

Spring Service



The Service will take place on Friday 1 April. The pupils will celebrate at Orchardhill Parish Church at 1.30 p.m. Pupils in primaries 3 and 4 will be leading. All parents/carers are invited to join us.

Assembly Dates for next term:

P7b	6.05.2016	P1b	3.06.2016
P1a	13.05.2016	P6a	9.06.2016
P5b	20.05.2016		

Summer Service – morning of 24th June at Orchardhill Church

E.U Referendum I have been advised that our school will be used as a polling station for the Referendum on Thursday 23 June 2016 and therefore the school and nursery will be closed to all pupils on that day.

Holiday & In-service Days

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
Election:	Thurs 5 May 2016
May Weekend (2):	Fri 27 & Mon 30 May 2016
Summer Holiday:	School closes Fri 24 June 2016

In-service Day: Tue 31 May 2016

Please remember if you have any compliments, concerns or queries 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



March 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all who attended parental appointments this week. We welcome your feedback which this year you can provide online via our 'Citizen Space' questionnaire. The link is open until 25 March 2016:

<https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/229b0f7c>



BBC School Report Around 30,000 students from more than 1,000 schools up and down the UK and beyond took part in the BBC School Report's 10th annual News Day. The Giffnock Primary 7 pupils completed a number of tasks including writing reports, filming news segments and creating radio broadcasts on a variety of current topics. You can view the full reports on the BBC News Desk section of the school website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/Giffnock/pupils/news-desk-2/>

RRS Mrs Stead and S6 pupils from St Luke's joined P1 and RRS committee to talk about their visit to Malawi and show a DVD from their trip. The children loved playing with the parachute and bubbles that we donated. The houses the children lived in were made of mud, with a straw roof and a cloth for a door. The children were desperate for shoes as the ground was too warm to walk on! So the 30 S6 pupils each left a pair of shoes for the children.



World Book Day 2016 was a resounding success with a host of 'Denis the Menaces', several Harry Potters, a flock of 'Katie Morags' and many more assorted characters enjoying stories and activities on the day. Photographs can be viewed on our school website.

After-school Clubs Once again there have been lots of clubs, from pilates to running, on offer this term. The cheerleaders, running, football and netball team have all taken part in recent events and competitions. Well done! A huge thank you to all our volunteers.



Sports Relief all the pupils in the nursery and school ran or walked a mile today for Sports Relief. The Sports Committee sold wristbands to help raise money for Sports Relief. The total raised will be shared at our next assembly.

Our **Big Fairtrade Breakfast** was a huge success last week. Our ECO warriors worked hard to make Fairtrade banana smoothies and spread Fairtrade jam on pancakes. They then served breakfast to each classroom. We all enjoyed learning about where our food comes from and how we can help farmers get paid a fair amount of money for the jobs they do. The winners of the Fairtrade placemat are now on display on our Fairtrade wall along with lots of photographs from the event.

Remember, 'Sit down for breakfast, stand up for farmers!'

"Making Maths Count" is a Scottish Government initiative about maths skills for everyone, with a particular emphasis on young people, their parents and carers.

Your child will be given the opportunity to complete the questionnaire in school, however they are really interested to hear from parents about how they feel about maths and supporting their children with maths. Please take a few moments to complete the online questionnaire www.gov.scot/makingmathscount

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Parent Council Discos will be held on Wednesday 30 March: P1-3 from 6-7pm and P4-7 from 7.15-8.30pm. The next Parent Council meeting is on Monday 21st March @ 7pm. If you are interested in joining or would like to find out more, please email giffnockpc@hotmail.co.uk.

ParentPay The Woodfarm Cluster is to pilot this new payments online system for parents. Further information and login details will be issued shortly. The system goes live on 1 April 2016 www.parentpay.com



As part of our health and wellbeing curriculum, selected pupils in primary 5 and 6 have the opportunity take part in the Seasons for Growth Programme during term 3. 'Seasons for Growth' is peer-group education programme designed to support young people who are dealing with significant loss or change such as the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, moving house or school. The programme focuses on helping pupils to develop the skills to cope with the effects of change, loss and/or grief.

Should you feel that your child would benefit from participation in the Seasons for Growth programme, please contact Miss Bruce or Miss Rawley at school.