

GILNAHIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY UPDATE.



Dear parent/carer,

I hope you have had a good week.

Welcome to our final update of the school year...

As I do every year at the end of the school year, I want to thank you for your continued interest in, support for and engagement with school life over the last ten months. Our partnership with you as parents plays a crucial role in all that we do, so thank you for everything this year.

I also wish to record my deep appreciation to all of the staff team at GPS - teachers, classroom assistants, office staff, caretaking/cleaning staff, catering staff - each of them plays such a vital role in making our school what it is.

And to our governors, whose unwavering support and passion for the life of our school is a constant encouragement - thank you.

FAREWELL TO OUR P7 CHILDREN...



Another group of P7 children have come to the end of their Gilnahirk journey, which has been marked this week by the leavers' party and then the leavers' service. Both events offered an opportunity for our children and P7 staff to mark this important milestone as the children move on to a range of different post primary schools.

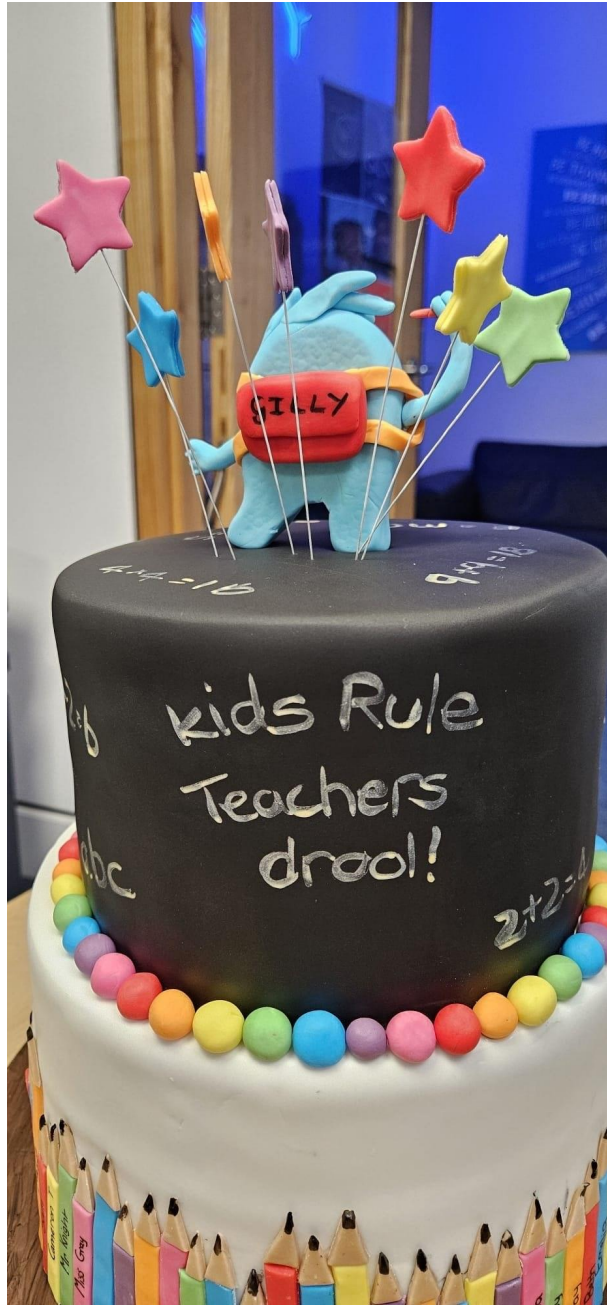
Mr Halliday, Mr Knight and our P7 classroom assistants have worked hard to ensure that the P7 year doesn't just drift to an end. It has been an ending marked with fun, memories and poignancy and we hope that the experiences not just of this last week, but of their whole time at GPS goes with the children as they venture on to pastures new...

As part of our leavers' celebrations, Karen Johnston (mum to Olivia in P7 and Poppy in P5) brought in this amazing cake. The creativity and attention to detail is just outstanding!

It was almost too good to eat!

Thank you, Karen.





REMINDER OF CHANGES TO TEACHING PROFILE FOR NEXT YEAR.

As with most years, there will be a few small adjustments to the teaching profile for next year...

- Mrs Ali Boyd (P2) will reduce to 3 days per week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). Mrs Caroline Fish, who already teaches on Thursdays in P2B, will also take on Fridays from the start of the new school year.
- Mrs Anna King will return to P4. It's great to welcome Mrs King back amongst us after the birth of her first child. Mrs King will reduce to 4 days per week, with Thursdays being taught by Mrs Hilary McDonald.
- Miss Nicole Anderson, who has covered Mrs King's maternity leave, will finish at Gilnahirk at the end of this term. **We are deeply indebted to Miss Anderson for all that she has brought to our school and wish her well as she moves on in the new school year. Best wishes, Miss Anderson!**
- All other teachers will remain in their current year groups/working patterns.

REMINDER OF CLASS MOVES FOR NEXT YEAR.



I can confirm that the class moves for the 2025-2026 academic year will be as follows...

P1G - P2C/P

P1H - P2B/F

P2B/N - P3M/P

P2C/P - P3J/W

P3J /W- P4B

P3M/P - P4K

P4A - P5J

P4B - P5P

P5P - P6N

P5J - P6T/M

P6T/M - P7H

P6N - P7K

Children had the opportunity to meet their new teacher for a short time on Tuesday 24th June - hopefully you heard all about it.

PURCHASING PE KIT.

Hopefully you were able to get along to the sizing sessions for the PE kit (current P3 need to purchase new kit for starting P4 and any P4-P6 children can purchase new kit if the old kit is lost or too small).

If you were not able to buy at the sizing session, you can do so online at <https://uniformstoreni.co.uk/product-category/gilnahirk-primary-school/>

Kits should be ordered as soon as possible.

Please note when ordering your child's PE kit, you should enter the class that they will be in when they come back after the summer break (see section above for class moves).

GILNAHIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

YOUTH SIZES BUNDLE

MIDLAYER & TRAINING TEE



£35.00

ADULT SIZES BUNDLE

MIDLAYER & TRAINING TEE



£40.00

PRE-OWNED PE KIT DONATION...

If your child is in P7 and their PE kit is in decent order, please consider donating it to be used as a pre-loved piece of kit. This may help to ease the financial outlay for some families.

Remember, if cost is a barrier to purchasing, please contact me in confidence and we can work something out.

If you wish to donate any pre-owned uniform or PE kit, a box will be left in the front entrance for the last week of term and in to July.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASING...

**SCHOOL
UNIFORMS**

As you will know from the last few updates, school jumpers, cardigans, ties and other items should be ordered via SchoolMoney. Any purchasing of new uniform items for the new school year must be done on SchoolMoney by **Friday 25th July**. Once you have placed your order, you will be contacted by the school office to let you know when it is ready for collection, or if it is ordered before the end of term, it will be sent home with your child.

The uniform shop on SchoolMoney will not be monitored during the month of August so any orders placed in August will not be picked up. Therefore, you are strongly advised to place your orders by the date noted above if you want new uniform in time for the new school year.

LAST DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS...



Monday 30th June is the final day of this school year. Please see below for the arrangements:

- Non - uniform day
- No packed lunches or dinners
- Children should bring the usual mid morning snack for break
- School finishes at 12.00pm for P1-4 and 12.05pm for P5-6 (P7 final day is Thursday 26th June)

FIRST WEEK BACK

I know it's difficult to even think about after the summer, but here is some advance information about the first few days back in school...

- P1 will have their own induction arrangements - this information has been shared with the parents of new P1 children
- For P2-P7 children, our first day will be **Thursday 28th August**, which will be a half day (**12.00** finish for P2-4 and **12.05** finish for P5-7)
- **Friday 29th August** will also be an early finish, times as above.
- First full day is **Monday 1st September**. Canteen dinners will be available from that day.
- As usual, for the month of September, children who wish to may wear the summer uniform. Of course, if you wish for your child to wear the full uniform from the start of the school year, they can do so.

SCHOOL LIFE THIS WEEK...

There has been so much happening in school this week - pizza parties, trips to the cinema, trips to the park, music concerts, leavers' party, leavers' service, meeting new teachers - it's been a busy one!

P1 TRIP TO THE PARK...











P4 CAR PARK MATHS...







THE GILNAHIRK GALLERY OF GREATNESS...





1 - Zeke in P3 has achieved the ULTIMATE LEVEL in Mathematics, gaining his Legend V certificate. Great work, Zeke!



2 - Jaxx in P6 led his group to '6 of the Year' in scouts. Well done, Jaxx!

A LOOK AHEAD TO SOME OF THE KEY DATES EARLY IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR...

Please note, these are just the main whole school dates for now. There will be other events added in the early updates of the new term.

- **Thursday 28th August** - school resumes for new school year. No packed lunches or dinners. Early finish
- **Friday 29th August** - second day of term. No packed lunches or dinners. Early finish
- **Monday 1st September** - first full day of school. Packed lunches or school dinners required
- **Friday 19th September** - Flu vaccination day
- **Friday 26th September** - school closed for staff development
- **Monday 29th September - Thursday 2nd October** - P7 parent teacher interviews
- **Monday 20th October - Thursday 23rd October** - P1-6 parent teacher interviews
- **Friday 24th October** - last day of half term - early finish
- **Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October** - school closed for half term break
- **Monday 3rd November** - school resumes for new half term

With kind regards

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Principal.

