

## Wallace Hall Update – 14.05.20 - COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

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S1-S3 Wordpress website: <https://wallacehalllearninghub.wordpress.com/>

Public Health Phone Number: 01387 272724

NHS24 Phone Number: 111

NHS Website: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

### Whole School

#### Home Learning Photos

Can you please continue to send your home learning photos to our school emails as we would like to share on social media? They are good inspiration for other pupils and families.

#### Weekend Opening and Childcare Bookings

If possible, can you please let us know by 3pm on a Wednesday when you require childcare for the following week? That will allow us to ensure the correct number of staff are booked to be in school each day.

We will not be open this weekend as we have no pupils booked into The Hub. However, if you have an emergency need for childcare we have staff volunteers on standby who would be happy to come in over the weekend if required. If that happens please contact us by email at [gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw08officewallace@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)

#### Cancelled School Trips

Many thanks to all of you who have replied to the email sent to you about your refunds for school trips. If you were expecting an email and haven't received one could you please contact Jen Graham at [gw19grahamjennifer1@ea.dumgal.sch.uk](mailto:gw19grahamjennifer1@ea.dumgal.sch.uk)? If you requested a cheque and live outwith our cluster area it will be posted on Monday. If you live within our cluster it will be delivered by school staff in our minibus on Tuesday. If you requested a PayPoint voucher it will be processed by the Council and sent to you by text message. If you have received an email but have not yet replied can you please do so as soon as possible so we can get your refund to you.

#### Mental Health Awareness Week 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2020

As individuals and families try to adjust to the lockdown and the entire COVID 19 situation many of us will suffer poorer mental health. There are lots of ideas on the following website:

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

which could help to make us all feel a bit better, from carrying out acts of kindness to getting active, to organising or taking part in virtual get-togethers, all of which would lift our spirits and make us feel more

positive. There is a section about fundraising and if you want to do that, it's fine but we would just like to see our pupils and families taking part in something that would give them a lift over the next week or so. Dumfries and Galloway Council are promoting 'Wear it Green' day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May and have suggested that staff in different areas of the Council take part in a virtual cuppa. Wallace Hall staff will be doing that at 3.15pm on Thursday and we look forward to that.

Why don't you 'Wear it Green' on Thursday and send us your photos? Also during the week please email us with your photos and/or stories of what your family have been doing during mental health week.

This year's theme was changed from 'Sleep' to 'Kindness' in response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The following link has lots of resources that can help look after mental health at this time.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

## [How to look after your mental health during the Coronavirus outbreak | Mental Health Foundation](#)

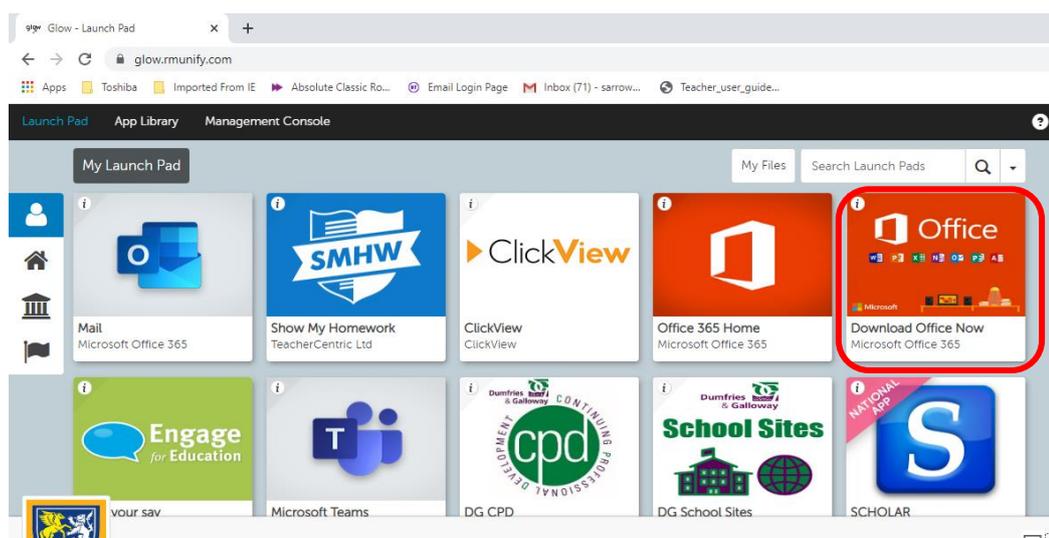
Public Health England have developed explicit guidance on mental health in the crisis. If you want to develop a personalised plan for supporting your mental health you can also visit the PHE Every Mind Matters site, developed in collaboration with the Mental Health Foundation. If you need to talk confidentially you can call Samaritans on 116 123 at any time.

[www.mentalhealth.org.uk](http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk)

Carrying out an act of kindness, however small, makes us feel good and it certainly makes the person that you are being kind to feel good. And it is just as important to be kind to yourself.

### Downloading Microsoft Office for free

Pupils are reminded that they can download Microsoft Office for free at home. This will enable them, for example, to use Microsoft Word for school work and then hand in to teachers. It also contains Excel for spreadsheets and Publisher for posters, leaflets etc. The download is on the 'Launch Pad' shown below when pupils log into glow. If there are any problems, please email the school office.



### Free School Meals – Boxes or Cash Payment

If you are eligible to receive free school meals for your child(ren) and would like a cash payment instead of the weekly meal box, please click on the following link to access the application form:

<https://lnks.gd//eyJhbGciOiJIUz11NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2kljoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpbGljaylslmJ1bGxldGluX2kljoiMjAyMDA1MDQuMjEwMDY0NDEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3N1cHBvcnRkZy5kdW1nYWwuZ292LnVrL0NWMTIzY2hvb2xtZWZscyJ9.TFO5xRorHMNJMa2LqTzgZc2aRfi3-tz5xjI0K8ZG90/br/78194543844-l>

**You need to register by 10.00pm on a Tuesday for a direct payment on a Friday. This is a rolling programme until schools return or the end of term. In the meantime you will continue to receive your Food Boxes.**

### School Management Rota

Here is the school management rota for next week:

	<b>Saturday (standby)</b>	<b>Sunday (standby)</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>w/c 16/05/ 20 Lead</b>	G Arrowsmith	E Traill	K Bryden	R Fulton	J Blair	B Graham	J Carter
<b>Reserve</b>	N Riley	J Steele	A Meredith	K Bryden	J Carter	R Fulton	B Graham

Managers can be contacted via the school office between 9am-3pm. However, we would like to encourage everyone to contact us via the school email addresses, as above, as a first option. These will be monitored throughout the day.

## **Primary**

### Home Learning

The class teachers have really enjoyed seeing some of what children have been doing at home on ClassDojo. Thank you for your support in helping your child with learning at home. Please continue this in a way that suits you and your family, home learning will be different for every household. If you are not connected to ClassDojo and would like any help in doing so, please get in touch.

It seems to have been a while now since we were all together and as the weeks go by then it may be becoming even more challenging being out of the normal routine. The most important thing is that your family is healthy and happy. All the school staff are here to support you, and if there is anything further we can do to help, please get in touch.

### ELC - P1 Transition

We are really looking forward to welcoming the new Primary 1 children to the Primary School when the time comes. An online transition programme has now started and all the resources can be found on both of the following websites:

<https://www.wallacehall.co.uk/elc-p1-transitions>

<https://whplearning.wordpress.com/elc-p1-transition/>

Please look out for new activities, information or videos appearing each Wednesday, and if you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Sumdog Dumfries and Galloway Primary Mathematics Contest – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

All pupils from Primary 1 to Primary 7 have been entered into the Sumdog Dumfries and Galloway Mathematics Contest which is taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May and ends on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Your child only needs to play on Sumdog for an hour over the whole week for their score to contribute towards our overall placing within the region. There is no obligation to play along. We thought it would be a fun learning opportunity to take part in over the week. It's really simple to take part in the contest. All you have to do is play on Sumdog at any time during the contest week (15<sup>th</sup> May – 22<sup>nd</sup> May). All your hard work will contribute to your score and at the end of the contest the school will be placed on a leader board against other schools taking part within the region. For more details see ClassDojo or click on this link.

<https://whplearning.wordpress.com/useful-information/>



### [More to explore](#)

We have created this section to share interesting links and ideas for you to explore at home. Have fun! Sumdog Dumfries and Galloway Mathematics Contest – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May All pupils from Prima...

[whplearning.wordpress.com](https://whplearning.wordpress.com)

## **Academy**

### S1/2 online learning

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May online learning for S1 and S2 pupils will move onto the Show My Homework platform. This allows teachers to set tasks and give feedback which we feel is important as the school closure continues. We will send out information for parents and pupils by email early next week. In the meantime please click the following links for more information about Show My Homework.

For parents - [A Parent's Guide to Show My Homework](#)

For pupils - [A Student's Guide to Show My Homework](#)

### Next Steps for Senior Pupils

Dumfries and Galloway College is having a Virtual Open Week, starting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. They have a full timetable of sessions planned for all of next week. Students interested in attending the College should visit the college's homepage and click on the 'Virtual Open Week' tab or click the following link: <https://www.dumgal.ac.uk/dumgalportal/index.php?newsid=1589283989> to get more information.

We would like to encourage our current and former senior students who are looking at their next steps post school to log into free webinars provided by UK University Search. These webinars can be accessed on the following link: <https://www.ukuniversitysearch.com/blog/post/webinar-wednesdays>.

Topics covered by the webinars include Student Finance, Apprenticeships and Life at University. Previous webinars on Choosing a University are also available on YouTube. A number of Scottish universities, including Glasgow University and Stirling University, are involved in the presentations of the various webinars.

UK University Search has also organised a virtual university fair which will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 12noon to 6pm and more information on this is available on their website.