

October 2017

Wednesday 4th October

- Open afternoon at Hamilton Grammar for Primary 7 families – 1.45 pm – 3pm.

Thursday 12th October

- Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

Friday 13th October

- Primary 7 Harvest assembly – **ALL PARENTS AND CARERS (PRIMARY 1 – 7 WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR HARVEST ASSEMBLY AND MCMILLAN COFFEE MORNING)**. Fundraising event for McMillan Charity
- School closes at 3pm for October Break.

Monday 23rd October

- School reopens at 9 am.
- Tickets for Halloween Disco go on sale.

Thursday 26th October

- Parent Council Halloween Disco (see inside newsletter for further details)

Tuesday 31st October

- Primary 1 – 7 FLU VACCINATIONS

NOVEMBER 2017

Friday 10th November

- Primary 2 assembly – 9.30 am. Parents/Carers welcome

Head Teacher Update

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of our first term. From Primary 1 to Primary 7 we have been focusing on developing our literacy skills through active literacy strategies, trying out some 'Big Maths' mental maths strategies and learning about aspects of health and wellbeing through the Wellbeing Indicators from the 'Getting it Right for Every Child' programme, with 'Being Safe' the focus for September and 'Being Healthy' the focus for October.



Wellbeing Wheel:

- Safe
- Healthy
- Achieving
- Nurtured
- Active
- Respected
- Responsible
- Included

It is great to see that as the weather changes that the children are dressing appropriately with warm jackets, hats and gloves. Can I ask that any items of clothing including hats, scarfs and gloves are labelled please, to avoid any upset or confusion.

I look forward to welcoming our families at Parent Consultations on Thursday 12th October and at the Harvest Assembly on Friday 13th October - which is welcome to all parents.

Have a great holiday everyone when it arrives and we will see everyone bright and early when we return on Monday the 23rd October.

Best wishes, Mrs Hogg

School House System

You may have noticed that your child has come home with either a red, blue, green or yellow badge. These badges are related to our newly introduced house system. The house your child has been allocated to is surname dependent as noted below.

If your child's surname begins with:

- ▶ **A B C D E F - Red House**
- ▶ **G H I J K L - Green House**
- ▶ **M N O P Q R - Blue House**
- ▶ **S T U V W X Y Z - Yellow House**

The children have already voted for their house captains from Primary 7 and I am pleased to announce that:



- David Buchanan and Carly Burston are the Red House Captains.
- Calum Inglis and Taylor Hurst are the Green House Captains.
- Liam Morgan and Emily Moore are the Blue House Captains.
- Kenzie Slavin-Coyle and Yasmin Winning are the Yellow House Captains.

The house system has been introduced as part of our review this year into our promoting positive behaviour policy. Further work will be completed in this aspect of school improvement over the year. The children have consulted on possible names for the houses and we are hoping to vote this week on the final selection. The children will work towards earning points for their house after the October Break and there will be a house treat at the end of each term, with an overall winning house at the end of the school year in June. The role of the House Captains includes encouraging and supporting other children within their house to be the best that they can be to earn points for their house. Good luck to our House Captains, I am sure they will make us proud!

Responsible

Respectful

Caring

Friendly

Harvest Assembly

Primary 7 this term have been developing leadership skills through their class enterprise project, focusing on raising funds to support the McMillan Cancer Charity. This work links to our school values of being responsible and caring. The coffee morning will take place on Friday 13th



October at 9.30 am. It will start with a Harvest Assembly led by Primary 7 which will include a performance by our school choir also. Refreshments and cakes will then be served for a small donation. The children across the school can dress down for £1 on the day and they will also have the opportunity to taste some cakes and play games organised by the Primary 7s. There will be raffle tickets available to buy at Parent's Night and the raffle will be drawn at the coffee morning. It would be much appreciated if parents/carers could send donations in for raffle prizes e.g. bottle of bubble bath/shower gel, box of sweets etc.

As the focus is also for Harvest, we are hoping to send donations of food tins to one of our local food banks. Primary 7 would appreciate it if every child could bring one tin to school for Friday 13th October to help the school support this local cause.



Friends of Beckford- Parent Council

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING,
TUESDAY 10th OCTOBER, 6 PM

Please come along and join us to hear more about the work of the Parent Council in the school. We hope to welcome along members, old and new, to the meeting. We are piloting an earlier meeting at times to see if we can improve attendance at the meetings. ALL WELCOME! 😊

Parent Council Halloween Disco

Tickets for the Halloween Disco will be on sale from Monday 23rd October. The disco will take place on Thursday 26th October. Primary 1 to 3 disco will be between 6.15pm - 7.15pm and Primary 4 to 7 will be between 7.30 pm- 8.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £2, £5 for families with 3 or more children attending.



Nut Free Zone!

Just a little reminder that the children should not bring any food to school which may contain nuts, including Nutella spread, as there are children within the school who are allergic to nuts.

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Recognising Pupil Achievements



Star of the Week

<u>Successful Learners</u>	<u>Effective Contributors</u>	<u>Confident Individuals</u>	<u>Responsible Citizens</u>
Kai Brady P1 Hailey Kaiser P3 Riley Stanulis P1 Maya Djebbaili P6 Calum Inglis P7 Charlie Alexander P2 Abigail Lamb P4 Brandon Doak P6 Zack Johnson P5 Zahar Burlakov P7 Ariana Hunter P2 Kayla Russell P4 Lloyd White P5 Aaliyah MacKee P6	David Swinburne P2 Cole McInall P2 Aisha Hussain P3 Emma Hamilton P4 Aaliyah Docherty P1	Daniel Scott P5 Jenna Quinn P6	Summer Stanulis P4 Zoe McDonald P5 Kodie Monteith P7 Eva McAlonan P5 Hope McAlistair P1 Kaden Cunningham P3 Aisha Hussain P3 Robbie Thomson P7

Playground Award

Primary 1	Abigail Newlands, Sean Bell, Kai Scott, Chelsy Crawford, Riley Findley
Primary 2	Charlie Alexander, Amy Colville, Olivia Hunter, Aimee Sutherland, Cole McInall
Primary 3	Jayden Ward, Kenzie Traynor, Yasmine Djebbaili, Kiera Donnelly, Owen Strang
Primary 4	Naomi Gwynne, Mitchell Scott, Rachel Whiteman, Sara Asami, Niahm Inglis
Primary 5	Erin Timoney, Lloyd White, Darren Alexander, Levi Smail, Lilymae Morgan
Primary 6	Ruban Linton, Ryley Brownlee-Lynn, Olivia Stewart, Cameron Hayton, Craig Cuthbertson
Primary 7	Sophie Duffy, Carly Burston (x2), Zahar Burlakov, Leah Brogan



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