



St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

Confident Individuals and Successful Learners!

Over the last few weeks we have been busy bees in St Josephs. Our children have enjoyed a wide variety of seasonal activities in and around the school linked to their current curricular work. P2 have been looking at signs of Autumn, P4 have been developing their knowledge of 'Plant to Plate' and P7 have been exploring volcanoes! These are only a few of our adventures, we have many more planned so please keep an eye on our 'Diary Dates' section.

P7 were involved in the 'Provost Debate' event on 4th and 6th October at East Renfrewshire Council Chambers. P7a debated the issue of smoking being made illegal across Scotland and P7b addressed the issue of animal testing remaining legal. Both classes delivered exceptional arguments to support their views.

As always, we are proud to recognise and celebrate all the achievements of our talented, enthusiastic children.

Mrs Suzanne Martin
Head Teacher

The Big Soup Share

Our Big Soup Share on 4th October was a huge success! Thank you to all our wonderful parents, carers and grandparents who came along to sample our delicious soups and learn about our vegetable garden journey. A big thank you also to Mrs Thomson and Primary 4 who organised and hosted the event. We can't wait until next year!



Halloween Disco

Thank you to our Parent Council Social Committee for organising two very successful Halloween discos. Thank you also to all our parent volunteers, the children had a brilliant time.



Halloween Howl !

Our first P1 and P2 Halloween Howl was fantastic fun. We dooked for apples, dressed our P7 children as mummies and decorated spooky cakes. Frighteningly good fun!



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Parents' Evening

Parents nights will be taking place on Wednesday 8th of November and Thursday 9th November. All parents have an allocated time, can I ask that you adhere to your time slot as late coming can impact on the allocated time of others. You will also have an opportunity to view your child's work prior to parents evening. Please take some time to look over your child's work and identify any issues that you would like to discuss with the class teacher.

Safety at School



Keeping our children safe is our priority in St Joseph's. Entrance to the school is through the gates at Oliphant Crescent or the top gate which can be accessed through the lane leading from Eaglesham Road. If your child is late then they should be brought to the main entrance of the school where they will be signed in.

Please do not drive into the school car park. The car park is for staff and disabled use only.

We have also placed cones along the side of the road leading from Oliphant Crescent into the school car park. This is to stop cars parking in front of residential housing.

Library Donations

We are currently organising our new library in the Rainbow room and would like to ask for donations of previously loved books. On Friday 24th November the children can wear their own clothes in exchange for donating a previously loved book, in good condition. If, like me, you have a house full of previously loved children's books we are happy to take all donations!



Office staff

Over the last month we have interviewed for the 2 clerical posts in our school office. We are delighted to inform you that Michelle Ross, who has been working with us on a temporary basis over the last month, was appointed as clerical assistant. Our new office manager Siobhan Morrison will take up her post on Monday 6th November. We are delighted to welcome both of them into the St Joseph's community.

Welcome!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new parish Priests Father Stephen Baillie and Father Jonathan Whitworth. Father Stephen and Father Jonathan are looking forward to supporting our school in our faith journey.

November Committees

Our pupils play a huge part in the development of our school. One way in which they make an impact is through their committees. During November every child will have an opportunity to participate in a committee. Please ask your child which committee they belong to.



Inclement Weather

As we are now in the period of unpredictable weather I would ask that you check our school website regarding closures due to extreme weather conditions. Our website is updated regularly and an email will be sent out when required.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/StJosephs/>

Code Club

Children from P6 and P7 have been participating in an after school coding club with Mr Torrance and Miss Quinn. This week they will visit Clyde College to participate in a STEM event to support the development of technology.

We are looking forward to hearing all about it!



Dates for your Diary November

Friday 3 November	2pm	Visit to Busby library	P5a
Monday 6 November	7pm	P4 Sacramental Meeting in St Joseph's Church	P4 parents
Monday 6 November	8pm	P7 Sacramental Meeting in St Joseph's Church	P7 parents
Tuesday 7 November	10am	Visit to Busby library	P2a
Tuesday 7 November	11.15am	Visit to Busby library	P6a
Wednesday 8 November	9am	Visit to the Sea Life centre at loch Lomond	P2
Wednesday 8 November	5-8pm	Parents' Evening	P1 - P7
Thursday 9 November	3.30- 6.30pm	Parents' Evening	P1 - P7
Friday 10 November	11.15am	Visit to Busby library	P4a
Friday 10 November	2pm	Visit to Busby library	P6b
Tuesday 14 November	10am	Visit to Busby library	P7a
Tuesday 14 November	11.15am	Visit to Busby library	P3a
Tuesday 14 November	2pm	Visit to Busby library	P2b
Tuesday 14 November	7pm	Parent Council meeting @St Ninian's High	All welcome
Wednesday 15 November	11.15am	Visit to Busby library	P7b
Friday 17 November	2pm	Visit to Busby library	P5b
Tuesday 21 November	10am	Visit to Busby library	P4b
Friday 24 November	9am	Non uniform day for Library donations	P1 - P7
Sunday 26 November	10am and 12pm	Mass of enrolment St Joseph's Church	P7
Tuesday 28 November	9.30am	Book Bug Visit to Busby library	P1a
Tuesday 28 November	11.25am	Book Bug Visit to Busby library	P1b
Wednesday 29 November	11.25am	Book Bug Visit to Busby library	P1c
Thursday 30 November	9.45am	Dress rehearsals	P2

Mobile Phones

We advise that mobile phones are not brought into school due to the risk of theft, loss or distraction. However we understand that there may be occasions when a child needs to have their mobile phone with them, for example if they are walking to and from school on their own. In these circumstances the phone must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at 9am and collected at 3.05pm.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council Meeting will take place on 14th November at 7pm in St Ninian's High school. All parents are welcome.

Dates for your Diary December

Christmas Events	
P1 dress rehearsal @ 9:45 (pm)	Monday 11 Dec 17
P2 dress rehearsal @ 9:45	Thursday 30 Nov 17
P3 dress rehearsal @ 9:45	Monday 4 Dec 17
P1 Nativity show @ 10am	Tuesday 12 Dec 17
P1 Nativity show @ 2pm	Wednesday 13 Dec 17
P2 Nativity show @ 10am	Monday 11 Dec 17
P2 Nativity show @ 2pm	Thursday 7 Dec 17
P3 Nativity show @ 10am	Wednesday 6 Dec 17
P3 Nativity show @ 2pm	Tuesday 5 Dec 17
Advent Assemblies	
P5 @2pm	Friday 1 Dec 17
P4 @ 6:15pm in St Joseph's Church	Thursday 14 Dec 17
P6 @ 2pm	Friday 8 Dec 17
P7 @2pm	Friday 15 Dec 17
Class parties (pm)	Tuesday 19 Dec 17
Panto (in school)	Wednesday 20 Dec 17