



WHITEHILL NEW LEARNING COMMUNITY

Update Newsletter

25 May 2006

WELCOME

This will give you a flavour of some of the initiatives and projects that are organised and supported by the staff employed in the Multi Agency Room in Whitehill Secondary, which was established to support the objective of the New Learning Community – joined up thinking and planning!

I am also very proud to be part of the first New Learning Community Race Equality seminar in Glasgow for staff from all associated establishments. This seminar is being led by Samir Sharma, Race Equality Officer from Glasgow City Council Education Services.

I am sure you will find it thought provoking. Staff will be consulted after the seminar. The feedback will then help formulate the review of the current Whitehill New Learning Community Race equality Policy.

Iain Liveston
Principal

- ♦ Whitehill Secondary
- ♦ Alexandra Parade Primary
- ♦ Golfhill Primary
- ♦ Haghill Park Primary
- ♦ St James' Primary
- ♦ Parkhill School
- ♦ Broompark Day Nursery
- ♦ Craigielea Day Nursery
- ♦ Haghill Park Nursery Class
- ♦ Onslow Drive Day Nursery
- ♦ Westercraigs Nursery School

ENTERPRISE AWARDS 2006

Whitehill New Learning Community, Whitehill Secondary, Golfhill, Alexandra Parade and St. James' Primary Schools along with Craigielea Day Nursery were absolutely thrilled to be presented Glasgow Education Enterprise Awards at a ceremony in the City Chambers on Thursday 18 May 2006.

A great deal of thanks and appreciation to George Coyle also who has worked extremely hard to support all of the establishments recognised at the ceremony.



Jane Brownlow has recently been appointed to the post of Employability and Enterprise Officer in Whitehill New Learning Community. She will be visiting all your establishments in the near future to establish links and plan for progress in session 2006/7.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT – INSET 3

A recent directive from Education HQ stated that all New Learning Communities must allocate 1 inset day in session 2006/7 to the theme of Behaviour Management.

Following discussion and consultation with all Heads of Establishments, it has been agreed that this will take place on **Inset 3 on 26 September 2006.**

Haghill Park Primary School will be the venue.

MULTI AGENCY ROOM

The Multi Agency Room (MAR) in Whitehill Secondary is now fully functional with the main aim of supporting all the establishments in Whitehill New Learning Community and promoting joined up thinking.

The room accommodates the following staff:

- Susan Molloy – School Business Manager
- Hanna Myachykova – Senior Clerical Assistant
- Isabel McGhee – Education Liaison Officer
- Morven Campbell – Health Development Officer
- Kenny McAdam – Active Schools Co-ordinator
- Donna Lloyd – Cluster Support Teacher
- Monica Suttle – Cluster Support Teacher
- WPCs Gerry Roarty & Lindsay Faulds—
Strathclyde Police

The MAR staff can be contacted on 0141 582 0290. (Ext. 152 or 166)

HEALTH FESTIVAL—2006

The annual Whitehill New Learning Community Health Festival was held this week for Primary 4 and 1st year pupils in Whitehill Secondary School.

Morven Campbell, Health Development Officer, organised the event which was supported by staff from Whitehill Secondary School.

The pupils participated in workshops :



- ♦ Sun Awareness
- ♦ Hygiene
- ♦ Alcohol
- ♦ Healthy Eating
- ♦ Oral Health
- ♦ All kinds of physical Activities

Thanks to all staff and health representatives who helped to deliver an exciting day of events!

ATTENDANCE AND TEXTING

Isabel McGhee, Education Liaison Officer (formerly known as the Attendance Officer) has reported a steady and encouraging increase in attendance across the 4 primary schools in Whitehill New Learning Community since August 05.

It is crucial that we strive to increase attendance continuously!

Isabel also supported the successful implementation of the text messaging programme which has enhanced Whitehill Secondary's contact with parents.

To remind you that text messaging doesn't just need to be about truancy issues but can also be used to remind parents/guardians of parents evenings, report card distribution, school fetes etc.



Whitehill New Learning Community in partnership with Strathclyde University are currently organising a unique and exciting programme for pupils who will be going into Primary 1 in August.

The Pre 5 Mini WIZ (Whitehill Improvement Zone) will take place on **8 & 9 August 2006** in the excellent venue of Haghill Park

Pre 5 Mini WIZ - 8 & 9 August 2006

Primary School.

The programme is aimed at preparing pupils and parents for this major transition.

They will take part in:

- How to support your child's learning
- Health—food for thought—Snacks and lunches.

- Adventure and physical challenges
- Develop language skills
- Making friends

This project will be closely monitored and evaluated with the aim of it being established as an annual event.

Kenny McAdam (Active Schools Co-ordinator)

♦ All of the associated Whitehill NLC primaries are participating in the Active Schools Playground games leader (Activ8ors) training for P6 children. The pupils learn all the aspects of a playground games leader, including the importance of being a good role model, team work, discipline, organisational skills and including all children in games. Once the children are trained they are known as Activ8ors and mainly lead playground games, including skipping and parachute, and team games to P1-P4 children. The Active School Coordinator will support the Activ8ors out in the playground for 2 weeks, however, school support staff take a lead role, liaising and assisting them in the playground and also voting for the Activ8or of the month.

"More Children

More Active

More Often"

♦ There will be a Summer Activity Programme for P1-P7 children during the school holidays run by Active Schools. This will be the 5th Active Schools holiday programme since we have been in post and will engage children in physical activities such as Play, Team Combat, Athletics and Street dance.

♦ Also this summer, primary school playgrounds in the Whitehill NLC will have Playground games markings painted to encourage the children to be more

physically active. These markings were agreed through consultation with schools head teachers, pupil councils and will supplement the Activ8or playground games training.

DISABILITY EQUALITY TRAINING (DET)

Angus Morrison (Depute Head Teacher of at Whitehill Secondary has booked Colin Cameron to deliver an information session on Disability Equality Training.

All teaching and some support staff from primary and secondary schools along with the Heads of Pre 5 establishments in Whitehill New Learning Community will attend the seminar on Friday 18 August 2006 (from 09:00 until 12:15).

TRAINING FOR SUPPORT STAFF

Please note that the following training programmes will be delivered by Moira Wilson from the newly established Training and Development Unit.

Friday 18 August 2006 – Whitehill Secondary School

Time	Staff to Attend	Seminar
09:00 - 12:30	All Clerical and Admin from all establishments in Whitehill New Learning Community	Self Development Customer Care Corporate Approach
13:30 - 15:00	SEN Aux and Pupil Support Assistants from Whitehill Secondary School	Training on how to provide brief outline reports on pupils

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'm sure you'll agree that there is plenty going on in Whitehill New Learning Community.

It is my intention to continue distributing regular updates, similar to this, throughout session 2006/7.

It would be great if you could provide some items of interest or updates that you wish included in the next briefing which will be distributed before the October week 2006.

I will remind you nearer the time.

Meanwhile, I hope you have enjoyed reading this and that you have a great long weekend!

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