



#### Head Teacher's Message

Welcome to the June 2021 edition of the High Mill newsletter. It's hard to believe that the end of the 2020/21 school session is here. It has been quite a year! All of our children, staff and families should be so proud of what we have achieved as a school community throughout what has been a very challenging year.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the kindness, gratitude and understanding that you have shown the entire High Mill team over the past year as we all learned to work in different ways through remote learning and then the phased return to school. The kind words and messages received were very much appreciated by us all.

We have asked you to adhere to many COVID-19 rules and regulations and your support in adhering to these for the safety of our children and community has been nothing short of outstanding. It is still too early to tell what restrictions will remain the case after the holidays. I will endeavour to keep you informed of the situation as soon as I can before school reopens in August.

As we head into the holidays and the hope of brighter times ahead, I hope you and your family have a lovely, relaxing summer.

Kindest regards

*Kirstine McDonald*

(Head Teacher)

#### Welcome to High Mill

We were delighted to recently welcome Tegan and her family to High Mill.



#### Nursery-P.1 Transition

We are delighted to be welcoming 14 children to Primary 1 in August. They recently joined us for an online bed time story and played Hide and Seek searching for the Colour monster who was hiding around the school. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, the children joined us for a 'Going on a Bear Hunt' afternoon of activities. The children enjoyed den building, board games, design and playdough. Each child was presented with a transition pack which promotes early literacy and numeracy. I know they are going to be shining stars at High Mill!

#### Primary 7 Leavers

Primary 7 had a fantastic time at their Class-tonbury festival leavers' treat. The children enjoyed a silent disco, VIP tent and a McDonalds lunch.

Our leavers assembly celebrated their learning and achievements. We wish them all well as they move on to Carluke High, Larkhall Academy and Coatbridge High.

#### Staffing Update

Miss Jennifer Scott has secured a teaching post within South Lanarkshire and High Mill will be her 'Base School'. This means she provides cover for local schools, where no school requires this cover then Jennifer will work within High Mill – lucky us!

Due to the fall in our school roll, there is a change to our Support Assistant allocation, Mrs Cheyne, Mrs Jackson and Mrs White are moving on to pastures new. We thank them for the care, support and dedication to High Mill.

I am delighted to announce that Janice Scott is now our permanent janitor for 5 full days – congratulations!

Interviews for our new Team Leader were successful in identifying a preferred candidate. I will be able to share further details as soon as recruitment checks are completed.

## Annual Prize Giving

While everyone is disappointed that we could not welcome parents and family members to our prize giving, we were able to recognise and celebrate the children in their class bubbles. Details of the award winners are noted below.

Please scan the QR code with your phone's camera to watch the presentations.



<u><b>Numeracy</b></u> <b>P1.</b> Jacob <b>P2.</b> Lewis and Lea <b>P3.</b> Ava and Maya <b>P4.</b> Zoe <b>P5.</b> Alyssa <b>P6.</b> Alana and Aiden <b>P7.</b> Andrew	<u><b>Literacy</b></u> <b>P1.</b> Leah <b>P2.</b> Tyler and Ayllie <b>P3.</b> Joshua and Abbie <b>P4.</b> Marcy <b>P5.</b> Zoe <b>P6.</b> Kae and Lee <b>P7.</b> Yvie	<u><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b></u> <b>P1.</b> Jayden <b>P2.</b> Lea and Ellie <b>P3.</b> Lucas and Kyla <b>P4.</b> Ela <b>P5.</b> Cohen <b>P6.</b> Kheya and Sophie <b>P7.</b> Seth
<u><b>Endeavour</b></u> <b>P1.</b> Charlie <b>P2.</b> Kaci and Zara <b>P3.</b> Sachi and Aydan <b>P4.</b> Jayden <b>P5.</b> Connor <b>P6.</b> Ava and Aiden <b>P7.</b> Hailey	<u><b>Class Citizenship</b></u> <b>P1.</b> Jacob <b>P2.</b> Robbie and TJ <b>P3.</b> Ellie and Maya <b>P4.</b> Macy <b>P5.</b> Amy <b>P6.</b> Olivia and Kayla <b>P7.</b> Ava	
<u><b>100% Attendance</b></u> Lexi Robbie Tyler Lewis Jayden Cohen Tegan Yvie	<u><b>House captains and Vice Captains</b></u> <b>Mill</b> - Leo, Ava and Amy <b>Market</b> - Kae, Emma and Olivia <b>Moorside</b> - Sophie, Alana and Owen <b>Mosspark</b> - Kheya, Aimee-Leigh and Zoe  <u><b>House Shield</b></u> Mill	
<u><b>Kindness Shield</b></u> Hannah	<u><b>Courage Cup</b></u> Owen	<u><b>Endeavour Trophy</b></u> Jayden
<u><b>Whole School Citizenship</b></u> Lexi		<u><b>Rotary Schools Values</b></u> Brooke

## Dates for Your Diary – August 2021

<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>	In-service Day
<b>Friday 13 August 2021</b>	In-service Day
<b>Monday 16th August 2021</b>	School reopens to pupils
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>	Meet the Teacher Drop-In (8:30am-9am & 2:35pm-3pm) <i>Please note this event is subject to change in line with COVID guidance.</i>
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021</b>	Homework Begins for All Classes

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