I hope you all had a great Easter holiday. The children seemed happy to be back at school this morning and looking forward to the term ahead.

It was great to see so many of you at parents’ night before the holiday. Many thanks to our amazing parent volunteers who gave up their time to run our scholastics book fair.

Mandy Thompson
Head teacher
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Rotary Concert

We are so proud of a talented group of our P4 and P5 pupils who performed at the Rotary International Concert held at the Rankin Church on Monday 7th March 2016. All funds raised from the concert will go to Rotary International charities. Mrs Wright worked with our choir and glockenspiel group to create a medley of songs which the audience thoroughly enjoyed. Kyle Kennedy also treated us with 3 pieces on the piano. Well done to Mrs Wright and all the pupils who took part.

Global Awareness

Well done to Bella Cox, Alexa Hamilton, Mairin Brogan, Iona MacDonald and Mr Ramage from Room 8 who represented Wester Overton Primary at South Lanarkshire’s Globally Aware Schools Day. This was an event held on 10th March, 2016 in the Banqueting Hall of Council Headquarters, hosted by Heather Reid, Meteorologist and Science Education Consultant. The girls presented an invention to all the schools involved as well as a trio of ‘Dragons’ Den’ experts. Well done girls! We are very proud of you!

P6 Curling

Our two P6 classes have been taking part in taster curling sessions over the last few months. Despite the cold, the children thoroughly enjoyed their experience and several showed potential to take the sport forward!
**Sports Day**
We have confirmed Wednesday 1st June at 10am for our annual ‘Sports Day’ with a back up date of Monday 6th June should the weather be bad on the 1st.
We have booked the John Hastie Park to host our Sports Day this year and have access to the toilet facilities should we need them. Unfortunately, if we have to cancel on the 6th June due to bad weather, Sports Day will unlikely take place this session. I will send out more information about Sports Day nearer the time. I just wanted to give any parents who would like to come and watch, ample time to make any arrangements.

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**Uniform**
As many of you will be aware Alston’s, our previous supplier of uniforms has now closed. Scotcrest is the company taking over from Alston’s and has been recommended by a number of other Head Teachers. I met with the manager of Scotcrest in the beginning of March and was provided with the following information:

- They’ve taken over the old JJB shop (previously Next to Nothing) in Hamilton - so there will be a large shop for parents to go to with ample stock.
- The shop will be open 6 days a week and is due to open in the 2nd week in April;
- Parents can order online. They can pay £2.99 for a home delivery or free for a school delivery which they do on the 1st and the 15th of every month.

I was very impressed with the professionalism of the company and with the range of products they will give our parents. I have decided to go with Scotcrest, but am happy to review this after a period of time and reflect on parent feedback.

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**Gala Committee**
We continue to look for parent/family helpers who would be interested in being part of a Gala Committee and work with our pupils and staff to create the Wester Overton float for the Gala Parade. Please contact the School office with your name if interested. We would be very grateful for your support with this project.

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**Dance Festival**
A group of P6 and P7 pupils took part in the Strathaven and East Kilbride dance festival in March. They managed to settle their nerves and performed really well. Well done and thank you to Mrs Wright for all her hard work at the after school club on Fridays.

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**Wester Overton Achievements**
Well done to Ross Morgan who won a double gold at the Scottish National Indoor Athletics Championships. Ross won these in the 60m hurdles and the shot putt.

Our amazing and talented Trampoline star, Robert Burns, has been nominated by the school as ‘Sports Individual of the Year’ at the East Kilbride Sports Council. Our fingers are crossed for you Robert!

Well done to Ella Haime who recently won the Scottish Junior Badminton championships.

Well done to all the P7 children who took part and represented Wester Overton Primary at the recent inter schools cross country event held at Strathaven Park. The girls did especially well, coming in the top 10. Charlotte Martin, from Room 13, had such an impressive time, that she was chosen to go forward to represent the school at a cross country event at Chatelherault Country Park on the 31st March. She came 14th out of 40. Well done Charlotte!
**Nursery News**

Our nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed their farm topic and are looking forward to their summer trip to Kittochside – the National Museum of Rural Life. We will issue parents more details of the trip nearer the time.

Our nursery graduation is planned for Thursday 16th June. Our morning event will take place at 11am and our afternoon event at 3pm – tissues at the ready!

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**P1 Showcase**

Well done to all our Primary ones who took part in their first showcase last week.

The children’s enthusiasm was infectious - singing with gusto! They managed to speak out clearly on the microphone to a large audience and tell us all about their trip to Almond Valley Farm. The children also showed us some of their fantastic art work linked to their topic and trip. Well done boys and girls!

Thank you to all our families and friends who managed to make it along.

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**Mrs Wright**

As you will know from previous newsletters, our new Depute Head Teacher, Mrs June Moir started with us today. Mrs Wright has returned to her substantive post as Principal Teacher at Wester Overton. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wright for her time as Acting Depute. Wester Overton has been through a significant amount of change over the last 2 years, especially with regards to staffing. Mrs Wright with her experience and knowledge of the school has been an invaluable asset to both Mr Murray in his position as Acting Head Teacher last session and to me as a new Head Teacher to the school.

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**Website**

We are well on our way with our new school and nursery website.

http://www.westeroverton-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk/

A huge thank you to Jo Tunney and Julie Le Blanc Smith for their hard work in setting up the site and for their ongoing support in mentoring us on how to ensure the site is current and regularly updated.

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**Road Safety**

A request to all parents and family to be mindful of their speed when driving in and around the school. Cars have been observed coming into Ashkirk Road from Viewmount Crescent at very high speeds.

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**Grounds for Learning**

On Thursday 21st April Wester Overton will be visited by ‘Grounds for Learning’. This is a company who will work with the school to audit our outdoor space and enable us to identify potential changes that could be made that will have significant impact on outdoor play and learning.

The company will spend most of the day at school, spending time in the playground and talking to staff, pupils and parents.
### Dates for your Diary

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### Parental Comments

We welcome your feedback at Wester Overton. Please feel free to share your views on this tear off slip and hand in to the office. Alternatively you can contact gw14wovertonht@glow.sch.uk