

# Be the Best You Can Be!

**RESPECT** *for yourself, others and the environment*

**RESPONSIBILITY** *for all of your actions*

**KINDNESS** *always*

## Williamston Primary School Update

April/May 2025

### Exciting News to Share!



#### Rights Respecting School Update

After a long wait, we are delighted to announce that Williamston Primary School has officially been accredited as a Gold Rights Respecting School. We are extremely proud of this achievement and the work of our whole school community in achieving this award. Our report mentions, in particular, our "strong culture of inclusivity and respect", our "nurturing family atmosphere with strong relationships with parents/carers" and our "very confident pupils who feel listened to, who know that their views are taken seriously and that they are making a positive difference in school and the wider world, speaking up on issues that matter beyond the school gates." We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents/carers who took the time to share their views via the Padlet or came in to meet with the UNICEF accreditor on the day. We would also like to thank our wonderful pupils who spoke so confidently and shared their views in a variety of ways.

#### Staffing Update

At this time of year, we are beginning to review staffing for session 2025/2026. At this early stage, it is looking likely that we will have 15 classes, with a composite class in the infants. The structure indicated at this early stage, based on our numbers, would potentially look like –

P1 x 2 classes

P2/1

P2 x 2 classes

P3 x 2 classes

P4 x 2 classes

P5 x 2 classes

P6 x 2 classes

P7 x 2 classes

We are hoping to have staffing confirmed for meet the new teacher and enhanced transition meetings the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June. Granted P1 visits to their class and with a P1 teacher will take place on the morning of Wednesday 11 June, along with a shared lunch and meeting their buddies. Information about this will go to all granted families.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Young and Mrs Bell later this term.

Mr Champion is a very proud dad, with the arrival of a little boy, Fen, in March. He will take a 4 week period of shared leave in late May/early June, with details of the cover arrangements shared with P5C parents in due course.

### **School Improvement Update**

With the end of the academic year approaching, we are reviewing the impact of our improvement plan for this session, as well as identifying priorities for next session. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to add your views on our improvement journey as well as identifying priorities for 2025/26 at the sharing our learning event on Friday 13 June. At this event, you are invited to come along and join in with family learning/parental engagement across the whole school around outdoor learning and Do Be Mindful strategies. You are welcome to join us from 11-12 on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Cost Of the School Day Support**

#### **School Clothing Grant**

- Families can apply to West Lothian Council for a School Clothing Grant. This is currently £150 for a primary school child and £180 for a high school child.
- Applications for the SCG are open now and remain open throughout the year.
- To qualify it depends on the persons annual income and whether they are in receipt of certain benefits.
- For further information please click on this link <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/43281/School-Clothing-Grants-Free-School-Meals-Milk>

#### **Uniform Pack referral to The School Bank West Lothian**

- Every school in West Lothian can make a referral to us for a uniform pack that includes items such as full uniform, jacket, footwear, PE kit, school bag etc.
- Referrals can be made for a single item if that's all that is needed e.g. a pair of shoes.
- Our service is available year-round and is not means-tested, so it won't affect any benefits.
- Referrals for uniform packs submitted by 31st July will be ready in time for the young person to return to school in mid August. Referrals received after 31st July will be processed asap but due to stock they may not be provided before the start of the school year.

#### **How to access help over the summer holidays**

- Families can be signposted to the Advice Shop during the summer to help with the School Clothing Grant or to make a referral to us for a Uniform Pack. They offer a free and confidential service. Telephone: 01506 283000 or email: [advice.shop@westlothian.gov.uk](mailto:advice.shop@westlothian.gov.uk)
- A number of community hubs have uniform available locally e.g. Mosswood (Knightsridge) and Cocoon (Craigshill).

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The School Bank West Lothian

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Your place to select clothing, bags, shoes, shirts, jumpers, skirts, trousers, jackets, blazers, and much more!

Open every Wednesday 1.30 – 1.50pm  
Room G-93 – behind the Lecture Theatre

Or tell us what you need using this form  
and we'll get back to you!



### **JYHS Uniform Store**

With P7 transition and the end of term fast approaching, we wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of the James Young High School Uniform Store. This enables families to order online or go in to school and select new and nearly new JYHS uniform. This works in a very similar way to our Winted initiative and, by ordering through the QR code can be very discreet. We hope that you will find this useful if you need support with acquiring school uniform for the start of S1.

### **Wider Achievements**

#### **Sustrans Walk & Wheel Challenge 24 March - 4 April**

Thank you to all of our Sports Reps who every day for 2 weeks before the holidays collected our Walk and Wheel Challenge Data. You all did a fantastic job!

As a school we managed **2258 journeys** over the 2 weeks that were either walking, scooting or cycling  
**60.42%** of our school on average per day were Walking or Wheeling!

We were **3rd place** for Large Primaries in West Lothian

**39th** place out of 126 Large Primaries in Scotland

**386th** out of 1299 Large Primary schools that took part across the UK

We also gained 7 out of the 8 Badges that we could earn as a School for our hard work and effort.

Our winning class was **P5SH** with a total of 216 journeys over the 2 weeks. Well done!

Thank you everyone who took part you did an amazing job!

### **Sporting Leagues and Events Updates**

#### **NETBALL:**

We have our second tournament next **Tuesday 29th April at West Calder High School**. The P6 & 7 team have been training really hard on a Tuesday lunchtime and last tournament won 3 out of 5 games.

Eilidh S - P6E

Olivia - P6E

Freya - P6E

Arianna - P6E

Alba - P7W

Bella - P7W

Catherine - P7W

Lily B - P7W

Xinyan - P7C

Amber - P7C

#### **BASKETBALL:**

Our P6 & 7 Basketball teams have played 3 league events and have got through to the West Lothian Junior NBA Finals on the **16th May at West Calder High School**.

**A TEAM:**

Oliver D - P7W  
 Oliver S - P7C  
 Tylan - P7W  
 Euan P - P7C  
 Logan E - P7C  
 Elizabeth - P7W  
 Subhan - P7C  
 Cole - P7C  
 Fraser R - P7C  
 Adam - P7C

**B TEAM:**

Eoin - P7C  
 Freddie - P6E  
 Lochlan P - P6E  
 James - P6E  
 Finley K - P6E  
 Abbie - P6E  
 Harris - P6B  
 Yusef - P6B  
 Gordy - P6E

**FOOTBALL:**

Finally our P7 Football team have been training hard for their cluster tournaments which they have attended 2 of and have their final one on **13th May at JYHS**. They have been fantastic ambassadors for the school led by Mr Wicksted and showcasing some excellent football skills.

Tylan - P7W  
 Calum - P7W  
 Amy - P7W  
 Elizabeth - P7W  
 Nathan - P7W  
 Noman - P7W  
 Oliver D - P7W  
 Fraser R - P7C  
 Logan D - P7C  
 Oliver S - P7C

It has been fantastic to have representation this year in all 3 leagues with P5 & 6 students training to come up and through for next season. Thank you to the staff team who invest their time to facilitate the training and matches.

**CROSS COUNTRY:**

We have 13 children from P6 & 7 entered into the SSA Cross Country Championships. We wish them the best of luck!

Noah - P6E  
 Robyn - P6B  
 Yusef - P6B  
 Arianna - P6B  
 Rowan - P6B  
 Jennifer R - P6B  
 Finley G - P7W  
 Alex G - P7W  
 Oliver S - P7C  
 Anna T - P7C  
 Hailey W - P7C  
 Amber - P7C  
 Fraser B - P7C

**Parent Body News**

Our next and final Parent Council/PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All are welcome.

**Diary Dates**

We have included dates until the end of term for your information

Tues 29 April	P7 head of house visits
Wed 30 April	Building Resilience assembly
	Enhanced transition visits P7-S1
Fri 2 May	Pupil leadership groups

Mon 5 May	Holiday
Tues 6 May	In Service Day – staff only
Wed 7 May	P7 swimming event as part of transition programme P7-S1
Thurs 8 May	Sports Day 1 (weather permitting) P4-7 am and P1-3 pm, along with ELC
Tues 13 May	P5 and P6 swimming Parent Council/ PSA meeting 7pm
Thurs 15 May	Sports Day 2 (weather permitting)
Fri 16 May	P7 transition event – wellbeing event
Mon 19 May	Holiday
Tues 20 May	New P1 granted parents/carers meeting, along with seeing class area 6-7pm
Wed 28 May	P2 assembly – parents welcome HWB mini champs fun day details TBC
Fri 30 May	P7 transition event – DYW event
Fri 6 June	Pupil leadership groups
Wed 11 June	New P1 granted children visit school, along with shared lunch 9.45am – 1130am P7 visit JYHS
Thurs 12 June	P7 visit JYHS
Fri 13 June	Whole school sharing event – outdoor learning and mindfulness 11-12. All welcome.
Wed 18 June	Building resilience assembly
Mon 23 June	P7 leaver show dress rehearsal for school and end of term assembly
Tues 24 June	P7 show and graduation for parents and carers 1330
Wed 25 June	P7 leavers reward day
Fri 27 June	End of term 1225

**Thank you for your continued support.**



**Jane Livingston and Williamston Staff Team**

