

| Date | Event |
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| December 9 th | Christmas Performance Nursery – Primary 2 @ 1.45pm # |
| December 10 th | Christmas Performance Nursery – Primary 2 @ 9.30am # |
| December 16 th | Primary 7 Christmas lunch at Boaters |
| December 16 th | Primary 6 Christmas party (PM) |
| December 17 th | Hopscotch Theatre comes to Giffnock |
| December 18 th | Primary 7 Cluster Ceilidh at WFH (PM) |
| December 18 th | Primary 4 Christmas party (PM) |
| December 18 th | Primary 5 Christmas party (PM) |
| December 21 st | Nursery Christmas party (AM & PM) |
| December 21 st | Primary 1 Christmas party (PM) |
| December 21 st | Primary 2 Christmas party (PM) |
| December 21 st | Primary 3 Christmas party (PM) |
| December 22 nd | Giffnock Christmas Service – 1.30 p.m. All welcome |

#THE STARS COME OUT FOR CHRISTMAS: Further details to follow shortly.

Holidays & In-service Days

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| 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 note that the school and nursery will close at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd December. Parents should make arrangements to collect their children early.

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



2015



P7 Residential Trip We recently spent a week at Lochgoilhead Activity Centre. We stayed in lodges with our friends and teachers, and had a great time participating in a variety of activities including raft building, canoeing, hill-walking and high rope activities. In some of the water activities, we got very wet and we got to jump into the loch! Our instructors were great fun and really helpful. The food was very nice too.

We had a really great time and hope we can go again sometime!

When I first got there and saw the mountains, it was breathtaking.

The food was really healthy and we enjoyed the desserts the most!



ICT at our recent parents' night you requested websites to support Numeracy & Mathematics at home. Below is a table of high quality websites that will help your child to reinforce learning that has taken place in the classroom. The use of these websites is a fun, enjoyable and challenging way to enhance your child's numeracy skills. These websites can be located online using a search engine or alternatively via East Renfrewshire's CurricuLinks page.

| Early Level (Nursery-P1) | First Level (P2 - 4) | Second Level (P5-P7) |
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| Numbertime | Ambleside numeracy resource | Ambleside numeracy resource |
| Educationcity.com | NRICH | NRICH |
| Topmarks.co.uk | Bitesize mathematics 1 st level | Mrs. Renz's math websites |
| Mr. Crammond | Primary resources (Numeracy) | mathsrevision.com |
| doorwayonline.org | Woodlands School Maths Zone | Bitesize mathematics 2 nd level |
| Crickweb.co.uk | Educationcity.com | NZ maths problem solving |
| | Teaching time | Primary resources (Numeracy) |
| | A maths dictionary for kids | Woodlands school Maths Zone |



Internet safety We work closely with our Campus Police Officer PC McDowall, and following our successful internet safety workshops with parents and children we are making a parental help leaflet. Additional information from East Renfrewshire Council on internet safety can be found at: <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2837/Child-Protection-Information-about-Community-and-Online-Safety>

Article 29 (Goals of education): *Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest. It should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.*



St Andrew's Day This year we will be celebrating St Andrews Day with a themed assembly from our Nursery children and also as part of our whole school House Challenge. Further details will follow from Mrs Livingstone who is coordinating this with our House and Vice Captains.

House Captains have also been involved in sharing the new Junior Saltire Awards scheme with the Primary 7s. The awards recognise the volunteering achievements of our P7 pupils. Our new Junior Saltire Ambassador is Sophie N.

NHS Please note Flu Immunisation will take place on Tuesday 1 December.

The **ECO Committee** is undertaking a whole school 'Environmental Review' and ECO reps are working hard with their classes to create a new ECO Code. The ECO priorities for this session are 'Sustaining Our World' and 'Water' as well as continuing our efforts to tackle 'Litter' in our playground and local community. Our new action plan will be created and shared soon.



Parent Council Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 5th December in Giffnock Primary School. All welcome.

Staffing We wish Mrs Frew every success in her recent appointment as Head Teacher at Eaglesham Primary.



Badminton Congratulations to our team who won the cluster heats and will be representing the Woodfarm Cluster at the East Renfrewshire Finals on 24 November 2015. Good luck!



Dressing for Excellence It is becoming increasingly noticeable that there are a number of red cardigans and jumpers dotted around the school. In consultation with stakeholders the agreed colour for our Giffnock uniform is grey and I would ask for your continued support in adhering to this. Full uniform details are available on our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/files/2014/11/Giffnock-Primary-Dressing-for-Excellence.pdf>