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[Cross Country run](#)

Yesterday, 10/10/17, there were 5 runners from Pentland School taking part in a cross country event. The results were: Barrie 97th, Callum G 98th, Callum F 80th, Cameron 95th and Brandon 74th. The categories were: P5 girls, P5 boys, P6 girls, P6 boys, P7 girls and last but not least P7 boys, Cameron and Brandon had to wait ages to run but they all done well!!

[To view photos please click here or visit our gallery.](#)

[Cross country runners](#)

Some of the pupils are taking part in a cross country run on Tuesday 10th October. The race is held at Coatbridge Outdoor Centre from 10:00 - 12:00pm. Parents are welcome to come and support their kids. Please make sure they have a water bottle, change of shoes and warm clothes. Good luck to all the runners!!!

[The Scouts Need Your Vote!](#)

Pentland's Scout Group, 4th Clyde Pentland Scouts project has been shortlisted for a public vote in Tesco's Bags of Help initiative! Vote for us to win the top prize in store! To do this, receive your token at the checkout and enter it into the box titled, 4th Clyde Pentland Scouts Outdoor Adventure Project.

Vote in Airdrie and Coatbridge Tesco stores during the months of September and October to help us secure a Tesco Bags of help grant. Thank you!

[HMle Inspection](#)

On the week beginning 4th September, Pentland School will be getting inspected by HMle. As part of the inspection, the schools staff, pupils, parents/carers and partners have been asked to complete an online survey. The survey is now closed, thank you to everyone for taking the time to complete.

[Welcome Back!!](#)

A huge big welcome back to all our pupils and staff, we hope you have had a lovely summer break! We are so excited to get started in our new school year and have lots of great things planned! We are very pleased to welcome some new members to our team, Jonathon Melvin is our new Principal Teacher and Niall Reynolds has joined us as Acting Depute Head. We

also have a staff name change, as the lovely Miss Whiteford got married over the holidays, and is now known as Mrs Kemmett.

We wish all the new starts, pupils and staff a very enjoyable, productive school year!

Farewell for the Summer

After another fun and exciting year, we wish all our pupils and staff a very enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday! We look forward to seeing you all back in August for a new school year! Pupils start back Thursday 17th August.

Leavers Assembly

We bid a sad farewell to some pupils this year, some of whom have been with us for years! We are very proud of the boys and we wish them all the best in their new adventure! At the assembly, the winner of this year's Tommy's Turnaround Trophy was announced, and the pupil who the staff felt had made the biggest improvement overall was.....Scott McClure!! Well done Scott, you have worked so hard over the years! Photographs from the Assembly can be found [here](#) or on our Gallery.

Summer Trip to Briarlands Farm

We had a very wet but fun day at Briarlands Farm for our end of year trip. The boys enjoyed a tractor ride, animal handling, go-karts and, of course, the bouncing pillows!! Photos can be found [here](#) or on our Gallery Page.

Miss Whiteford is getting MARRIED!!

Staff and pupils came together to throw our lovely Miss Whiteford a surprise wedding! Miss Whiteford will be getting married during the summer holidays. Miss Whiteford's boys each took a role to help during the event, from ring bearer to groom, we even had a poem read from Lee. Mrs Cassidy acted as Mother of the Bride, as you can see from the lovely hat she wore! We wish Miss Whiteford a very happy wedding! Photos can be seen [here](#) or on the gallery.

May Newsletter

The latest Newsletter is now available on the website. Please visit the Parents section.

It's A Girl!!!

We are delighted to welcome the newest addition to the Pentland team.....baby Katie!! Mrs McIntosh had her baby girl last week and both mother and baby are doing well. We wish Mrs McIntosh a happy and enjoyable maternity leave!! Pupils and

staff threw Mrs McIntosh a surprise Baby Shower before she left, which was a brilliant party!! Photographs can be found on our gallery or by clicking [here](#).

Scouts Dog Cafe

On Wednesday 17th May the Scouts held a dog cafe to raise money to help Sponsor Guide Dogs. The boys worked hard to make dog themed cakes, biscuits, sweetie cups and bookmarks and did an excellent job selling their products to the school. Pictures can be seen by visiting our Scouts photo album on our Gallery page or by clicking [here](#).

April Newsletter

The latest Newsletter is now available through the website. Please visit the Parents section

Scouts Go Bagpacking!

On Monday 24th April, the Scouts went to Asda Coatbridge to do some Bagpacking. This was to raise funds to sponsor Guide Dogs as part of the 'A Million Hands' project. The project aims to bring communities together by working together on a project.

The pupils were outstanding at Asda and we were very proud of the feedback we received from both staff and customers about our polite, kind and helpful boys! The boys loved their time at Asda!

We would like to say a huge thanks to the lovely staff at Asda for being so welcoming and patient with the pupils and to Ann Binks for inviting us to the store! We look forward to returning to the store in the future!

The Scouts raised £238.60 which is absolutely amazing! Keep up the good work boys!!

Pictures from the day can be found by visiting our Gallery or by clicking [here](#).

Photo Changes

Our old Gallery has now changed format to Google Photos. In order to view any new photographs you will need to click the link under the General Gallery (the slideshow). Each album will have its own name to make them easier to view. All of our older albums are still available to view through the previous Load Gallery link. Keep posted for new albums added soon!

Easter Holidays

Term 3 has been a very busy term at Pentland with lots of changes going on. Well done to all our pupils and staff on their hard work, we hope you all have a lovely and well earned Easter Holiday! School reopens Tuesday 18th April.

Staff Changes

At the end of term 3, we said a sad farewell to our principal teacher, Mr Thomson and one of our class teachers, Ms Louchran. We wish them all the best in their new adventure!

We also welcomed our new Class Teacher, Ms Whiteford! We are very happy to have her at Pentland!

January Newsletter

Our most recent newsletter is now on our website. It can be found in the PARENTS section on by clicking [here](#).

NEW TOPIC!

All classes are busy learning about our new topic.....Old Edinburgh! The pupils will be exploring how Edinburgh came to be, famous individuals from Edinburgh, Edinburgh's famous landmarks and many more. Classes will be soon going on a trip to Edinburgh to see all the things they have been learning up close! Keep posted for pictures coming soon!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

A very big Happy New Year to all our pupils, staff and parents/carers!! We hope 2017 will be a great year for us all! We are excited about what this year will bring!

We welcome back Mrs Bryce who has returned after her maternity leave, she is very happy to be back in class!

Keep posted to the website for more information, pictures and news this year!

Weather

The school's new topic this term is Weather. Stay posted for more news and pictures showing all the pupils work and activities.

Scouts Farm Visit

The Scouts recently went on a trip to a farm as part of their Animal Care Badge. The boys had a fabulous time learning how a farm works, getting close to the animals and I think the personal favourite, climbing the potato mountain!! A huge thank you to Farmer John for allowing us to visit. Photographs can be found [here](#) or in our Gallery.

Mrs Cassidy is 50!!!

Our beloved wee Heedy celebrated a special birthday last week! To mark this special day the pupils and staff threw Mrs Cassidy a surprise Florida themed party complete with a Disney Sing Song, Games, Food and of course gifts!! I think you can tell from the pictures that a fun time was had by all! Well done to the pupils and staff for their hard work and giving Mrs Cassidy the party she deserves! Photographs can be found [here](#) or in our Gallery.

[Mrs Cowan's Music Fanatics!](#)

Mrs Cowan's class have been busy working with our new Music specialist, Mr McKeoun. Mr McKeoun has been teaching the pupils since the start of the new term. The boys have been learning how to play Ukulele and how to use chords on this interesting instrument! Photos of these Music fanatics can be found here or in our gallery.

[Spain Topic](#)

The new topic for the school is Spain. Each class has been learning about this country and taking part in a variety of different activities, such as, Mrs Cowan's class were busy making omelette and Mrs Quinn's class were using role play to act out working in a Travel Agents, booking a holiday to Spain. Photographs from the Spanish topic can be found [here](#) or in the school Gallery.

[New Scouts!](#)

As our new school year has started, so has our Scout group. We welcome our new Scouts who are already off to a flying start.....earning their Air Badge! We will keep you up to date with our Scouts activities so keep checking our news page and gallery for more information.

[Welcome back from the Headteacher](#)

A great big welcome back to all our pupils. I am sure this session will be as fun packed and educational as last year if not more!! The staff are all ready and raring to go!! We also welcome back Miss Loughran who is covering Mrs Bryce maternity leave til the end of the year.

Over the next few weeks our new pupils will settle in with the help of our 'old timers' and before we know it we will be up to full speed again. Please remember you are always welcome to contact myself if you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss and I look forward to your continued support.

[Mr Woodcock](#)

In June, we bid a sad farewell to our Art & Woodcraft specialist, Mr Woodcock. Mr Woodcock had been with the school for over 10 years and was a valuable asset to the school. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the very best in his new venture!

Miss Cassidy is married!!

During the holidays, our lovely Miss Cassidy got married and is now going by the name Mrs Quinn. The staff and pupils threw Mrs Quinn a surprise, school wedding and invited Mr Quinn to join us.

Tommy's Turn Around Shield

The winner of this years 'Tommy's Turn Around' shield went to Stuart Ferguson! Stuart earned this prestigious award for the biggest improvement in attitude, behaviour and work during the 2015/16 school year. We are all delighted for him!!

The shield is named in honour of Tommy McCarte, a popular taxi driver for the school, who sadly passed away in December 2014. Tommy's wife, May, donated the shield last year in memory of Tommy, and was in attendance to present the award to Stuart at the end of term.

The previous winner was Jet-Li Pentecost for 2014/15 school year.