



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

Welcome to the November Newsletter. Here's to some interesting reading...



Time has flown by this term and we have been extremely busy. The children have been keeping busy in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) room. We have a fabulous range of resources available to enhance our learning and teaching and the children look forward to further opportunities to use this space. S6 pupils from St Ninian's have been assisting in the room gaining valuable experience for future careers. Our school library is almost complete. Pupil library cards are being issued for **Book Week** and thanks as ever to all those who have helped scan and catalogue the books and decorate the space. Watch out for our official launch likely to be in January. We have been decorating and refreshing some of the learning spaces, both inside and out and we would like to recognise the huge effort from our facilities management staff (Mr Daly and his team) in keeping our school spic and span. We are working with [Architecture and Design Scotland](#) to look at the best use of our available school teaching areas. Our pupils will be involved in a Hack of various identified areas to maximise our learning zones. We can't wait to see the outcome of this activity - this will be a real opportunity for developing *skills for learning, life and work* by designing our own learning spaces with a team of experts.

St Andrew's Day celebrations Pupils will participate in St Andrew's activities/ceilidh dancing and, courtesy of PSA, will receive shortbread. Pupils are encouraged to wear a 'touch of tartan' to celebrate.

Nativity Timetable 2017



Monday 11th December – Main Hall

P1a - 9:15am

P2a/P2e/P3a - 11am and 2:00pm

Tuesday 12th December – Main Hall

P1b - 9:15am

P2b/P3b - 2:00pm

Wednesday 13th December – Main Hall

P1c - 9:15am

P2c/P3c - 2:00pm

Thursday 14th December – Main Hall

P1d - 9:15am

P2d/P3d - 2:00pm

Friday 15th December – Main Hall

P1e - 9:15am

Tea/coffee and a festive treat will be served at all performances- donations greatly received.

Look out for out tombola prizes too!!

Christmas Events



8th December is Christmas Jumper Day- children should wear a Christmas jumper/t shirt on that day. We are looking for a donation of a bottle- shampoo, moisturiser etc. Children should bring in a bottle wc 4th December. Glass bottles should be handed into the office.

OLM's Got Talent will take place on Monday 18th December and Wednesday 20th December. All pupils will be treated to a fantastic show from the talented P7 pupils. A £1.00 cash payment should be brought to school for this event.

Tuesday 19th December is P1-P6 Party Day. This is a non- uniform day for all pupils from **P1-P7**.

Wednesday 20th December- pupils should wear Christmas jumpers/ dress down on the last day. Please note that school closes at **2.30pm**.



1 - Saturday 2nd December 2017 - 1pm - 3.30pm. Lots of festive activities for every age. Tea/coffee and festive treats available in the Mensa. Primary 7 have a full range of Enterprise activities to showcase and they are hoping to repay their loans and make a profit. Funds will go their chosen charity(see Pupil Council section) and school funds. We are hopeful a very special visitor will pay us a visit to chat to the good boys and girls ;) We look forward to you popping in and showing your support. Thank you in anticipation!

Informal Entry on Wet Mornings



The procedure for *informal entry* during inclement weather is as follows:

Pupils may wait in the **Mensa** in the main school and the **Porch** area in the Junior Department on mornings when it is too wet to wait outside. Adult supervision from school staff is available from 8.45am and doors will be open from 8.50am. Parents are welcome to supervise their children prior to the stated times. No child should be left unattended in the school building.

PSA News - Christmas Fayre/Disco



The PSA are busy finalising arrangements for the Christmas Fayre and Primary 7 Enterprise Stalls on Saturday 2nd December from 1pm- 3.30pm. Please come along and enjoy the day and as always if there are any volunteers wishing to assist with various duties on the day please contact the PSA on their Facebook Page (OLM PSA) if you are able to help in any small way.

Primary 7 School Disco

The primary 7 pupils are looking forward to the school disco on Tuesday 19th December from 7pm-9pm. It will be held in the main building.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council for 2017-2018 has been elected.

The initial focus on the Pupil Council's agenda was on selecting charities for the forthcoming school year at local, national and international level.

After much research and discussion with the pupil representatives regarding suitable charities, the following charities were selected:

- Local charity – Royal Hospital for Children
- National charity – Missio Scotland
- International charity – Mary's Meals

The children felt a particular connection with these charities as they are close to the school's heart and are in line with the school's vision values and aims.

Sponsored Cycle



Leo McKearney has a cousin who very bravely fought Leukaemia at 10 and is now in remission. They now work together fundraising for the Schiehallion Ward where his cousin spent years of her life .

For Leo and Kian Dick's 7 th birthday instead of a party they asked if their friends could join them on a sponsor Cycle and instead of presents donating to raise money and awareness for Glasgow's Children's Hospital raising over £1200 doing this on the 7th of October.

All Children that took part in the cycle from Our Lady of the Missions:

Leo McK, Kian D, Callum D, Oliver T, Matthew O'R, Matthew B, Marcus G, Cian M, Angus D, Samuel McA and Hannah H.

We are really proud of them and they are already arranging their next fundraising project. Given this is one of the Pupil Council's selected charities and we currently have a pupil who is receiving treatment in this ward, I know that you will join us in celebrating this achievement.

Severe Weather Contingency Plan



During periods of severe adverse weather the Council will endeavour to do everything in its power to ensure that schools remain open. However, should our school require to be closed, as much notice as possible will be given to parents. This may take the form of an email, text message, and a notice on the home page of the school website or on Twitter.

East Renfrewshire Council's official website will also contain up to date information regarding the impact of the adverse weather conditions on Council services including schools.

Should the school require to be closed during the course of a school day; no child will be allowed to make their way home unsupervised. Parents, having been contacted by text, will be expected to make arrangements for pupils to be collected from the school. If you have recently changed any of your contact details, please inform the school.

Pupils who normally travel by school bus will be escorted to buses by school staff provided that this service is still operational, otherwise the children will remain in school until collected by an adult. If you require to telephone the school the main office telephone number is 0141 570 7280.

Primary 4 and Primary 5

This year Primary 4 and 5 will not be performing a nativity but will share their learning later in the school year.

A date for your diary! Primary 5 will showcase their learning on Friday 16th March 2018. Keep this date free as details will follow in due course.

Primary 4 are having a busy year with their Sacramental preparations and we look forward to seeing you at First Confessions and First Communions.

Primary 6 and Primary 7 Stage Masses

Primary 6

Father Stephen celebrated his first mass at Our Lady of the Missions School with Primary 6 pupils, staff, parents, carers and extended family on Tuesday 9th November. The theme of the mass was 'Giving back to God'. At the mass the children were enrolled in the Pope Francis Faith Award. The Bishops' Conference of Scotland designed this award to encourage children to show signs of love in their daily lives and to be active members of their local church. The children are encouraged to reflect and act on the gifts of the Holy Spirit in school, at home and in their parish. Father Stephen commented on the 'wonderful' singing from Primary 6.

Primary 7

Primary 7 pupils celebrated their Stage Mass with parents, carers and extended family. The theme of the Mass was 'God's Given Talents'. It was a beautiful Mass and the children certainly showed off their talents by participating fully in the Mass and singing out.

Families and staff enjoyed the opportunity to come together in prayer and celebration.

Primary 6c Class Assembly

At the beginning of November, the pupils of Primary 6c delivered a confident and informative assembly on Becoming a Saint. They taught their very attentive audience about the stages to becoming a saint and were proud to share their personal research on particular saints. The class even nominated some of their loved ones as having saint-like qualities and as a powerful parting message, invited the audience to consider what each of them could do to live more like a saint.

Primary 7a Class Assembly

Primary 7a delivered their class assembly to parents and pupils exploring the life of our Patron Saint, St. Andrew. They looked at how St. Andrew became the patron Saint of Scotland and how people celebrate St. Andrew's day today. To pay tribute to our patron Saint, they sung a Scottish hymn, Highland Cathedral and presented the Gay Gordons. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed learning about St. Andrew!

Primary 4 Sacramental Dates



St Joseph's Parish

11th February 2018

Mass of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Any Mass)

15th February 2018

First Confession-7pm

19th May 2018

First Holy Communion P4a and P4d - 10am mass

First Holy Communion P4b and P4c - 12 noon mass

20th May 2018

P4 Mass of Thanksgiving - 10am mass

St Vincent's Parish

13th and 14th March 2018

First Confession -7pm

19th May 2018

First Holy Communion - 10am mass

Holy Name Parish

15th February 2018

First Confession - 7pm tbc

13th May 2018

First Holy Communion - 12.15 pm mass

Primary 7 Sacramental Dates

**St Vincent's**

14th January 2018

Mass of Enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation St Vincent's - 10am

31st May 2018

Sacrament of Confirmation - St Vincent's - 7pm

St Joseph's Parish

25th April 2018

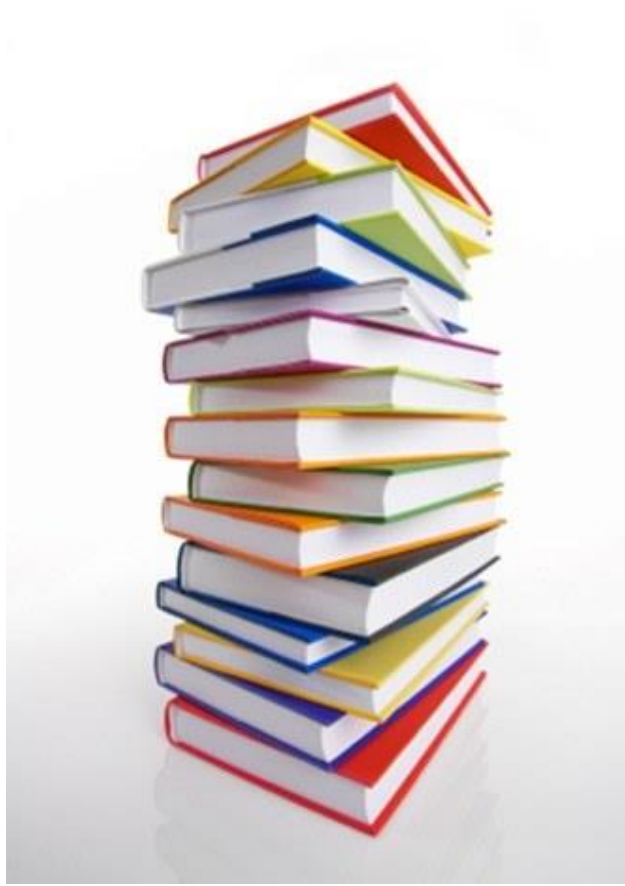
Sacrament of Confirmation - St Mirin's Cathedral - 7pm

Holy Name

7th June 2018

Sacrament of Confirmation - Holy Name - 7pm

Book Week Scotland 2017



From 27 Nov to 3 Dec, Scotland's week-long book party boasts over 500 events nationwide, a Virtual Festival and loads of other opportunities for you to declare your love of books and reading.

Christmas Lunch for the Children



This year's Christmas Lunch for the children will be on Wednesday 6th December. We hope all children will come together to enjoy the festive delights on offer.

Digital Technology



This year has seen a huge increase in the range of digital devices that we have available for use in the school. Pupils are thoroughly enjoying using Chromebooks, Laptops and Kindle Fire tablets to enhance their learning across the curriculum and develop vital digital skills. They have access to a range of software and apps through Glow and are looking forward to sharing more of their learning and achievements on our class blogs in the new year.

Our Digital Leaders have lots of exciting ideas to develop digital learning across the school in the coming term. P7 pupils will share their expertise in coding with younger pupils and lunchtime clubs will be on offer to develop a range of digital skills and support learning across the curriculum. We are delighted that many classrooms will soon be receiving state of the art interactive ActivPanels which will provide even more opportunities for pupils to learn in an engaging and stimulating way. We are also looking forward to receiving a set of Virtual Reality headsets. These fabulous devices will allow us to provide a range of immersive learning experiences across the curriculum.

You can keep up date with all of our exciting digital learning experiences and achievements by regularly checking the class blogs in the pupil section of our website.