

October Newsletter 2024



Splendeat Lux – Let Your Light Shine!



Attendance

Full attendance and punctuality are key factors in helping our young people to be successful. These are skills that last a life time. Improving attendance is a key area of focus once again this session for us here at Eastbank and indeed across the city of Glasgow. Despite our very best efforts last session for the 3rd year running we saw a decline in our overall figures.

We will continue to review attendance every 6 weeks and issue FYI letters to keep you informed if has slipped below 90%. In some cases, we will ask you to join us for a meeting in school to explore ways to maximise attendance and agree next steps.



The attendance rate for each class from August – September 2024 is as follows:

P1	97%	P5/4	90%
P2/1	96%	P5	92%
P2	97%	P6	94%
P3a	93%	P7/6	89%
P3b	93%	P7	92%
P4	94%		

Our overall school attendance is 93%!

Car Parking

I would like to remind all adults to park safely away from the school and walk with their children to the gates. Parents and carers are kindly asked not to use the staff car park for picking up and dropping off. I would also like to remind all parents and carers to be respectful of local residents. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Exiting Procedures

All infant pupils are now comfortable and familiar with our school system of handing their school bag over the fence to their collecting adult before exiting the playground. **Please could I remind all Parents/Carers to remain at their chosen spot along the fence until their child reaches them and to refrain from coming in to the playground in the morning and at the end of the day.** Thank you for your co-operation and support with this important safety matter.

Parent Council News

Following a successful Parent Council AGM I am delighted to share that Miss Sarah Beacom will continue as our Chair Person and that Miss Clare Amato has kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer. Our next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Thursday 14th November at 6pm in FUSE**. All parents are encouraged to come along to our friendly and informal meetings. We are always keen to welcome new members to help organise fun whole school events, focus on building community relationships and raising money for a whole range of school events ranging from Christmas parties to summer trip buses.



Last session our Parent Council raised a significant amount of money, thanks to the generosity and support of our parents and carers. All monies raised have been used to enhance the Primary School experience and allow for many fun and memorable events to take place including our P7 Prom and Leavers Hoodies, Halloween treats and prizes, Christmas gifts, party treats and activities, Sports Day treats and prizes and of course our whole school Fun Day! Thank you so much for your continued support in allowing us to host many events and activities that add the extra school sparkle.



Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools 2024

You may have spotted the Joe Wicks adverts re Asda Rewards for schools. Our Parent Council have registered Eastbank Primary and would kindly ask that if you are an Asda shopper could you please download and sign-up to the Asda Rewards app and then opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select 'Eastbank Primary School'. Once opted in and selected, our school pot will benefit each time you shop but it will not take any rewards you will receive for your own cashpot. **For every customer who signs up, Asda will put £1**

in our school cashpot. In addition, between 2nd September and 30th November, when customers shop at ASDA using their rewards app, ASDA will donate 0.5% of the value of your spend to the school. Your support with this would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks in advance.

Rotakids Macmillan Coffee Morning and Bake Sale

On **Tuesday 5th November** our Rotakids Team will host a non-uniform day and Bake Sale. P1 and P2 parents and carers are also invited to join us at **9:45am** for a family Coffee Morning and perhaps a wee musical treat! All shop bought cakes and donations would be greatly appreciated.



Our School Improvement Plan Priorities 2024/2025

Our school team will be working hard to further develop many aspects of school life here at Eastbank, always aspiring to provide the very best experiences and opportunities for our children and their families. Our key areas for development this session are:

Eastbank Primary School School Improvement Plan 2024–2025		
Grand Challenge 1 Engagement, Participation and Inclusion To create a school culture of ambition that is positive and inclusive via improved attendance and engagement and ensures that all experience a culturally responsive curriculum which celebrates of the voice of children and their diverse communities.	Grand Challenge 2 Achievement and Progress To continue to improve attainment in all areas of literacy inclusive of our play pedagogy approaches.	Grand Challenge 3 Wellbeing and Learning To continue to embed Glasgow's Pedagogy to ensure that all children are challenged and supported to fulfil their potential as a result of consistently high-quality teaching and learning experiences and calm learning environments.
Challenge 1a Vision, Values and Aims / Relationship Policy / Rights Respecting School - RRS WP	Challenge 2 To continue to improve attainment in reading and writing - Literacy WP	Challenge 3 Glasgow's Pedagogy – to improve the quality of feedback and assessment and levels of attainment in literacy and numeracy - L & T WP
Mission 1 Launch and embed refreshed Vision, Values and Aims, refresh our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy and Practices, participate in Rights Respecting School Programme and complete our 'Tie training and pilot 'This is Me' Equalities Resource.	Mission 1 All staff to participate in professional learning to support learners to decode, read and encode and spell piloting new alphabet boards and reading resources.	Mission 1 Complete GOC Pedagogy Feedback and Assessment Modules and review current approaches and update the T & L Policy.
Challenge 1b Eastbank Learning Community Transition to Support Meeting Learns Needs'.	Mission 2 Create and pilot an additional Learning Lab space and resource to support TIG children, learning support and boost groups and families.	Mission 2 Participate in a Collaborative Improvement and Class Visit Trio – Assessment Focus and update and review policies and practices as a result.
Mission 2 Moderation of WAPs/ASN supports, extend use of Monitoring and Tracking Tool, review Transition Programme and complete The Keeping the Promise Award Training.	Mission 3 Utilise EAL data, learning and resources to plan high-quality learning experiences and assessments for our EAL learners, supported by EAL Teacher.	Mission 3 All teachers will identify TIG children and create and deliver an intervention plan through a collaborative 8 week Professional Enquiry Project.

Staff Learning – Continuous Professional Development



In line with overall school improvement, all our staff are committed to undertaking different types of professional development over the school year. This can be in the form of courses, online training and visits to classrooms in Eastbank and also other schools. So far this year, our staff have undertaken training in phonics, approaches to writing, Glasgow's pedagogy, play, Rights Respecting Schools and Leadership training at Glasgow University. Our school aim, Splendat Lux, means that we want to ensure that all learners can *'let their light shine'* and that involves staff too!

Shared Home Learning

Following consultation with all parents and carers and school staff last session we will continue to use our Shared Home Learning Leaflets to support home learning tasks and school homework. Our termly Home/School link booklet details areas of study for each class and provides suggestions for family learning and literacy and numeracy follow-up activities. We will provide all additional materials required to complete any tasks and encourage all learners to share their learning and completed tasks with us.



This session we will continue to offer a range of opportunities for family learning and would encourage you come along to as many as you can...grandparents welcome too! Already this session we have hosted a PI Phonics Workshop, PI Stay and Play sessions, PI Muffins and Maths classes for parents and children, a P2-P7 Muffins and Maths group and a PATHS Café. Please see the School Calendar for future events. Also, we are aware that family sessions held during the school day are not always accessible for working parents and we will aim to provide alternative ways for you to access these materials such as online materials, paper handouts and indeed some late evening opportunities for you to attend. We very much value your partnership in ensuring the best possible outcomes for all learners!

Dressing-Up Parties

Autumn is here and we will be enjoying some Halloween activities and games throughout the day on **Thursday 31st October**. All children are invited to dress up and join in the fun. Children can arrive at school in costume or bring their clothes/masks to change into at lunchtime. All classes will enjoy a class party in the afternoon. Please make thoughtful choices when dressing-up. **We would ask that no toy weapons/props are brought into school or children dressed as scary clowns.** I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to our Parent Council who have kindly donated money for games and party food.



Healthy Personalities

We are looking for Eastbank healthy personalities in October! We are trying to promote healthy snacks for break time and will have stickers for children who bring fruit for their break time snack. There will be certificates and prizes at assembly for the healthiest personalities in each class.

Vision, Values & Aims

We did a lot of work last session on our vision, values and aims and tried to involve the whole school community in the process.

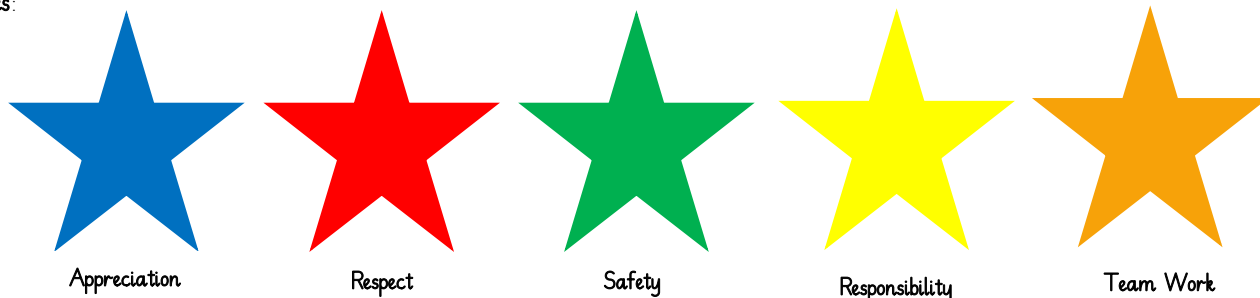
Vision:

Our vision for our school is to be a community where we are ...

Working together to empower, thrive, learn and be ambitious

We are proud of our Eastbank community where pupils, staff and other adults work together for the best interests of all our children and we see this both inside and outside our classrooms. Our staff work hard to ensure a positive and nurturing environment for our pupils and we love our welcoming school gate where parents and carers have a smile and a story for our pupils and staff. We are also very fortunate to have supportive parents who volunteer to help with things around the school. If you have any suggestions on how we can continue to work together please let us know.

Values:



We are still working through all the wonderful entries that we had to design new characters for these values. Our artistic, talented pupils have made it hard to pick winners but watch this space – our new characters will be announced soon!

Aims:

Our aim for all in our community is ...

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We know about the great things going on in our school and can see lots of shining lights across our curriculum. We encourage you to share any achievements outside of school – we have pupil actors, dancers, footballers, swimmers and more. Please send any pictures of out of school achievements to the headteacher email or tag us on X and we can share pupil achievements at our weekly assemblies.

House Point Challenge

Every month we have a house point challenge where children can earn tokens for their house by working together to:

One hundred % October



1. Bring a healthy snack to school.



2. Always show good manners.

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME

3. Litter in the bin.



Parents Portal

Parents Portal is designed to replace the 'schoolbag run' and provides online access to a range of school related services to parents/carers.

It will provide access to Parents/Carers with information about school and will allow 24-hour online access to:

- Complete/update the annual data check process electronically
- Update their own as well as their child's details at any time
- View the school calendar
- Complete electronic permission slips and consent forms

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As the Parents Portal develops, you will see more services being introduced in the future including online placing requests, report cards, payments for trips and activities.

Final Remarks

I cannot believe we have already been back for 6 weeks! Our children have settled well into their new classes and are working hard to follow our 5 values – the fantastic five! Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

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Head Teacher

Trish Walker
Acting Head Teacher

Sinead Armstrong
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Brian Kiernan
Principal Teacher