

VPS Update (June 2022)

As the school year draws to a close and we come to fair. The return of the summer fair is another sign the end of what has been another very difficult academic year, we continue to be thankful that we have managed to navigate through the many changes to school guidance, staff absences and substitute shortages as restrictions slowly began to ease. We have enjoyed a happy and healthy year without having to return to remote learning for most. Thank you to everyone for working as a team to achieve this.

We end the year with celebrations and hope you enjoyed coming in for the Prize day celebrations. It was lovely to see some of you in person. For those of you who couldn't make it, our winners were:

Celebration Time

Endeavour Cups	Excellence Cups
P1 - Baker Dean	P1 - Sam Milligan
P2 - Sophia Dunleavy	P2 - Rose Kilpatrick
P3 - Sophie Ennis	P3 - James Clarke
P4 - Lucy Pritchard	P4 - Scarlett Hamill
P5 - Jack Collins	P5 - Evie Farley
P6 - Alisha Kilpatrick	P6 - Matilda Rhodes

The P7 winners will be announced at their leavers assembly on Tuesday.



Congratulations to the YELLOW TEAM who were the overall winners this year.

All members of the yellow team will get to go on an additional school trip on Friday morning to Airtastic. All children will have a celebration day on Friday when they will be able to take part in bouncy castle fun to celebrate all of the house points earned throughout the year. Children will be allowed to wear PE uniform to school this Friday so that they can enjoy their day in comfort.

Questionnaires

Many thanks to those of you who returned your questionnaires. There was lots of great feedback and good

ideas and the overall message is to get back to where we were before covid. We totally agree and plan to do just that next year if it is at all possible.

PFA

A huge thank you to the members of our PFA committee who have organised the summer fair. The fair is being held at the Church as part of our work within the community. The last fair was also held at the Church (pre-covid) and we found that the venue was really well suited to the running of a that we are getting back to normal and we hope you will be able to make this fun event up at Glastry Presbyterian. The Summer fair is from 10am-1pm on Saturday 25th June.

Goodbye and Good luck

We would like to thank Mr Fulton for all of the work that he has done for the school over the past 5 years. We all have fond memories of him dressing up as different characters and his many dad jokes and funny stories. We know that the children have all been very fond of him as a teacher in the school and will be sad to learn that, after his period of absence, he will not be returning next year. We wish him all the very best for his next chapter. Thanks also go to Mrs Bell for stepping back in from her well deserved retirement and helping us to cover staff absence. She will also finish at the end of this term and can go back to enjoying her well earned rest.

We are also saying thank you and cheerio to some of our support staff. Mrs Palmer has been a great help in the foundation stage classrooms, Mrs Kilpatrick in the Key stage one classrooms and Mrs Cully in the P5 classroom. We wish you all the best. We really are lucky to have a great team and even though these members of staff are leaving, they will always be a part of the V.P.S. family.

Classes for next year

Foundation Stage - Miss Hillen and Mrs Weir P3/4 - Mrs Harris + job share teacher (TBA) P4/5 - Mrs McClure

P6 - Miss Mawhinney P7 - Mrs Atcheson

Dates still to come:

22nd June - P3/4 Shared trip to Ganaway 23rd June - P7 class assembly - Oliver! 24th June - House Team celebration day

25th June - Summer Fair 28th June - P7 Leavers day 29th June - Transition day

30th June - Class parties and half day closure

Dates for September

Tuesday 30th August - first day back (half day) Wednesday 31st Aug - half day Thursday 1st September - first full day. Monday 5th September - Wraparound care begins (breakfast club and after school care)

We are currently working through plans for the next school year, including after school clubs, breakfast club and events etc. As we get updated information, we will add it to the school website so it will all be there for you when we return. Until then, we wish you all a happy and healthy summer break.

Mrs Weir and the V.P.S. team.