

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



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KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

Please refer to our Annual Planner 2025/26 for key dates throughout the session. We will add monthly reminders here.

- 05.11.25 Numeracy Family Event. See info below.
- 06.11.25 P6/7 Netball Fun 5z & P7/S1 Open Evening @ Calderglen HS
- 07.11.25 Dress Down & bring hamper donation
- 10.11.25 In service day. School closed for pupils.
- 11.11.25 Digital Family Learning Event
- 12.11.25 P5-7 Football Event
- 17.11.25 Book Week Scotland
- 18.11.25 P1 Family Event. Book Bug Bag Gifting
- 21.11.25 Dress Down & bring a bottle.
- 27.11.25 Nurture Cafe Drop in AM & Xmas Fayre
- 28.11.25 Halfmerke Havers & Sportshall Athletics

We will communicate any new dates via Parents Portal.

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PARENT COUNCIL

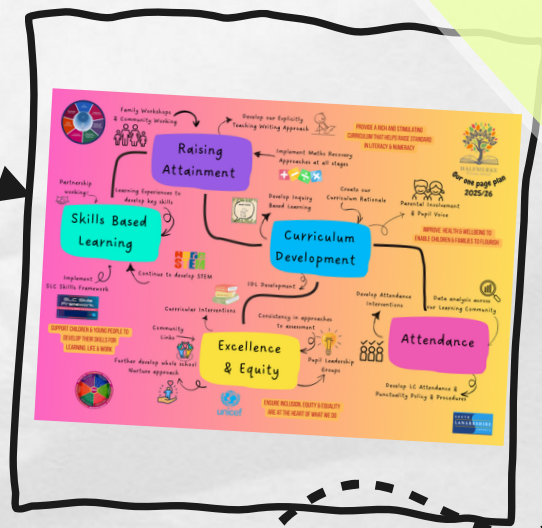
Welcome to our new elected members following our AGM. we are looking forward to working with you all this session. Thank you to our amazing Parent Council for a successful Halloween Disco. Everyone had a fabulous time! Our PC are now busy planning our Xmas Fayre which will be held on 27th Nov. We have a few Dress Down days indicated above, the PC are hoping to collect donations for their Raffle and Tombola. Any alcohol can be handed in to the school office. We hope to see lots of you on the 27th!



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SCHOOL PRIORITIES

This session we are working on refreshing our Curriculum Rationale. We have consulted with staff, pupils and parents, via our questionnaire to collate views on how we do things at Halfmerke. Our Curriculum Pupil Leadership group will be on hand at our Parents Evening to share our draft Curriculum Rationale, please make sure to pop over, say hello and have a look at progress so far!



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FAMILY EVENTS

Our You + Me project is now into it's 3rd week and I would like to thank all the families who are attending. This is a great opportunity to get involved in family learning. We would like to welcome families along to our **Numeracy Family Event on Wednesday 5th November @ 1:45pm.** Come and find out a bit more about how your child learns in Numeracy & Mathematics. You and your child can explore resources and activities together! Please let us know on Parents Portal if you intend on coming along.

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PLAYGROUND REMINDERS

Our pupils have lots of fun in our playground but recently we have had to remind pupils of staying safe when playing outside. There are activities for pupils to play in both our front and back playgrounds and staff supervise playtimes. More recently we are having to remind pupils of our school rules when playing outside in the playground and in our Mugga pitch. Please can you reinforce this message at home to play safe outside as rough play tends to lead to more accidents and can be very unsafe for pupils. This will continue to be a focus for us at Assemblies this month.



BE RESPECTFUL

BE SAFE

BE READY

5 COMMUNICATION

We hope lots of you are checking out our School Website. Our Digital Leaders have begun work on updating our information and will continue to add to this. Our Gallery section has been updated with photos from each class. We will upload new photos from each class each month to coincide with the monthly newsletter. We hope this will give you an insight as to how learning happens in your child's class. We will issue a survey before Christmas to gather some feedback on our website. We welcome your thoughts on how we can help keep you informed.



6 HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Our school car park is very busy. Please continue to be a courteous driver and mindful to use the drop off and disabled parking bays appropriately.
- Please continue to check our lost property for anything your child may have lost
- Pupils should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. They will play outside in light rain so a waterproof jacket is necessary.
- Remember to contact our school office or catch Ms Hogg or Miss Byrne should you have a query about your child.

A Message from Ms Hogg

*Another busy month at Halfmerke. We have had our P6/7 Football, Netball and Athletics squads out representing the school as well as welcoming Active Schools in for our P3 lunchtime multisports club. Last week our P6 class began a 6 x week Basketball programme delivered by Calderglen High School Sports Leaders. Thank you to families who are involved in our Family Learning Events and have come along to our Halfmerke Havers. We hope to see many more of you on Wednesday at our Numeracy Event and our next Havers on the 28th Nov. Please ensure you have checked Parents Portal to book your Parents Night slot and for P5-7 consent to the Health and Wellbeing Survey. We require to be notified consent to begin this survey so please ensure you can access this. We will let you know when your child will participate in the survey at school. As always thank you for your continued support.
Ms Hogg*