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Dear Parents/Carers



## ATHELTICS & RUNNING UPDATE

Congratulations to our p6 athletics team who having won their Glasgow heat back in November were invited to represent Glasgow at the West of Scotland finals at Greenock last week. Our team gave a terrific effort and were placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall against some very tough competition, we are extremely proud of them.

Last Friday our cross country team, made up of children from P5-7, took part in the Glasgow cross country running championship. The children were challenged to run a mile cross country course in their fastest time. The competition involves hundreds of children from around the city and Garrowhill were well represented in the top 50 runners. Well done!!

## WORD BOOK DAY

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March is World Book Day. National Book Tokens along with book publishers and booksellers, work in partnership with World Book Day to distribute more than 14 million £1 World Book Day book tokens to children. Staff will be issuing these to children this week.

When you get your book token, all you need to do is to take it to your local bookshop and swap it for one of ten £1 World Book Day books!

Or, if you'd prefer, you can use your book token to get £1 off any full price book instead!

## SPONSORED READATHON

World Book Day supports Readathon, the UK-wide sponsored reading event that encourages children to read for pleasure.

Reading for pure enjoyment enriches children's lives beyond measure - and it's been proven that reading for pleasure is more important than wealth or social background in improving a child's future socially, emotionally, academically and vocationally.

Readathon began in 1984 and is now the UK-wide sponsored reading event run in schools, encouraging children - even reluctant readers - to read for pleasure.

We are inviting all children in Garrowhill to join in the readathon event by choosing books to read between Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March and asking their family to sponsor them to do so.

Children can read whatever they like, including comics, non-fiction, poetry, electronic books, or just listen to stories.

The money raised by your sponsorship will be used to help seriously ill children have access to story tellers and books which can help make their long stay hospital a little easier to cope with. The school gets free book vouchers worth 20% of the total it raises.

All children will be given their sponsor card this week. We hope you will feel able to support this very worthy cause while further developing your child's reading skills.

## Diary Dates

1<sup>st</sup> March: P6 classes visiting Vikingar exhibition in Largs

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Athletics event at Emirates for some P7s

2<sup>nd</sup> March: P4/3 visiting Kelvingrove Museum

3<sup>rd</sup> March: P4/3 visiting Library

3<sup>rd</sup> March: P2 classes visiting Summerlee Museum

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Dalguise Parent/carer ' meeting at 6.30pm

8<sup>th</sup> March: P4a Visiting Kelvingrove Museum

9<sup>th</sup> March: P3s visiting Stirling Castle

9<sup>th</sup> March: Scottish Country dance group at festival in Bellahouston.

10<sup>th</sup> March: P4a taking part in Hockey Festival at Uddingston

10<sup>th</sup> March: New entrant Parents' meeting at 6.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> March: P3 and P4 parent/carer meeting on home learning

11<sup>th</sup> March: P6 pupils taking part in football festival at Bannerman High

18<sup>th</sup> March: Sport Relief Non Uniform Day

24<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Services

25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March: school closed

30<sup>th</sup> March: P6 and P7 pupils leave for Dalguise

## TRAVEL PLAN & PARKING

Police Scotland have contacted the school to assure parents/carers and residents that there will be an increased police presence around the school at drop off and collection times due to several incidents of damage to cars and abusive behaviour to other road users from parents/carers dropping off at school.

School staff handle several complaints every week in relation to parking and aggressive behaviour from car drivers. We are not traffic wardens and cannot police the behaviour of parents/carers on the public highways around the school. We do however want all of our children to arrive at school safely and not stressed because they have witnessed verbally abusive incidents between adults or worse, have been involved in a collision.

There is ample parking around the school if everyone allowed themselves the time to take a short walk from the car to the school gates. **Please allow yourself the few extra minutes it may take to park safely and drop off around the school and work with us to make sure everyone can travel to school and work safely.**

## EASTER SERVICES

This year our Easter services take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March as the school closes for the Easter weekend at 3pm that day.

Primary 3 pupils will present the morning service for P1-3 classes at 11am. Primary 5a will present the service for P4-7 classes at 1.30pm.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

## EASTER HOLIDAY AND SPRING BREAK

As Easter Sunday falls on 27<sup>th</sup> of March this year, school is closed on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> for the Easter weekend. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

The school will close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 2.30 p.m. for the two week spring break and re-open on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Following feedback from the first of our parent/carer workshops to evaluate how we can further improve home learning, our school website now has information to help with learning phonics at home. In the pupil zone area you can now access each class' plans for learning and view the curriculum map for the term. As we move into the summer term please use the website to keep up to date with curriculum development and activities across all stages in the school.

## ANNUAL SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed one of our surveys earlier in the month. A full analysis of the responses from parents/carers, pupils and staff will be completed this month, posted on our website and sent home in school bags with children.

## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD THROUGH HOME LEARNING

Parents/carers of children in our P3 and P4 stages are invited to attend a meeting for parents/carers to help us continue to improve our approaches to home learning. This meeting will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. A separate invitation with RSVP is attached to this letter. If you are free, please attend as the information shared on the evening will help all of us to understand the role home learning, the principles of curriculum design and the role of assessment in helping improve outcomes for children.

## PI AUGUST INTAKE MEETING

Enrolment for those children starting school in August 2016 is now complete. Parents/carers of children living in our catchment area are invited to attend an early information evening on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. Children should not attend this meeting.

For families who have submitted a placing request to the school, decisions will not be made on those applications until April 2016. As soon as those places have been confirmed an invitation will be sent to parents/carers to attend a similar information evening.

## SPORT RELIEF

Sport Relief takes place this year on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Our Master classes on that day will all focus on sporting activity and we are asking all children to wear brightly coloured sports clothes instead of their normal school uniform and contribute to the fundraising by donating £1 each. Throughout the day every class will walk or run the mile long circuit they are now familiar with around the school. For more information on where the money goes please visit [sportrelief.com](http://sportrelief.com)

## PRIMARY 6 AND 7 DALGUISE TRIP

Primary 6 and 7 pupils leave for the annual residential trip to Dalguise on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Parents/carers of all children attending are invited to an information sharing meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6.30pm in the assembly hall.

## NATIONAL IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

As you know, the government has outlined plans in its Improvement Framework to gather assessment information on the progress children in P1, P4 and P7 make with literacy and numeracy. This involves children at these stages participating in standardised assessments in these areas. Glasgow has now started its programme of assessment in reading and this month children in P4 and P7 will take part in a reading assessment. This is an on-line adaptive assessment which will help school staff to analyse performance in reading and take steps to improve our practice. Many of our P7 pupils have already completed the assessment very successfully. As soon as all assessments are complete and we have an analysis of the results we will report them to parents/carers.

Yours sincerely,

Linda Logue  
Head Teacher.

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Your comments and suggestions do help us improve how we support your child and improve our school. Please use the space below if you have any comments and suggestions.

Please use this slip to offer help or provide feedback to the school.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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