

Dear parents, carers and friends,

We are now well into the busy second school term. This is always a busy time of year. A few of our classes are about to invite families in to their class assemblies. Primary 7, Primary 3e, Primary 4/3 and Primary 2 are already planning some surprises! Primary 1 have also started to work on their nativity for this year. We will share more details with you when we can.

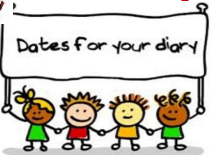
There is always a lot happening in school so please make sure you are able to receive my weekly update on the School App as well as messages from the main office. Due to costs we will only send an SMS message if absolutely necessary. We urge you to download our School App from Scot Ed to ensure information, messages and important updates reach you right away. This way we can keep you as up-to-date as possible with school news. If you change your email address or mobile phone number, please update this on Parents Portal or contact the office to ensure your details are up to date.

I would like to thank the GPS Family for their continued support throughout Term 1 and in advance of what will be a very busy second term.

If you have any questions or concerns please call the school office on 0141 771 1235 or contact me by email on: [headteacher@garrowhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@garrowhill-pri.glasgow.sch.uk). We endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. If you need to urgently get in touch it is best to do this by telephone.

Kindest regards,  
Gayle Clarkson

## NOVEMBER



### Interim Reports 2023

It was a delight to see so many parents and carers at our parents' evening last month.

Interim reports will be sent home to families on Friday 1st December.

Please complete the feedback slip which will be enclosed with your child's report, and return to the school. This also acts as an acknowledgement that you have received the report.



### NOVEMBER DIARY

6th	P7c Diversity Wins workshop
7th	Parent Council Meeting @ 6.30pm
8th	Primary 7 Swimming - block 2 begins
9th	P7m Diversity Wins workshop
10th	Remembrance Day - Primary 7 leading assembly
13th-17th	Anti-Bullying Week
14th	Football Game @ Stepford Park
14th	P6 trip to Sky Academy in Livingston
15th	JRSOs to City Chambers Film Awards
17th	Children in Need Day!
22nd	P4/3 and P3e Assembly—It's Good to Be Me!
22nd	City of Dance Crew - Heat @ Lochend High School @ 6.30pm
29th	P2l and P2d St Andrews Assembly

### Transitions



#### **New P1 for 2024**

Enrolment for children due to begin P1 in August 2024 will take place throughout the week beginning 6th November. Enrolment procedures are managed centrally through Glasgow City Council on-line process.

Please refer to the Glasgow City Council Website "School Enrolment" for further information on this process and on making a placing request

#### **P7s Transitioning to High School in 2024**

Our associated secondary school is Bannerman High. Bannerman High is a delineated school which means it has a catchment area in the same way as the primary schools. Primary 7 pupils who do not live in the Bannerman Catchment area but who wish to attend the school must make a placing request to do so, even if they attend an associated primary school.

Please note, children who attend a school by a Placing Request are not entitled to free school transport.





### Safe Routes to School

This remains an area of great concern for staff, pupils and parents at the school.

There have been a number of incidents of aggression and arguments between drivers, as well as aggressive and impatient driving. Cars have been spotted parked with 4 wheels on the pavements, dangerously parked on corners and on the zig-zag lines. Cars have also been blocking the driveways of local residents.

Police Scotland have been contacted to ensure that there will be an increased police presence around the school at drop off and collection times. School staff handle several complaints each week in relation to dangerous parking and aggressive behaviour. We want all our children to arrive and leave school safely without witnessing verbally aggressive incidents between adults or worse, being involved in a collision.

Please allow yourself the extra few minutes it may take to park safely and work with us to ensure everyone can travel to and leave from our school safely.

**It is your duty to park safely and sensibly around the school perimeter.**

***Please protect the safety of the children in our school.***

Parents and carers are requested to contact Police Scotland directly to report any dangerous parking. The 'drop-off' zone within the staff car park can be used in the mornings. Our Janitor, Robbie, will be there to assist. Please do not park in this area or in the disabled parking bays. The car park gates are closed between 2.45pm and 3.15pm each day. This is to ensure the safety of all children leaving our school.



### Remembrance Day

Our Primary 7 pupils will be leading our Whole School Assembly on 10th November this year. They are currently learning about World War 1 in class and will share their learning with our pupils and staff. They will provide us with an opportunity to remember those who fought for us and honour their memory.

Primary 7 pupils are currently selling poppies in school for The Royal British Legion. Pupils can buy a poppy from this week for a suggested donation of 50p.



### Children in Need 2023

Children in Need falls on **Friday 17th November** this year. Children are invited to 'Dress as You Please' and come to school in non-uniform!

Our House Captains will take a bucket collection for donation - please bring your small change to school.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is from 13th to 17th November. The theme this year is 'Make a Noise About Bullying!'

All classes will be taking part in the Anti-Bullying poster competition and our Equalities Group - The GRI Group 'Garrowhill Respects Individuality' will be speaking to classes about this and will be leading a special assembly for our school on 17th November.



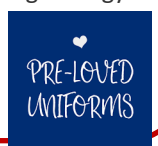
### Parent Council

Our next meeting will take place on line on **Tuesday 7th November at 6.30pm**. If you would like to attend, please contact the Chair of the Parent Council, Mark Dobson, using the following e-mail address: [garrowhillpc@gmail.com](mailto:garrowhillpc@gmail.com)

The Parent Council have an online shop for the pre-loved uniform. All items have a price and the monies made goes to the Parent Council. The money is then spent by buying various things throughout the year for the children such as book bags and gym bags for the new P1s, ties for the P7 leavers, etc.

Follow the link to access our store:

<https://pre-loved-uniform.sumupstore.com>



### Website, Twitter and the School App

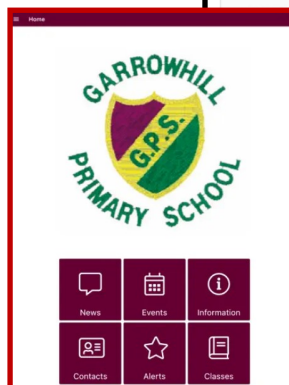
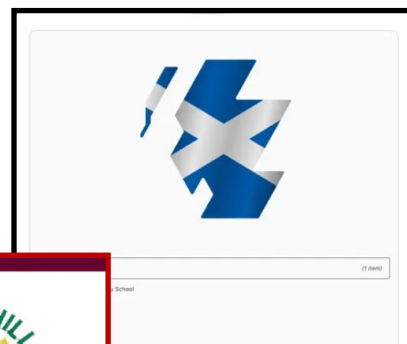
Our school website is updated regularly with information on events, holiday information and important dates as well as links to other documents you may need such as clothing grants etc.

News, school events and diary dates are posted on our School App so please make sure you have this downloaded. We are a paper free school and the App is our main means of communicating news and events to parents and carers.

Please ensure you download this free app to your phone by selecting the Scot Ed App and Garrowhill Primary School. Through this you will receive notifications, letters and news relevant to your child's class. You will also be able to keep up to date with many other aspects of school life at the tap of a finger.

We still like to post pictures of the daily events in GPS on our X (Twitter) Page.

Please follow @garrowhillps and give us a few likes!



### Absence from School

It is the responsibility of all parents to inform the absence line of any absence from school. 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. Please report absences before the start of the school day if possible but no later than 9.30am. Absences reported later than this will result in parents being notified by the school that the child is not in class.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to call the Pupil Absence Line on 0141 287 0039 or report this online.

*Sickness absence:* Please report sickness on the first day. If the absence lasts more than one day, parents/carers are required to call every day to provide an update.

Medical or dental appointments: Parents and carers should contact the team to report absences for medical or dental appointments for up to one day in the weeks preceding the appointment or on the day in the case of emergency appointments.

For reasons other than Sickness or Medical/Dental Appointments, please contact the school directly.



### Red Letter Day - October 2023



P1t	Luca	Blake	P1a	Billie	Hadi
P1p	Leo	Andrew	P2l	Ruiraidh	Bella
P2d	Olivia	Dax	P3/2	Alice	Reeva
P3e	Jocelyn	James	P4/3	Jack	Mia
P4w	Jackson	Arya	P4f	Marcus	Ellie
P5m	Ronnie	Ben	P5z	Zac	Noah
P6c	Evita	Carter	P6n	Andrew	Hassan
P7m	Olivia	Summer	P7c	Annalyse	Cole