



December Newsletter

Our final newsletter of 2018 comes to you following a wonderful week of Christmas celebrations with the staff, pupils and families of Our Lady of the Missions. I know you will have relished the opportunity to share in our festive preparations. Please enjoy the time with your families over the holidays. The spirit of Christmas is joy, the message is peace and the meaning is love. Embrace the wonders of this holy season. See you in 2019!

Nativities



The pupils absolutely rose to this occasion by putting on wonderful performances across the week. There was a fabulous turn out from our families which really made it very special.

Thank you to everyone who worked extremely hard to produce the shows. It really was a team effort and helped to spread the Christmas spirit throughout the school community.

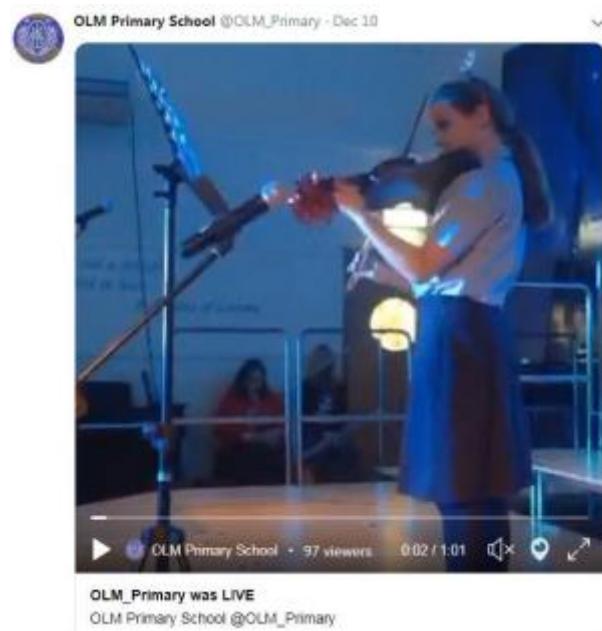
School Christmas Concert



After a mammoth task of auditioning our talented pupils, we managed to have a wonderful showcase of the skills and musical abilities. Two packed audiences enjoyed the spectacle. The photographs capture some of the highlights.













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P1 Registration



For 2019 P1 catchment school applications, an online application form has been created. This form will allow you to submit your details via the online form prior to providing your documentary evidence to the school during a set week. This process will reduce the time it takes to complete your application. **The application form will be available on the council website in due course and will be publicised once it is live.** Further information, including the Council's School Admissions Policy and a list of the documentation you will be required to provide in support of your application, is also available on the council website. **The online application form will close at 4pm on Friday 11 January 2019.**

All applicants **must** visit the catchment primary school for which an application is being made **between 1.45pm and 3.30pm, any day during the week of Monday 14 January to Friday 18 January 2019** to submit supporting documentary evidence. Applications can also be made at catchment schools during this week, if you are unable to apply online, and supporting documents should be provided at this time.

You should bring your child's birth certificate, your child benefit statement, the most recent copy of Council Tax Notice for your residence and mortgage statement or tenancy agreement. The school can also accept a driving licence, utility bill or bank statement (with transactions in the last 3 months) if you are not in receipt of child benefit. If your child is of Roman Catholic faith, as evidenced by a Roman Catholic Baptismal certificate, and are applying for a place in a Roman Catholic denominational school, you should also bring the certificate with you.

Placing requests

Most school children attend their local primary or secondary school, but parents can choose to apply for a place for their child in another school.

If you are interested in making a placing request for a school in East Renfrewshire and want to find out more, visit the council website at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/placingrequest where you can apply online or alternatively download the Placing Request Application Form. The web page also provides further information on the processing of placing requests including the criteria used for prioritising placing requests when there are more requests received than places available. If you require any advice regarding making a placing request, please contact the Education Department on 0141 577 3246.

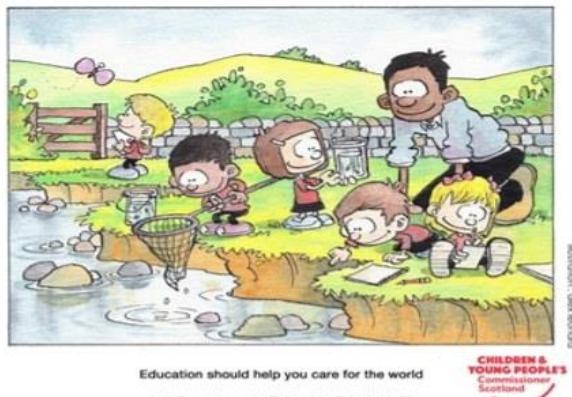
If you want to make a placing request for your child for the school session beginning in August 2019 you should submit your completed application to the Education Department from 1 December 2018 and before 1 February 2019 by:

- applying online, via the Council's website;
- emailing a completed application form to: admissions@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk
- sending a completed paper copy of the application form to:

PLACING REQUESTS, East Renfrewshire Council Offices, Education Department, 211 Main Street, Barrhead, East Renfrewshire G78 1SY.

Applications received after 31 January 2019 will be treated as late applications.

Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors



Actions

- Protect our right to clean air—UNCRC Article 24
- Work with the Junior Road Safety Officers and Eco Committee to encourage Park and Stride/Walk to school and Stop Engine Idling Campaigns—UNCRC Article 3
- Raise awareness amongst our community and families about air pollution through assemblies and blogs— UNCRC Article 3
- Give all classes have access to air pollution lessons including science activities—UNCRC Article 13, Article 17
- Petition the Scottish Environment Secretary, Roseanna Cunningham, to ensure air pollution is high on the Government agenda—UNCRC Article 4, Article 12

This month we have been carrying out our OutRight! Campaign which highlights the problem of air pollution. We want all children to breathe clean air.

You can help by:-

Encouraging pupils to walk to school or park and stride

Not leaving your engine idling whilst you pick up and drop off pupils. It is illegal.

Sign our Outright! Petition which we will send to Roseanna Cunningham MSP for the Environment.

Dates to Remember



Monday 7th January - School re-opens

Tuesday 8th January - Panto - £1 per child (if you have not already paid please go to <https://www.parentpay.com>)

Thursday 17th January at 2.30pm - P2 Stage Mass

Thursday 24th January at 2.30pm - P1 Stage Mass

Wednesday 23rd January at 6pm - P6 Parents Information Evening for Residential (dates will be confirmed prior to this)

Friday 25th January - Robert Burns Day and P5 Afternoon Burns Event (details to follow)

P7 residential update



Following a request on the November newsletter I wanted to give you as much information as I can at this time. The dates have been provisionally booked for next session and there will be a meeting for P6 parents/carers on Wednesday 23rd January at 6pm in the Main Hall.

Guardians of the Garden Enterprise



Thanks to everyone who purchased a rosemary tin and recipe card or a lemon cypress Christmas tree at the Fair or at one of the Nativites; we raised a fantastic £289.

Thanks again to Mr Madden who sponsored the trees. Every class received a tree to decorate for Christmas and the competition was fierce. The winning tree was from P7c, decorated in school shirt and tie. Congratulations to the lucky person who bought it.

CAR PARKING/DROP OFF ZONE



As in many previous newsletters indicated, this is a drop off zone, not a parking zone. Please adhere to this policy especially first thing in the morning. Our children are being put at risk by parents/carers who park here and then walk the children to their lines and this causes others to double park in order to drop off. You should be using the car parks adjacent to the school and not parking within the school car park. When we come back in January there is going to be a crack down with road safety officers patrolling this.

OLM PSA



Merry Christmas!

We're almost at the end of 2018 and halfway through the school year but already we've had lots of fantastic events with more planned for 2019!

The PSA Committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all the parents, friends & family and staff of OLM who helped make our most recent event - the Christmas Fayre - such a success.

Yes the weather outside was frightful but inside was delightful with our many stalls, children's activities, raffles and Santa's Grotto raising funds for our school.

So far this year the PSA with your help have organised and funded the P1 & 2 Mum's Night, class discos & parties for the children, additional software & classroom equipment and the Christmas Fayre.

Your help with these events is an invaluable resource, without which school life would be infinitely less fun.

So if you've helped at a disco for an hour, sold raffle tickets, brought a gift in for the tombola, shopped for the class parties, manned a stall, served tea and coffee at the nativities, sorted and

processed Christmas card orders, sold books at Parents Night THANK YOU.... You are the OLM PSA.

Have a wonderful Christmas from everyone on the PSA committee!

Caroline and Cristina

OLM PSA Co-Chairs

P7 Enterprise



Our Primary 7 pupils embraced the opportunity to create and run their own business for our Christmas Fayre. They worked in successful teams to design, create, purchase, market and sell their items. As a result of their hard work, enterprising skills and team work they raised a grand total of £1366. Both the school and the children's chosen charities will benefit from their great success. Well done to all involved!

Feedback and HT drop in



Remember if you have any questions or feedback, please send in on the Form below and we will do our best to reflect on or answer queries.

Head Teacher drop in is on the first Thursday of every month at 3.15pm. Please feel free to use this time for informal discussions.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKVgdikEg1YxBsG9kQFgk6rlUMzdPVUIGNVhKTTRPRTZLUU05STM2TE5FWi4u>