Dear Parent/Carer

OUR VISION
Our school cares for all its pupils and encourages, supports and challenges them to be the best they can be. High Mill is a school that works to give children best learning opportunities now and for the future.

Dear Parent, Carer,

High Mill is an exciting, challenging place and we continue to have high expectations in all areas. There is a lot going on in school and we hope this newsletter gives you an insight into some of what's happening. The recent winter sun has added to the buoyant mood and has been a welcome visitor.

Teaching and Learning
Classes are working very hard in the build up to Easter Weekend and Spring Break. Most children will be involved in Maths and Reading Tests. They will also be continuing to work on topics outlined in the February Newsletter.

Interdisciplinary Learning is ensuring a high degree of pupil engagement and teachers are to be commended for their industry in making studies come to life for the children.

P1, studying ‘The Farm’, have had a real tractor visiting the school with pupils excited to sit in the driver seat. They visited Tesco yesterday to see “Farm To Fork”, which lets them understand the journey our food takes and are also really excited about their farm visit next week.

P2/3, studying ‘The Weather’ have been involved in lots of Outdoor Learning activities and conducting experiments. They are currently learning more about ‘The Water Cycle’ and cloud formation.

P2/3 along with P3/4, are deeply interested in our young trout. The Clyde in the Classroom topic is well underway with the biggest challenge being keeping the fish eggs cold enough!

P3/4 have been invaded by ‘The Vikings’. They are learning about the Viking way of life, had a visit from a real live Viking and hope to share their learning with their parents/carers at a showcase.

P5/6 are learning about one of my favourite times in history ‘The Jacobite Rebellions’. They have re-enacted battles, had debates about key issues and even had a ‘Highland Charge’ in the playground!

P6/7 have continued their studies about Scotland and will be visiting the Scottish Parliament on Friday. They have extended their geography to learn about Europe and some children have taken part in a lunch/after school club. They represented Clydesdale at the recent Euro Quiz held in Hamilton.

Our teaching and learning demonstrates diversity and allows for pupils to be really involved in their learning. Well done everyone.
RotaKids
Our RotaKids attended the RotaKids Convention in Livingston on Friday 26th February. They had a fabulous time meeting and mixing with fellow RotaKids from other schools. They worked well in their mixed teams and were a credit to the school. Our RotaKids have organised events throughout the year to support this year's Global Citizenship project the ‘Steadfast Project’ in Kenya. So far they have raised £68.10. Our RotaKids are off to Falkirk on Tuesday 8th March to meet with the President of Rotary Ireland and Great Britain. They will also visit the Kelpies. Their next event will be playtime discos costing pupils 20p entry fee. Dates to be arranged.

Pupils in Pinnies
What a success! Funds raised from this event are to be shared equally between ‘Team Erin’ and ‘Cancer Research’. Our P6 boys donned their pinnies and served breakfast, brunch and had an afternoon bistro. They raised the magnificent sum of £330.

We have to thank local businesses who donated goods - Tesco, Scotmid, Clarks Bakery, the Foodbank and our school butcher meat supplier Campbell’s.

A huge thank you to all the families, friends, children, staff and Victoria Park for supporting the event so generously. It was a great event with a real feeling of community.

Going For Green
Our Going for Green system aims at best behaviour for best learning opportunities for all. It complements our school vision and Rights Based Learning Charters which are centred on the right to learn. So far most of our children remain on Green. As an added incentive we have started having a Green Button on each class door. Where a whole class stays Green for a week they get an extra playtime. Good lines also can see a class earning an extra playtime in Victoria Park playground. Children who stay on green also have a full time at their Masterclass on a Friday.

These incentives/rewards impact positively on the vast majority of our children. Children identified as having social or emotional needs are given further support to ensure they too can achieve green. Children who choose to present unacceptable or challenging behaviour face consequences and parents/carers work with the school to help see an improvement. Recently it has been underlined to children that swearing or fighting are zero tolerance behaviours. Physical fights are extremely rare. Once investigated children's parents/carers will be informed and the instigator of a fight will be part of a meeting with their parents/carers and myself. Our standards are very high and I'm sure parents and carers will support this.

Reports and Parents' Night
Teachers are busy working on pupils’ Full Reports. These will come home to you on 19th April along with a time slot for Parents’ Night to be held on 27th April. The time slot will be the same as on our first Parents' Night earlier in the session. If you cannot make this time, please contact the school and other arrangements will be made. The consultations will centre on the school report.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open on the week of Parents’ Night and also on Parents' Night itself. Books and merchandise will be at half the marked price e.g. a book priced at £5 will be sold for £2.50.

Fairtrade
Miss Shariff and Miss McGregor are arranging some events to mark Fairtrade Fortnight. The Fairtrade Committee will do a presentation at assembly. There will also be a 20p competition to try to win a Fairtrade Easter Egg and there will also be a Fairtrade Breakfast for pupils who wish to take part.

Easter Service
We will be holding our Easter Service in school on Tuesday 22nd of March at 1.40pm. P2/3 will be our main presenters and all parents/carers and families are welcome to attend.

Clothing
We have a growing number of jumpers, gloves etc in our Lost Property. If you wish to look through these items please ask at the Main Office. If you have any good quality school uniform items you no longer need, please hand these into the Main Office and they will find a good home.

Headlice
Please continue to check your child's hair regularly. Helpful leaflets are available from school and the Health Centre and Pharmacist are also good sources of advice.

Road Safety
Our Junior Road Safety Officers have distributed leaflets to all families regarding safe conduct around the school. Sharon O'Leary, Travel Plan Co-ordinator, has also visited at the Head Teacher's invitation and parents/carers, staff and children will have the opportunity to take part in a survey after Spring Break. The Head Teacher also invited the Transport Police to visit the school and having done so their feedback was very positive. They thought that drivers were showing care and attention. They have been invited to pop back at any time and have said they may do that.

Residential Trip
15 pupils accompanied by Mrs Naismith and Mrs Welsh will be travelling to Wiston Lodge for a short residential stay. They have lots of exciting activities to look forward to, as well as being away from home overnight. We hope they all have great fun.

School Decoration
Parts of our school are in the process of being re-painted. This is mainly white painted walls of corridors, girls and boys toilets and Head Teacher Office.

Staffing and Roll
We currently have 113 pupils with a projected roll of 121 approximately for next session. Our staff at the moment is joined by Mrs Reagan, Ms Kane and Mrs McGlowan on student placement.

School Ties
We now have a new supply of school ties and if anyone is needing a tie, please come to the school office. (£5 per tie).

Gala Day
The Parent Council are in the process of organising costumes for the Gala Day procession. Some pupils have already expressed their intention to be part of the procession, but the Parent Council are hoping for more pupils to take part. The Theme is - ‘STAR WARS’ and you can either buy your own costume or the school will order them for you at a cost of around £10. Forms to be issued tomorrow. Calling all Star Troopers – we need you!
Parent Council meeting tonight at 6.30pm in school.

Our Values
Helpfulness   Hard Work   Honesty   Respect   Kindness

Thank you for your continued support.

Marion Girdwood
Head Teacher
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