



January 2025 Newsletter

School News

[Whole School Pantomime Visit](#)



We had the most fantastic time at the Forefront Pantomime, Cinderella, in Alloa Town Hall. We loved cheering, clapping, shouting and laughing as we watched Emily, Isla, Jorgie, Jessica and Lily-Rose perform on stage with their friends. The feedback from the children was incredibly positive and they would love to do it again! Special thanks to our Parent Council who provided delicious snacks for us to enjoy as we watched.

King Charles III visit to Alloa



Devynn, Ibraheem, Oliver, Lilly and Aulay represented our school when King Charles III visited The Gate in Alloa earlier this month. They enjoyed meeting the king as he walked along speaking to the crowd.

Parking at School



We are very concerned about the dangerous behaviour of some drivers around our school at the beginning and end of every day. We are working with the local police and Roads department at Clackmannanshire Council to consider how we can address these ongoing problems.

We urge families to park in spaces further from the school and to avoid driving and parking in the restricted zones. This is for the safety of all of our children and this must be a priority for everyone.

Pupil Council Plans



Our Pupil Council members are busy seeking the views of their classmates to ensure we are meeting their needs and listening to their opinions.

They have a long list of exciting ideas which the committee are carefully considering. They asked for more exciting visits to school by experts to

further inspire and motivate them. The children also expressed an interest in a variety of different clubs as they look to develop their knowledge and skills in a wide range of different areas e.g. coding, sports, art, science, outdoor cooking/survival skills, knitting etc. We want to turn these ideas into reality and will look to introduce some of these over the next few months.

Rights Respecting Schools Update

Mrs Donald and her Rights Respecting team have been carrying out questionnaires with staff and pupils. She also presented an introduction to Children's Rights to a focus group of parents.

In school we have looked closely at the articles 12, 13, 27 and 29, in line with our school rules 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'.



After consultation with children and staff, we are now looking at articles 24 and 31. In classes we refer to these regularly and we discuss them during assemblies every week too as we try to ensure children are becoming more familiar with them.



Partnership working with local Artist, Bobby Rennie



Bobby Rennie, local artist and member of CDT, has volunteered to work with classes in school to produce murals in different parts of our school. He is going to start by designing a mural for our front foyer, in consultation with the children, and work with children in our Flexi Class to design and paint murals in their Flexi Playground. Bobby is kindly giving his expertise and time for free and he is looking forward to inspiring our children and helping them develop their skills and confidence in art. He is an incredibly talented artist and we are so lucky to have him working with us!

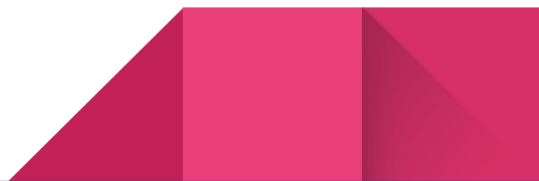
Children's Parliament Action Research Project



Children's Parliament

giving ideas a voice

Jill Burdett, a resident of Clackmannan and employee of the Children's Parliament, will be seeking volunteers to work with her to learn about action research and to design a model to gather the views of the people in our school and wider community regarding the needs of our town. This is a very exciting opportunity and we look forward to seeing the results of the work the group do. Jill will launch this at assembly this morning, 3rd February, and she will work weekly with the action research group throughout February.



Parent Council Updates



Our Parent Council continue to plan exciting events to help raise funds for our school and offer fun activities for our children. They are currently planning a 'Beats and Treats' disco which will be held in school on 1st April (more details to follow).

They are also looking to arrange a Bingo Tea to help raise funds for the school in the summer term. Funds they raise this year will be split between the Christmas Lights project in conjunction with Clackmannan Legends and school activities.

Best You Can Be

Congratulations to all of our Best You Can Be certificate winners in December and January! We are very proud of you for being Ready, Respectful and Safe around our school.





Pump Track Safety

Scott Bamford kindly visited assembly this morning to offer a safety advice regarding the use of the new Pump Track. Children are looking forward to the official opening planned for Saturday 8th Feb at 10.30am when there will be a display by professional cyclists!



BIG SCHOOL TRIP!

We are delighted to announce that we have planned another whole school trip this year.

This year we will be going to **GLASGOW SCIENCE CENTRE** on Wednesday 19th March. Many classes have enjoyed high quality online lessons in partnership with Glasgow Science Centre this session and we have secured funding and a grant from the Centre towards the cost of our entry and buses. The cost of the trip will be £10 per pupil. More details will follow regarding permission forms and how to pay on Parent Pay.

Dates for your Diaries

Mon 10th & Tues 11th Feb	Inservice Days- school closed for children
Wed 13th-Friday 15th Feb	School holiday
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day- Dress as an adjective
Monday 10th March	Reports out to families
Tuesday 11th March	School Photographer
Wednesday 12th March	Science Family Learning Event- 3pm-4pm
Thursday 13th March	P7 Skiing (Group 1)
Monday 17th March	P7 Lornshill Visit
Wednesday 19th March	BIG SCHOOL TRIP to Glasgow Science Centre
Thursday 20th March	P7 Skiing (Group 2)
Thursday 20th March	ELC Cuppa Chat
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 1st April	Beats and Treats Discos- Parent Council Events 5pm-6pm- Preschool ELC- P4 6.15pm-7.15pm- P4-P7
Thursday 3rd April	End of Term Church Service- 9.30am
Friday 4th April	School Closes for Easter Break at 3pm

Kind regards,



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