



November 2022 Newsletter



October was a busy month and a time to return to many activities. We had our first whole school trip, our first house prize trip and our first Hallowe'en disco. All three events were absolutely amazing and so great to be able to return to taking part in these.

Hallowe'en Disco and Raffle

Friends of Mount Carmel (FOMC) organised two fantastic Hallowe'en events our Hallowe'en raffle and our Hallowe'en disco. Congratulations to our three Hallowe'en raffle winners who were delighted with the gifts they received from FOMC. Thank you also for the amazing disco which was really well attended and everyone had a lot of fun. A great big thank you to all our helpers on the night as well as the amazing DJ Mr Kenny who provided us with this for free! Thank you also to all our parents/carers for buying tickets and helping to bolster our dwindling funds for FOMC. We are all so grateful.

Killiwien Countess Art Competition

We were delighted with the results of the Killiwien Art Competition. Congratulations to Callan in P5 who made the shortlist for this and a huge congratulations to Victoria in P6 for coming in 2nd place and Maia in P7 who was named as the overall winner. We are so proud of all of you. Fantastic!

Staffing

As you are aware Mrs McGahon will be starting soon as our Depute Head Teacher, unfortunately there has been some delays with her transfer. We hope that she starts with us over the coming weeks.

Parent/Carer appointments

Our parent/carers appointments are currently being organised by our clerical staff, all forms should have been returned to school by Friday 28th October. If you have yet to complete the form for this please return to the school or contact the school office as soon as possible. Appointments have been scheduled for Tuesday 15th November and Wednesday 16th November.

We are also excited to have the Scholastic Book Fair available for both of these evenings. Books will be available to purchase or order on the night. There is no obligation to make any purchase.

The Exchange Counselling Service have confirmed that they will also attend the Tuesday 15th November session. This is a chance to find out some more about the service that they provide.

Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week is Dyslexia Awareness Week, thank you to Mrs Crawford our lead in this area for organising some activities for the classes to access this week.

Health Promoting School

A reminder that as a Health Promoting School we encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send children to school with juice in their class water bottle or fizzy juice for break/lunch times. Some children have also had energy drinks in school – again please do not send these with your child. They will be removed and given back to the child at the end of the day. Please also consider the snacks that you are providing. Children can now all access a piece of fruit daily in school so they do not require crisps and sweets for snacks.

Curricular Updates

Now that we have started term 2 each of the classes will soon be publishing their curricular updates. We look forward to sharing with you the items each class has planned for November and December.

Primary 7 PE

Our Primary 7 children will soon take part in a series of PE activities organised by Kilmarnock college. They will attend this on Wednesday for a period of 6 weeks. It is something that we have enjoyed taking part in the last few years. Let's hope the weather is kind to us as the pupils take part in this.

Book Week Scotland

This year Book Week Scotland begins on Monday 14th November. During this time the children in Primary 1-3 are gifted a bag and items from Book Trust Scotland. To celebrate this event Primary 1-3 will take part in an afternoon of activities linked to the items they will receive. We will provide more details about this soon.

Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to announce the Friends of Mount Carmel are organising a Christmas Fayre for the parents/carers. This will take place on Friday 2nd December. More details to follow soon.

School Clubs

Our Active Schools team will continue to support us this term with a lunch time club available on Wednesdays for pupils in Primary 2 and 3 and an after school club for Primary 6 and 7. Primary 6 and 7 places will be confirmed this week. Mr Devlin will also support Primary 1 and provide some multisports activities as part of their PE tasks.

A reminder that children should bring PE kit to school for the PE Days and that no jewellery should be worn. Children can borrow PE items if required, however, this should be on a rare occasion. Unfortunately we do not have additional staff who are able to spend time finding suitable PE items for children to use.

PATHS buddies

Mrs Travers has been supporting our Primary 6 children with PATHS interviews and we should soon have this an activity for children to take part in during break and lunch times.

Day of Dance

Our Primary 6 children have been busy preparing dances to share at the East Ayrshire Day of Dance. This will take place on Wednesday 16th November.

Catholic Education

As a diocese we celebrate Catholic Education between Wednesday 16th November And Wednesday 30th November. As a community of Faith we support the development of each individual in their journey with God. During this time we will remember why Catholic Education is so important.

November School Funds Fundraiser Raffle

During November we have the opportunity to win a £25 amazon voucher. If you would like to try for this raffle tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay for £1 each. Best of luck.

Children in Need

On Friday 18th November we will celebrate Children in Need. On this day children can come to school in their own clothes and can choose to wear something spotty if they wish. We are asking for a £1 donation for this via ParentPay. Children will also receive an additional entry for the November raffle for this £1 donation.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 22nd November at 7pm, this will take place within the school. At our last meeting unfortunately only three

members were able to attend. Our Parent Council is central to the improvements for our school please consider joining this group.

Christmas Panto

As you are aware we will be visiting the Pantomime for Snow White on Wednesday 30th November. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have made a donation for this of between £11 and £15. This this will remain on ParentPay throughout November.

Nativity Performance

We are delighted to announce that Primary 1-3 will this year provide a special nativity performance and our pupils in Primary 4-7 will also support with some Christmas songs. Tickets for this will soon be available. Provisional dates for this performance are Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and Thursday 15th December at 5:30pm.

School App and School blog

All of our school information is available via the school app and blog. Please follow the links for these items:

[School Blog](#)

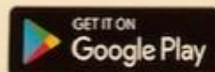
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Thank you, as always, for your continuing support for our school community.

Kind regards,

Mrs Fergusson

Head Teacher