

House Elections Our new Captains and Vice-Captains are:

Eastwood-Livingstone

House Captain-Amy
Vice Captain-Callum

Orchard- Scott

House Captain-Madelyn
Vice Captain-Abigail

Main;- Mackintosh

House Captain-Alisdair
Vice Captain-Finlay

Davieland- Burrell

House Captain-Cameron
Vice Captain-Lewis

Holidays & In-service Days

Christmas:	Wed 23 December to Tues 5 January 2016
February break:	Mon 15 & Tue 16 February 2016
Good Friday & Easter Monday	Fri 25 & Mon 28 March
Easter:	Mon 4 April to Fri 15 April 2016
May Weekend (1):	Mon 2 May 2016
May Weekend (2):	Fri. 27 & Mon 30 May 2016
Summer Holiday:	School closes Fri 24 June 2016

In-service Days: Fri 12 February 2016 and Tue 31 May 2016

Please remember if you have any concerns, queries or compliments please do not hesitate in contacting me at the school or come along to one of our management team drop ins: 9 – 9.30 a.m. every Friday.

Yours sincerely,

Pauline Ferguson

Pauline Ferguson (Head Teacher)



Newsletter



October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers:

The weather during our mid-term break was very pleasant and from talking to the children everyone appears to have had an enjoyable time. Let's hope it holds for our Primary 7 residential trip to Lochgoilhead next week. With the clocks changing this weekend our days are shorter and weather conditions are changeable, so can I please ask you to make sure your child comes to school with a jacket or coat and suitable footwear.

Curriculum Event



Thank you to everyone who came along to this event, which proved to be very successful. I appreciate there was a lot on offer in the time available, however the handouts are now available on the school website and the displays will be on view at the forthcoming parents' night. We hope to run similar events in the future.

Parent / Teacher Interviews; our first round of parent/teacher interviews, when you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress, will take place on the 11th and 12th of November – appointment letters have been issued. Building on the success of previous years we extend an invite to your children to accompany you and to join you for the last few minutes of the interview to hear their teacher's report.

Inclusion Service Well done to our Primary 5 and 6 pupils for leading our recent service at Orchardhill Church and thank you to all parents and carers who joined us and who contributed to our charity collection which raised over £100 towards the Malawi Project (see below).

RRS committee would like to thank you for your overwhelming generosity in our recent collection sending items to help Syrian Refugees. We also donated over £100 to Mrs Stead who will be going to Malawi with a group of 56 pupils. This money will help to buy building resources for their school. On her return, she will visit our group to show us photographs and tell us about the children we helped.

Article 6: Every child has the right to life

Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Parent Council discos will be held on Thursday 29th October. The next meeting is on Monday 2nd November @ 7pm. If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, please email giffnockpc@hotmail.co.uk.



JRSO's (Junior Road Safety Officers) recently met with Greg Brown (Roads and Transport) and worked jointly on our plan for the year. The main exciting project this year will be working with East Renfrewshire's Environmental Officer to monitor levels of Carbon Monoxide outside the school on Academy Road. A carbon monoxide monitor will be fitted in the coming months and we will monitor the levels monthly.



It helps you write a lot faster

It's really, really fun!

Computer Club On Tuesdays at lunchtime a group of pupils are using Nessy Fingers and Dance Mat typing programs to help develop good key board skills. Anyone interested in joining please speak to Miss Rawley or come along on a Tuesday lunchtime if you want to see what we do.



Day last year was well supported by parents and we are looking for more volunteers and visits for next year's event. Please contact Mr McNeill if you are interested in helping or would like to find out more.

Sports Update

- Following on from the silver award we received in April from Sports Scotland, Giffnock Primary School held their first ever Sports Committee meeting with a representative from each stage in the school.
- Several clubs are underway, or about to be. Yoga, Gymnastics, Running, and Football are just some of the clubs running this term.
- P4 pupils have loved going swimming. Their technique is improving along with their confidence.
- A group of P6 & 7 pupils are heading to Woodfarm High School on Fri 6th Nov for a badminton play off. Supporters welcome.
- The P5 cluster basketball festival takes place in November.



We are a very fit bunch here at Giffnock!



Support Buddies A number of our P7 pupils expressed an interest in helping to support younger pupils by acting as mentors. Support Buddies have been appointed in a variety of roles based on their own experiences and knowledge. We have expanded this from our Dyslexia Buddies system which was introduced for the first time last year. This proved to be a very successful means of supporting children by pairing them with an older pupil who had experience of similar learning differences.

East Renfrewshire Council have created a short survey for parents/carers to capture your views on preferred methods of general (admin type) communications and also your thoughts on online payments. The link below gives full details:

<https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/4bfdafa85>

