



## MAY NEWSLETTER

To all of our parents and carers, I hope you are making the most of the weather with the children. The new outdoor classroom is being utilised by classes at breaks and the sunshine certainly helps!

Please see the news for the month of May. As ever, a busy time for our school community. It's official!! We are World Record holders following the biggest Musical Bumps experience. Amazing achievement detailed below and what an accolade for our children. Thanks as ever to all concerned for the support and co-ordination of this huge task.

As you know we often ask your opinion on school matters to help us to improve the provision for our pupils. Do not hesitate in contacting us with suggestions and ideas. The Parent Council are supportive in gathering topics for consideration.

Summer holidays are not far off now but be assured we have plenty of work for the children to be doing before the end of session. Gone are the days of 'winding down'! All good fun in the coming weeks.

## Sun Safety



I am sure that everyone is appreciating this spell of good weather and children have been enjoying curricular time outside. With that in mind, please ensure that your child has a filled water bottle with them in school every day. We would also recommend that pupils have a hat and sun lotion in their schoolbags to allow for outdoor learning.

## School Discos



Dear Parents and Carers,

Save the date...Summer discos for each year group P1 to P6 (Our Lady of the Mission pupils only).

***When?***

***P1 Monday 11th June - 6.30pm to 7.30pm***

***P2 Tuesday 12th June - 6.30pm to 7.30pm***

***P3 Wednesday 13th June - 6.30pm to 7.30pm***

***P4 Monday 11th June - 7.45pm to 9pm***

***P5 Tuesday 12th June - 7.45pm to 9pm***

***P6 Wednesday 13th June - 7.45pm to 9pm***

***Cost?***

***£3 (to include juice and treat) to be paid on the night at registration***

***Anything else?***

***Please! We need parents to help at each disco.***

Parent helpers (**a minimum of 3 parents per class**) please text 07977 596802 with your name and year group(s) or email [olm-psa@hotmail.com](mailto:olm-psa@hotmail.com) if you can help.

If you have any questions please contact us at [olm-psa@hotmail.com](mailto:olm-psa@hotmail.com), or find us on Facebook – 'OLM PSA'

Thanks for your continued support

Bernadine and Victoria, OLM PSA

## Parent Council Meeting



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING - our last meeting of the year took place on Thursday 31st May at 7pm in the junior department. Please contact us on [olm-parentcouncil@hotmail.com](mailto:olm-parentcouncil@hotmail.com) if you have anything you wish to have discussed at future meetings - last night's agenda included the school's new draft communications policy and ideas for the school improvement plan. On behalf of our parent forum and the school community I would like to thank our Chair Person Gillian Boyle for her diligent support and commitment to Our Lady of the Missions Primary. She has led the Parent Council and helped to steer the developments for the benefit of every pupil. I know you will join me in sharing appreciation for her contributions across the years.



## Leisure Consultation



Want to have your say on the future of leisure provision in Eastwood? A six-week consultation has been launched with four options for residents to choose from. Get involved:

<https://getinvolved.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/erc/eastwoodleisure/>

## Musical Bumps World Record Attempt

Congratulations to everyone on our record beating total!

We are delighted to confirm that our Guinness World Record attempt has raised an amazing £11,801.26! This does not include Gift Aid which we hope will push the total even higher.

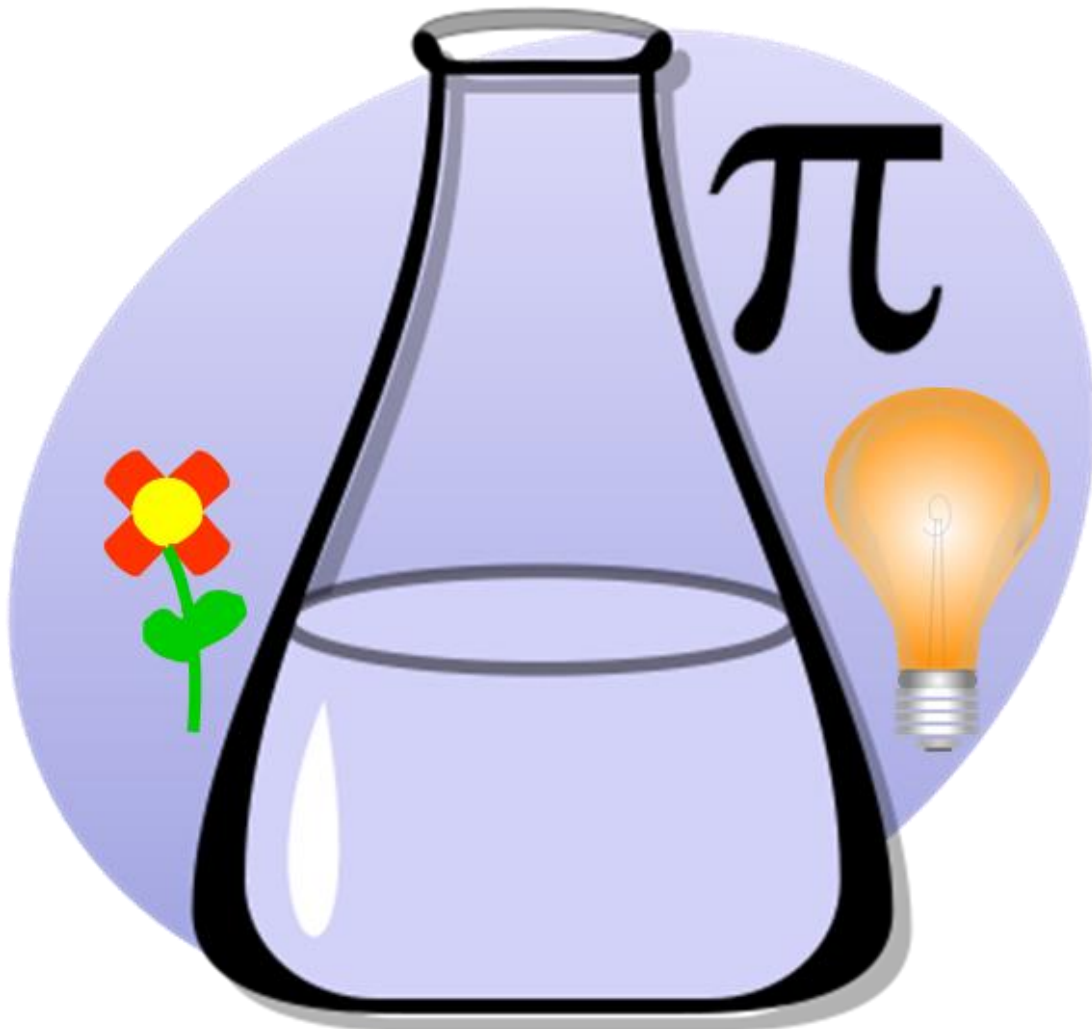
On behalf of The Playground Project, a huge thank you to all our pupils, families and friends for this fantastic effort - an OLM record for fundraising!

Special congratulations to Leo in P2 who raised a fabulous £480 and was the highest individual fundraiser!

Thanks again to everyone for the incredible display of community spirit on the day - fantastic support from volunteers, parents, staff and of course our amazing children. As well as being the first

time in 10 years the whole school has been together, funds raised will be used towards making the playground a dynamic and vibrant space for the children to enjoy for years to come.

## Summer Trips to The Science Centre



P1 trip - Wednesday 20th June

P2 trip - Wednesday 6th June

P3 trip - Tuesday 5th June

P4 trip - Wednesday 13th June

P5 (b&c) trip - Tuesday 5th June

P5 (a&b) have already been

For all trips the bus will leave the school at 9.10am and return at 2.45pm.

## Primary 1 Induction Afternoons



A warm Our Lady of the Missions welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils who joined us for the first time this month. Inductions took place on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st May. The children were fantastic. They met their teachers and parents were able to find out general school information to help make the transition to school as seamless as possible.

### **P1 Teachers 2018 -2019**

P1a Mrs Taylor (yellow class)

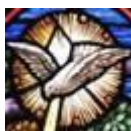
P1b Miss Ferris (green class)

P1c Mrs McGuinness/ Mrs Meehan (orange class)

P1d Mrs Friel (blue class)

P1e Miss Kelly (red class)

## Sacramental Preparations and Celebrations



May was a beautiful month here in our school as the Primary 4 and Primary 7 pupils celebrated the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation in our local parishes and also in St Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley. The events were very moving and spiritually uplifting. A very big thank you to the staff and to Fr Hill, Fr Burke, Monsignor Monaghan and Fr Baillie for being very supportive in assisting with the preparation and in officiating at the various ceremonies. Thank you also to parents and sponsors who continue to assist the children in living out their Faith on a daily



basis. Special mention also to everyone who contributed to making the events so special- the organists, the musicians, the readers, the choir and the altar servers.

Primary 4 have enjoyed an afternoon of celebration and Primary 7 have theirs to look forward to. Cake and juice have been provided by the Parent Staff Association who also provided beautiful commemorative certificates for the First Communicants and Confirmandi.

As a school community we continue to keep Father Burke in our thoughts and prayers.

## P7 Leavers' Mass St Joseph's Church



Leaver's Mass will be held at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 5th June at 7pm.

This is our Primary 7 'Graduation' celebration. It is always a very moving occasion, especially for those families for whom this will be their last contact with Our Lady of the Missions. All family and friends are welcome to join us.

## Leavers' Ceilidh



Leavers' Ceilidh Monday 18th June from 7.00pm-9.00pm in the School Hall.

The final celebration for our leavers is a ceilidh to be held in the school hall. The children will be piped into the hall and we ask all parents form a Guard of Honour outside to wlecome the children. A finger buffet will be provided by the Parent Staff Association.



## School Concert



The school choir and some senior musicians have been busy preparing for an end of year concert which will take place on Wednesday 20th June at 6:30pm in the Gym Hall. Tickets will cost £2 (half of which will be donated to HCPT) and will go on sale to parents/carers of performers next week via ParentPay. Any additional ticket availability will be communicated thereafter.

## Walk to School Week



Walk to school week will commence week beginning 4th June 2018. Walk to School Week is a country-wide celebration of the best walk of all - the Walk to School.

This year's five-day walking challenge for the week, Walking Roots, will take your little ones on an exploration of a tree's ecosystem. Your challenge is to collect some outdoor material so that we can create a whole school piece of art that reflects our beautiful outdoor areas surrounding our school.

## IKEA



Well done to the team from our Pupil Council who entered the Ikea Makers of Green Spaces competition.

Their designs for bringing the outdoors into the Link Corridor were fantastic. We were runners up and our entry will be showcased at Gardening Scotland in Edinburgh on the first weekend on June. As a reward, Ikea will be organising a fun workshop for them in the near future.

## Sports Day



Sports Day will be on **Thursday 21st June**. Due to ongoing work on the cricket pitch we are using the facilities at St Ninian's. More details will follow but please make a note of the times for each stage.

P3/4 - 9:20-10:20

P1/2 - 10:45-11:45

P5/6 - 12:00-1:00

P7 - 1:30-2:30



Fingers crossed for a sunny day!

## Children on a Mission



As you are aware the school re-launched our Vision and Values alongside our promoting positive behaviour policy. The whole school 'Children on a Mission: We're Reaching for the Stars!' display in the Mensa is used to promote positive behaviour. Pupils are rewarded stars within 5 key categories: Excellent Effort, Amazing Attitude, Terrific Talents, Fantastic Friends and God's Gifts. We will introduce a new awards ceremony to recognise the nominated children in each category and announce the overall winners on the 26th June.

## School Improvement Plan

Every year the school has to prepare a plan which outlines the targets for the coming year. With the school team, i have taken into account self-valuation from the staff, pupils and parent body. We have the support of our local authority in the form of a Local Improvement plan and targets are selected from there as appropriate also. The National Priorities give us an insight into developments schools are addressing and we incorporate these into developments appropriate for our local context. I will upload the final plan onto the school website in the new session for your perusal. As ever, do not hesitate in contacting me should you wish to discuss. As indicated, the Parent Council will be a valuable source of information in this regard also.

## Retirement Announcements



After many years of serving our school community, I wish to announce the retirement of the following staff:

- Mrs Devlin - our senior pupil Depute Head Teacher
- Mrs Pickering - class teacher
- Mrs Cannon - support for learning teacher
- Miss Sandeman - pupil support assistant

I know you will join me in wishing them well in their next adventure! They will always be part of the Our Lady of the Missions family.