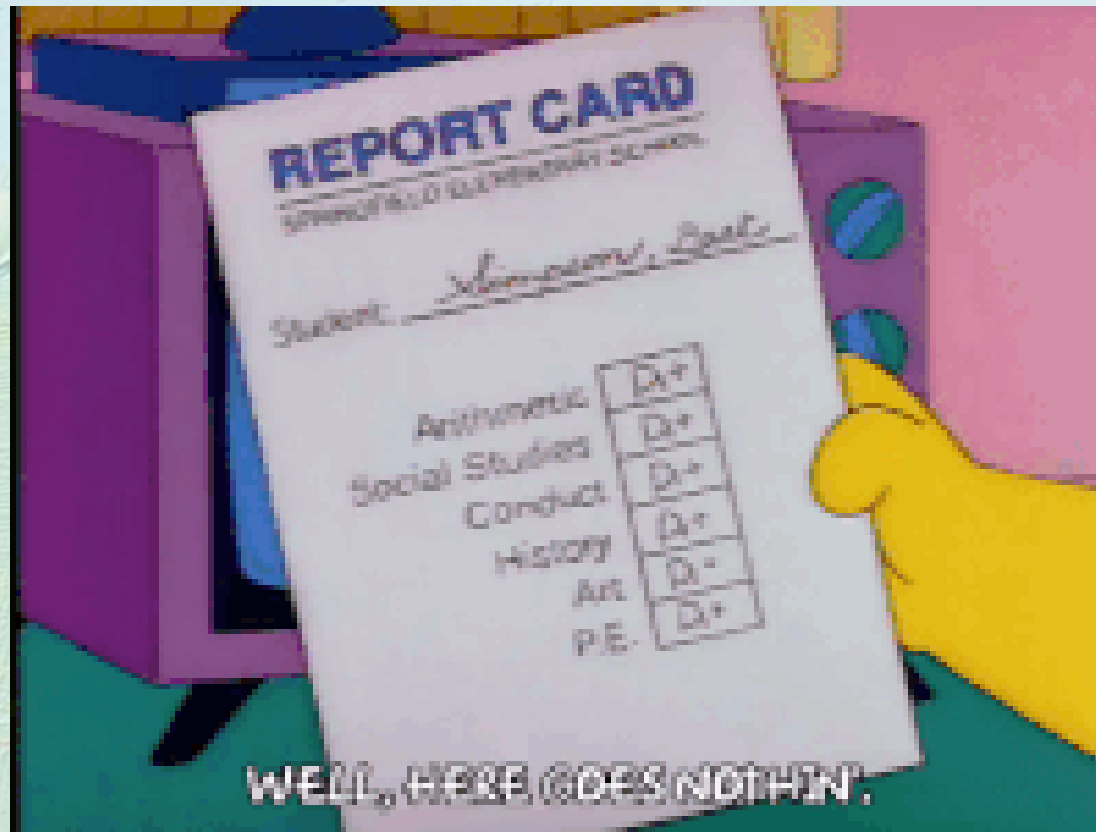


Parent Council Head Teacher's Report

Wednesday, 10th May



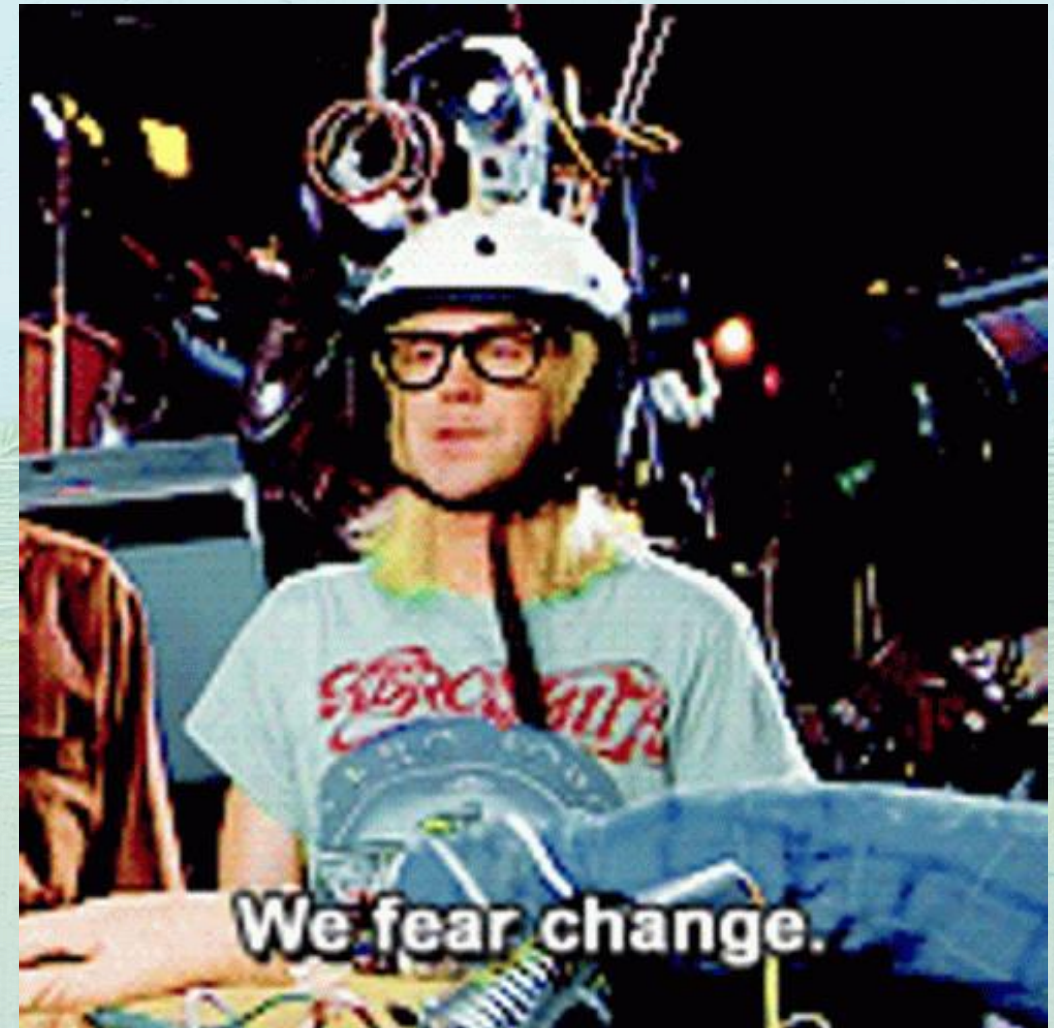
Staffing

- P4M – Andrew Gardner is currently on paternity leave and will be returning to school on Wednesday, 24th May
- Gail Middlemiss is taking up an Acting Head Teacher post from 23/5/23 until the end of the school term.
- Andrew Gardner will be coming out of class until the end of term, to support SLT. Class cover in place.
- Wayne Galloway and Megan Emmerson remain on career break.



Staffing Changes coming...

- Megan McKinney is taking a 2 year career break, starting in August 2023.
- New classes and teachers are being configured. There are still unknowns in the Blackhall jigsaw but we will have new members of staff joining us in August.



COSD – Cost of the School Day

- We continue to encourage families who are eligible, to apply for free school meals.
- As a Learning Community (Cluster) we have applied for additional funding to support attendance and nurture approaches.



School update



- New reporting format is now being issued – you may have already received your child's report.
- Will be sending a Forms to collect Parent/Carer opinion on the new format.

Attendance linked to Attainment

- Next Learning Community Attendance letter will come out on Friday, 2nd June.



Attendance

Your school	93.4%
Edinburgh (Primary)	92.1%
National (Primary)	94.9%



Documentation to be submitted to the authority

- School Improvement Plan
- Standards and Quality Report
- Attainment Data



Attainment Data

We have to submit figures in November, March and May.

Current Stage	School	Session	Tracking Period	Reading On Track	Reading Not on Track	Writing On Track	Writing Not on Track	L&T On Track	L&T Not on Track	Numeracy On Track	Numeracy Not on Track
P1	Blackhall PS	2022	5	80.85%	19.15%	74.47%	23.40%	95.74%	4.26%	85.11%	14.89%
P2	Blackhall PS	2022	5	82.61%	6.52%	82.61%	6.52%	89.13%		89.13%	
P3	Blackhall PS	2022	5	83.33%	16.67%	75.93%	24.07%	94.44%	5.56%	87.04%	12.96%
P4	Blackhall PS	2022	5	85.96%	14.04%	77.19%	22.81%	92.98%	7.02%	91.23%	8.77%
P5	Blackhall PS	2022	5	88.31%	10.39%	83.12%	15.58%	96.10%	2.60%	85.71%	12.99%
P6	Blackhall PS	2022	5	84.62%	15.38%	80.00%	20.00%	90.77%	9.23%	89.23%	10.77%
P7	Blackhall PS	2022	5	88.00%	12.00%	86.67%	13.33%	92.00%	8.00%	88.00%	12.00%

Our most recent figures, as recorded in March - READING

Current Stage	R-Prediction	Actual Number	Total in Stage	%
P1	Not on Track	7	50	14.00%
P1	On track	43	50	86.00%
P2	Not on Track	5	47	10.64%
P2	On track	42	47	89.36%
P3	Not on Track	9	55	16.36%
P3	On Track	46	55	83.64%
P4	Not on Track	4	57	3.51%
P4	Not yet on track	2	57	3.51%
P4	On track	53	57	92.98%
P5		2	78	2.56%
P5	Not on track	7	78	3.85%
P5	Not yet on track	2	78	2.56%
P5	On Track	71	78	91.03%
P6		1	65	1.54%
P6	Not on track	7	65	6.15%
P6	Not yet on track	2	65	3.08%
P6	On track	58	65	89.23%
P7	Not on track	7	76	7.89%
P7	Not yet on track	1	76	1.32%
P7	On track	69	76	90.79%

Our most recent figures, as recorded in March - READING

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P1	Not on Track	7	50	14%
P1	On track	43	50	86%
P2	Not on Track	5	47	11%
P2	On track	42	47	89%
P3	Not on Track	9	55	16%
P3	On Track	46	55	84%
P4	Not on Track	2	57	4%
P4	Not yet on track	2	57	4%
P4	On track	53	57	93%
P5		2	78	3%
P5	Not on track	3	78	4%
P5	Not yet on track	2	78	3%
P5	On Track	71	78	91%
P6		1	65	2%
P6	Not on track	4	65	6%
P6	Not yet on track	2	65	3%
P6	On track	58	65	89%
P7	Not on track	6	76	8%
P7	Not yet on track	1	76	1%
P7	On track	69	76	91%

And coming up...



- Attainment meetings with staff
- Sports Day, 26th May
- Royal Highland Show, 22nd June
- P7 events – show, fun day, leavers assembly...
- French/Art Linda Cross Award
- End of term shenanigans

School Building and Surrounds



- Community Gardening Day this Saturday – grab your pitchforks (but not torches!)



Finance Committee

Finance Committee has now met twice. Next meeting is 29th May.



Need to know what's happening?

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10th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you've all had a wading through gorges, wading through Scotland's beautiful Highlands than you did



I arrived at camp on 1st was immediately blown staff and children alike. What a fabulous P7 year they have leading the to the wellbeing, safe and doing all of this downtime! I realise, a it all the time but I am adults was present to of our children in the. This is what your child appreciate.

If you are a P7 parent going on and I am as we are, with the stories

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documented reports of camp and captured memories to come.) Once again, the children are a credit



Meanwhile,!
Our last week another busy

Wider Achievements

Our assemblies took some time to children who have achieved out is great to see the skills and experience our young people and encourage these with us for future celebrations



Staffing
Although teachers part of the picture.

of our staff in supporting our children

Here is how our staffing should look:
P4M – Ms Mitchell will be absent
P7C – Ms Donnelly will be back
P2J – Ms Donnelly returns to the

PSA Team – We continue to be a member short of our full allocation central recruitment process for C Edinburgh PSA and we are waiting successful match with Blackhall.

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Business Manager and School Office – Ann is continuing to divide her week between Business Administrator remits. Her skills, dedication and the smooth running of our school and I am sure would also like to thank Anita Ashcroft, Joanne who are all stepping up to make sure our school and productive in this intervening period.

When we come back...

Monday, 20th Feb – All resume and welcome back!

Wednesday, 22nd Feb

- **6pm in Small Hall** – P6 children and parents/carers invited into school to hear about Laganella from those who know. Ask questions of our P7s and then try to September!

- **7pm in Staff Room** – Parent Council Meeting welcome. Please let Michael Duncan if members know of any issues you wish to the meeting!

Thursday, 23rd Feb

- NYCOS Visit for P3s

Friday, 24th Feb

- **10am – ASN Coffee Morning** – all welcome additional support need or you are just challenges this could present, please do have a coffee and a chat.

Don't forget to check out our "Welcome to a Learning and Fun" on our website. You don't miss International Dog Biscuit Appreciation!

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Some dates for your diary

Lorna and Laurie have done a beautiful job of clicked on the link yet, I would Remember, this is a "live" document information throughout the re-link below will take you to the

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGFkZ0fQD01a3Nshog/watch?utm_content=DAGFkZ0fQD01a3Nshog&utm_source=pub

In the meantime highlights:



Tuesday, 28th February and Wednesday, 1st

- **Proposed Industrial Action. So pupils on these days.**

Thursday, 2nd March



- Parents and Carers learning. 9-10am details to follow.
- Dress-Up Day for Week. You have to come dressed as a character from a favourite book.

Wednesday, 8th March



Message from our Black Show for P1-P3

I am pleased to announce organising a magic show for P1-P3. We're very excited

the magic show has happened since 20
Wednesday 8 March at 6pm-6.50pm

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The expectation is that parents will drop children off rather than stay but the PSA will be looking for parent volunteers to stay and supervise. Keep an eye on ~~Classlist~~ for more details. The show will be open to everyone with a suggested £1 donation per child which will go towards covering the costs of the event.



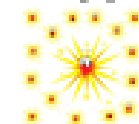
Tuesday, 21st March and Thursday, 23rd March

- Parents Consultations. Details will follow in due course.



Finally...

It may only have been 5 and a half weeks since we returned after Christmas (yes, really!) but we have packed quite a bit in and our children are sure to appreciate a proper break next week. In his closing reflections today, the Laganella leader, Andrew Scutts ("Scutts") reminded us that our journeys don't end in the ways of Hollywood Movies or great novels, with a setting sun or a swelling orchestra. Camp for our current P7s may be over but Scutts used Burns to illustrate the ongoing curiosity and resilience that is achieved through new, challenging experiences like camp:



*"Give me a spark o' Nature's fire,
That's a' the learning I desire."*

This is at the core of everything we are trying to accomplish with our learners. There are sparks flying all over the place at Blackhall and they make a lovely light.

I hope you have a lovely time over the break, ready to return on Monday, 20th for the next batch of learning and laughter and fun.
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