

August 2019



Newsletter

# Gilcomstoun News

## Naidheachdan Gilcomstoun

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### Welcome back everyone!

We have had a busy start to the new school session with many new families joining our Gilcomstoun community. We are delighted to welcome you to Gilcomstoun School.

### Staffing

Over the summer holidays, Miss Scott got married and is now Mrs Morrice. Many congratulations to her! Mrs Dickson is still on maternity leave and her post has been advertised. Mrs Milne is currently teaching on a Thursday and Friday in Primary 2.

We welcome Ms Finlay who will be teaching in P1-3G and Miss MacLeod who will be teaching in P4-7G. We also welcome Mrs McIntosh who is joining us in Sgoil Araich as a Gaelic PSA.

At the end of term, we said goodbye to Ms Thomson, who is off to train as an Early Years Practitioner. We wish her Good Luck. In nursery, we welcome Ms Smart and Mrs Rahmanova who are working as Early Years Practitioners in both nurseries. It's exciting to welcome so many new staff to our team.

Miss Selbie	Primary 1	Mrs Jaffrey	Primary 1/2
Mrs Banu/Vacancy	Primary 2	Mrs Samaraweera	Primary 3
Ms Finlay	Primary 1-3G		
Miss Foster	Primary 4 (Mon-Wed)		
Mrs Kennedy	Primary 4 (Thur/Fri) Music (Wednesday)		
Miss Wilson	Primary 4/5		
Mr Haywood	Primary 5		
Miss Sinclair	Primary 6		
Miss Worsley	Primary 7		
Miss MacLeod	Primary 4-7G		
Miss Wombwell	Enhanced Provision Gaelic and Sgoil Araich		
Mrs Butler	Nurture		
Mrs O'Donnell	Enhanced Provision		
Mrs Morrice	Enhanced Provision Numeracy (Wed pm -Fri)		
Mrs Tulloch	French/Religious Moral Education (Mon-Wed)		
Miss Fraser	P.E.		
Miss Grieve	Senior Early Years Practitioner		
Miss Maver, Mrs Samuel, Ms Smart, Mrs Toner, Mrs Rahmanova	All Early Years Practitioners		



### Uniform Swap and Lost Property

The uniform rail and lost property is just inside the main entrance. It is open to all parents and is completely FREE. If you see any item that will fit your child please take from the rail. Can I please remind you to name all uniform items? There is already a large amount of lost property which is not named. Thank you for your support in this matter. More uniform information can be found on the school app or website under School Handbook.

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### Homework Club

Mrs Davidson will be starting Homework Club for parents and children on Tuesday 4th September. The club will run in the assembly hall at lunchtime for children. It will also run from 3.15 to 4pm for parents and children. A small snack and drink will be offered to children at this session only. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend with their child as it is a very valuable experience where we can offer you, as parents, support to help your child with maths and literacy. If you would like to attend in the afternoon, just come along to the janitor's entrance.

### School Improvement

This year we are focusing on

- Improving attainment in literacy (reading and writing)
- Improving attainment in numeracy so children make best progress
- Improving the health and wellbeing of our children through outdoor learning, a new health programme linked to learning and teaching, and increasing the number of clubs in school and the community
- Improving the employability skills of our children

More detailed information will be shared with you over the year and we look forward to working with you to ensure that our school continues to improve.

### Outdoor Learning

There is an outdoor learning afternoon planned for Wednesday 18th September. A letter is being sent out as we need parent helpers to join us. Please come and help us improve our outdoor learning areas.

### Parent Council

The first meeting of the new session for Parent Council takes place on Tuesday at 6pm. This meeting will be the AGM. Please come along and join a fantastic group of parents who support our school and provide events for our children. Without them, there would be no discos, summer fayre, etc. You are all very welcome to attend.

### Open Afternoon during Maths Week Scotland

We are having a maths week from the 30th September to the 4th October. There will be various events planned for the children (details to follow). During this week, we are holding an open afternoon on **Thursday 3rd October from 2—3pm**. Please come and support your child. This is the first opportunity to visit your child's classroom and meet their new teacher. Your child will show you around their new class, share their maths learning with you and invite you to take part in maths activities. If you use maths in your job, please can you consider visiting us to talk about your job during this week? Contact Mrs Davidson or Mrs Morrice about this.



Maths Week Scotland 2019

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Miss Fraser, PE Teacher, and Nicole Gordon, Active Schools Co-ordinator have worked very hard to organise sports clubs in school. If you wish to join any sports clubs please contact Nicole Gordon at Sport Aberdeen. Thank you to them and also to our teachers who are voluntarily running other clubs in school. This session we can offer:

Mondays—Lunchtime—Basketball (P6 and P7),  
Tuesdays—Lunchtime—Choir (P4-7), Homework, multi-sports (P1-3)  
Tuesdays—After School—football (P1—P3), Homework  
Wednesdays—Lunchtime—Dance (P5-7), Recorder,  
Thursdays—Lunchtime— Dodgeball (P4 and P5), Digital Leaders, Art  
Thursdays—After School— Running (P4-7).

### Houses

Every child is part of a house group in school—Denburn, Rosemount, Esslemont, Skene. Primary 6 and 7 children get the chance to be a Vice Captain (P6) or House Captain (P7) of their house. P6 and P7 children will share their presentations to their own house on Monday and all children then vote. The results of this will be published in the next newsletter. Further details about our houses can be found on the website.

### Primary One Children

Primary one children have been very busy in their classes. All Primary one children will start full days on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### P7 Residential

Next week we will send out a survey to all Primary 7 parents to ask for your feedback and ideas for planning this year's residential trip.

### Diary Dates

3rd Sept	Parent Council AGM Meeting
9th Sep	P1 Full Days
18th Sep	Outdoor Learning Afternoon
21st Sep	September Holiday—School Closed
23rd Sep	September Holiday—School Closed
3rd Oct	Open Afternoon 2 –3 pm
11th Oct	Term 1 Ends
28th Oct	Term 2 begins
6th Nov	Parents Night 5 - 7.30pm
7th Nov	Parents Night 3.30 -6 pm
19th Nov	In-service Day—School closed to Pupils
20th Nov	In-service Day—School closed to Pupils
20th Dec	Term 2 Ends