PE kit bag. Children can use the changing rooms to change safely.

We will be continuing to follow government guidelines and keep classrooms and communal areas in school well ventilated. We ask that pupils come to school with a jumper or cardigan to wear if needed. We also aim to have pupils outside for breaks as much as the Scottish weather permits. Please ensure that pupils have suitable footwear and waterproof jackets. Many thanks.

Lost and Found

Please support us by ensuring that all clothing, packed lunches and water bottles are labelled from P1-7. We often have a lot of items in our 'Lost and Found' box which don't have names on them. Name labels will help us in returning these to their owners. Thank you.



Home Learning

Our Home Learning will begin again this week. Home Learning issued will be direct reinforcement of classwork in numeracy, reading and spelling. This is on a 10 day cycle with tasks to be uploaded onto Seesaw. If you require any support with accessing Seesaw, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you also for supporting your child/ren to complete tasks on Sumdog. This has a most positive impact on their achievement.

Child Protection: Absence From School

If your child is not able to attend school for any reason, you must alert the absence line before 9am. Failure to alert staff or the absence line that your child cannot attend causes concern for us under our child protection procedures.

We must be satisfied that every child is accounted for on every school day. Unfortunately we have some families who do not alert us to absence and do not respond to our calls and texts. Please help us avoid unnecessary worry by calling the absence line.

We appreciate that often the absence line is very busy, if you have a difficulty getting through to the absence line then call our office and we can record the call from there.

Please record your child's absence online or phone the dedicated absence team on: **0141 287 0039** from 8am on the first day of absence **AND** every subsequent day. It is important that the school is kept up to date during any long term absences.



*Parents are strongly encouraged not to take their children out of school for family holidays. Should you wish to remove your child from school for any reason you **must** put your request in writing to the Head Teacher.*

Parking - Safe Routes to School

Thank you to the families who are parking safely around our school perimeter. Please ensure when dropping off or collecting children that you park and drive carefully and are mindful of our neighbours and families crossing the road. Please keep all of the children safe by finding a safe place to park when dropping off or picking up at the end of the school day.

Remember our drop-off zone is open can also be used in the morning. Mr Lockhart will be there every day.

Parent Pay - Meal Selection

The meal selection feature will be going 'live' on Parent Pay on Monday 7th February. This facility will allow you to pre-order meals for your child/ren. The menu will be available on ParentPay and you can select what you wish your child to have for lunch.

There are universal free school meals for children in P1-5 classes; however all children will still be able to pre-select meals choices.

More information will be given closer to our launch date. In the meantime, please ensure you can access your ParentPay account.



Fundraising @ GPS

Thank you so much to everyone in the Garrowhill Family for supporting our fundraising for others this year. You have all been so kind, caring and generous in your support. I am delighted to provide you with a note of the total raised.

- * **MacMillan Big Coffee Morning - £500**
- * **Children in Need - £382.87**
- * **Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' - £207.78**
- * **The Lodging House Mission - £100**



Thank you everyone!

I would like to thank all of our resilient, kind, caring and hardworking children for an incredible first week back at school. They follow our rules and procedures so well and it has been such a pleasure to work with them again at the start of a new school term.

I would also like to extend a thank you to all of our families for helping to make this week run so smoothly. Everything we have asked of you has been followed by all and you have all been so helpful, kind and supportive. Thank you so much, your continued support is really appreciated.

Finally a huge thank you to our amazing staff. They all work tirelessly and ensure that our school has a warm, nurturing and caring ethos and that our children are safe, happy and learning!

February Break - Date for your Diary

The next school holiday dates are, Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February. Wednesday 16th February is a staff in-service day and school is closed to children.



We are B R A V E!

