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# March Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of a very busy term we would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support. Our World Water Day was well attended by families and friends and the children loved being able to share their learning with their community.

We would like to extend our thanks to the parents and carers that came along to our School Grounds Day. Without their help we would not have been able to achieve the assembling of raised beds and other structures to the extent that we did on the day. Thank you to Mrs MacMillan for such a successful day.

Watch this space for more exciting opportunities to work alongside your children next term!

## **Eid Mubarak!**

On Tuesday 1st April children can come to school in non-uniform for a donation of £1.

Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, ends on

Sunday 30th March and children will hold a

celebration for Eid al-Fitr in their classes on Tuesday 1st April.

## **Parents' Meetings**



Our second of the two annual Parents evenings will take place on Thursday 3rd April 2025. At these meetings parents will have the opportunity to

meet with your child's class teacher to discuss progress, achievements and next steps in learning. We hope you find these meetings helpful in supporting your child to make continued progress.

## **Consultation**

Your feedback, as always, is very important to us and during parents' evening we will share a google form so that you can provide feedback to help us ensure continuous improvement in learning in our school.



## Mornings

Please remember that the school gates close at 09:00 am.

Children that are unable to make it to school by that time must enter via the front gate on Winston Road. There is a bell on the gate which is linked directly to the school office where a member of staff will ensure children have access to the school.



## Attendance

Please remember to notify the school by 9:15am if your child is going absent for any reason. If we do not receive notice we will contact you as it is important for us to ensure your child's safety. The reason for any absences will be recorded in the school's SEEMis attendance system.

## Water Bottles



Children should bring their own water bottles to school to keep them hydrated, especially as we enter into the summer months. We kindly ask that only sports style bottles are used and that they contain plain water. Juice and

flavoured water is not permitted unless a medical reason on prior arrangement has been arranged with the leadership team. Bottles should be taken home at the end of the day, cleaned and refilled at home.

## Wider Achievement

This term some of our learners have enjoyed a successful Baking Club with Miss Robertson where they have developed a wide range of skills including collaborating, creativity and adapting.



Our Lego club is well underway and the children are learning some vital social skills with Mrs Nathani whilst having fun and being creative!

We have been lucky enough to start a lunch time Rugby Club in conjunction with Active Schools and the Helensburgh Rugby Club. It is great to have one of our ex-pupils, Mark Ashdown, joining us to coach rugby!

Mrs Jones is in talks with the active Schools Coordinator =, Martin Caldwell about the possibility of starting a Cricket Club as we have many keen cricketers in our school!

Next term we have Coding Club, and girls and boys Football Clubs to look forward to. We hope to make plans for our Military Kids Clubs as well.

**If any of our families and friends have a particular skill / interest that they would like to share with our learners, we would love to hear from you! We hope to be able to grow the number of extra-curricular experiences we can offer to our learners!**

## Fond Farewell

We are sad to be saying farewell to our Naval Chaplain Mark Dalton who has joined us on many occasions over the years for our Harvest,

Christmas, Easter and Leavers' assemblies and is a very familiar face around our school. We wish him every success in his new post within the Royal Navy.

Our new Chaplain will be Sue MacGregor who has already been introduced to the children. Sue is new to Helensburgh and has joined us from Greyfriars Church in Edinburgh. She is now the Minister at



Helensburgh Parish Church and looks forward to welcoming the JLB community to her church.

### **Easter Celebration**

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our Easter Service which will take place in Helensburgh Parish Church at 10am on



Wednesday 2nd April. The children will walk down after they arrive in school at 9am.

As we are a diverse and inclusive community at JLB we openly welcome everyone to the Church on this occasion and hope to see as many of our families as possible to celebrate with us on the day.

On the way back to school the children will stop and have their playtime and snack in Hermitage Park. Parents are also welcome to join us here too!

We will be looking for parent helpers to walk with us, to and from the school. Please return the slip or call the school office on 01436 674001 if you are able to support on the day.

### **Congratulations**

Our Primary 4-7 children took part in the Rotary Club Internet Safety Competition, and we are delighted to announce that Scarlett in Primary 5 was highly commended and was invited to the Civic Centre for a presentation!

Well done Scarlett we are all very proud of you and your talents!

### **Certificates**

The following children received certificates in March for upholding our school values in their endeavours to ensure that they do their best in school:

Bilqees P2 -Ambition

Luca P2 - Respect

Kalsoum P3 - Healthy Relationships

Sahar P6 - Ambition

Lucy P7 - Equity

Well done everyone!

### **Staffing News**

Mrs Rogers and Miss McColl will be leaving us shortly as they will both be commencing their maternity leaves! Their posts have been advertised and interviews will take place early in Term 4. Miss McColl leaves us on Friday 28th March and Mrs Rogers on Friday 4th April. We look forward to hearing their exciting baby news very soon!



Unfortunately, Mrs Randall is on a long term absence. Mrs Jones has been successful at interview in the role of Acting Head Teacher. Mrs Wilson and Miss Robertson will subsume Mrs Jones' Principal Teacher duties.

<b>Dates for your Diary</b>	
<b>Tue 1st April</b>	Non Uniform day to celebrate end of Ramadan  (£1 donation)
<b>Wed 2nd Apr</b>	Easter Service - 10:00 am  Helensburgh Parish Church
<b>Thu 3rd April</b>	Parents Evening
<b>Fri 4th April</b>	School Closes 2:30pm
<b>Tue 22nd April</b>	School opens 9:00 am
<b>Wed 30th Apr - Fri 2nd May</b>	P7 Residential Experience  P7 Home Residential
<b>Thu 15th May</b>	Sports Day

<b>Thu 22nd May</b>	Parent Bake Off  School Closes 3:00pm
<b>Fri 23rd May</b>	In-service Day
<b>Tues 27th May</b>	School opens @ 9.00am
<b>Mon 23rd June</b>	School Reports issued
<b>Thu 19th June</b>	P7 Leavers' Dance 18:30 - 20:30
<b>Wed 25th June</b>	JLB Awards Ceremony - afternoon  Family Bingo (Parent Council)
<b>Tue 1st July</b>	School closes @ 1.00pm

Best wishes,  
**JLB Staff Team**

**Our vision: Nurturing and inspiring everyone to reach their full potential**

**Our Values: Healthy Relationships, Equity, Ambition, Respect & Responsibility**