



Special Bulletin June 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an extremely busy (and productive) month for everyone. Below is a sample of what we've been up to.



On Tuesday 14th June we welcomed visitors from UNICEF to carry out our **Rights Respecting Schools** Assessment. The hard work of work all pupils and staff was recognised and we are delighted to confirm that following our assessment, we have achieved our **Level 1 Award**. The assessor praised the children on their knowledge and their competence in explaining the different projects we have been working on. Well done everyone!



Family Friendly Award

This month our school was awarded their Bronze and our Nursery their Silver accreditation for being a Family Friendly school. The accreditation visitor was particularly impressed with the work that had been done on promoting a positive ethos as a result of our new pupil motto, a more welcoming entrance and our updated displays showing GIRFEC and our pupil's achievements. Please have a look around the next time you are in the school.



Just Trading Scotland Rice Challenge

The pupil council would like three!), of Kilombero Rice Kg of rice which has raised secondary school for a year!



to thank everyone who purchased a bag (or two or from Malawi. We reached our target of selling 180 enough money to send two children from Malawi to We hope you enjoyed your rice!

Primary 7 are ready for their move on to high school and have enjoyed the 'transition days meeting teachers and new friends. The Ceilidh was a fantastic night of dancing and fun, with everyone dressed for the occasion.



Pupils across the school took part in **Sports Day** last Friday. It was a great day with pupils having lots of fun during their races. All pupils participated to an extremely high level and Mains Mackintosh lifted the trophy at the end of the afternoon with 264 points.

Rocket Science Project

The results of our experiment to grow rocket lettuce seeds have now been uploaded to the national database. Our results showed that more seeds from the red packet sprouted and were slightly taller with more leaves. Once all the results are in they will be analysed by experts and reported in the new school session. However we won't have that long to wait until we know which were the space seeds! Tim Peake is due back on Earth this weekend and next week will announce which were the seeds which he took to space. Watch out for the announcement on the school website.

Article 29: *You have the right to education which develops your personality, respect for other's rights and the environment.*

Parents as Partners

The Parent Council 'Quingo' night was a resounding success. Lots of fun as well as making a healthy profit (see school website for details). The Parent Council AGM is on Monday 4 September @ 7pm in the school.

Thank you to our Parent Council for funding our recent Primary 7 Ceilidh and leaving gifts as well as supporting the Primary 1 induction programme and expenses. We wish our nursery and primary 7 children every success as they leave us to start the next stage in their learning adventure!

The Careers' Fairs were extremely popular and beneficial to pupils across the school.

A very big 'thank you' to all parents and carers for their support of the school and the children's learning in so many different ways.

Just a few important pieces of **information** before our school closes the doors for the end of term.

ERC have created a short survey for parents/carers to capture their views on the new **ParentPay** online service. The survey will be active from 17 June to the 8 July 2016. You can access this survey via the link: <https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/education/2908950f>

Classification

Nursery Mrs Bradley, Mrs Bell and Mrs McWilliam.

Primary 1a	Mrs Sibille/Ms Bruce	Primary 1b	Mrs Russell /Mrs McCausland
Primary 2a	Miss Stead	Primary 2b	Mrs Backer/ Mrs. Horrocks
Primary 3a	Miss Emo/Mrs McNally	Primary 3b	Mrs Taylor
Primary 4a	Mrs Fraser	Primary 4b	Mr Thomson
Primary 5a	Mrs Downie	Primary 5b	Mrs Short/Mrs Allaway
Primary 6a	Mrs Livingstone	Primary 6b	Mr McNeill
Primary 7a	Mr Mayer	Primary 7b	Miss Mitchell

Miss Reid, Mrs Paton and Miss Thomson will be moving on in June and we would like to wish them success in their future appointments.

Management Team

Miss Rawley will continue in her post as Depute Head Teacher. Mrs Judith Brown will continue in her post of Principal Teacher. Head Teacher to be confirmed.

Next Session

School will resume for pupils on Monday 15th August at 8.55 a.m. Primary 1 children will start between 9.15 am – 9.45 am on the first day.

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and visit their classroom on Wednesday 31st August. Details will follow in the new session.

Summer Service

You are warmly invited to join us at 11am on the morning of 24th June at Orchardhill Church for our leavers' service. I look forward to seeing you then. Please note that school will dismiss at 1pm that day.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for all their hard work throughout the session and their support and loyalty during my time at Giffnock Primary School and Nursery.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and wish everyone success in the new session.

Kind regards



Pauline Ferguson

Head Teacher