



St Joseph's Primary School Newsletter

What a Year!

Another eventful year has passed and I am sure you will all agree it has been hugely successful and enjoyable. There have been many opportunities for our children to work collaboratively with the local community and visiting specialists and we have had huge support from all our parents.

I have loved every minute of my first year as Head Teacher in St Joseph's and the best thing about my job is working with our amazing children!

Each year we have to say a sad goodbye to our P7 children whom we have nurtured, guided and supported through their 7 years of Primary school. This year we are immensely proud to be sending such a well rounded group of Primary 7 young people off to their respective secondary schools. We wish them luck for their future.

Have a wonderful, fun filled summer!

Mrs S Martin
Very Proud Head Teacher !



Primary 7a

St Joseph's Primary School



Primary 7b

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Staffing

As always at this time of year there are changes to school staffing. This year we have 2 members of our staff who will be leaving us to enjoy some time with their new additions! Congratulations to Mrs Stewart who is expecting her first child in early July and to Mrs Fry who is also expecting her first child in early September. We wish you happy days and peaceful nights.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Communicants who received the Sacrament throughout the month of May.



Rights Respecting Poster Campaign

This term the Rights Respecting team worked closely with Busby Primary, Carolside Primary and Williamwood High school to raise awareness of children's rights in our local community. The team launched our poster campaign at an assembly and the children were enthusiastic to participate and help us design posters for different articles. Our best designs were made into posters. Last week we went out into our local community and asked them to display our posters. We were delighted that our local community supported us so well. See if you can spot our fabulous posters in and around Busby, Clarkston and Giffnock!



Structural Works

This session we have been very fortunate to have several areas of the school refurbished and significant works have been undertaken in the gym hall and dining hall. We are not finished yet!! During the summer holidays work will be carried out in our school to replace the majority of the windows, including those in the dining hall and gym hall. There will also be new heating and ventilation installed in our infant base to ensure a comfortable temperature is maintained throughout the year.



Thank you!

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our wonderful parents who have given up their free time (which we know is very precious!) to help out on our school trips. We could not provide these experiences without you!

Code Club

This year we were lucky to have the support of **JP Morgan** provided by Mr Torrance who delivered our weekly code club. Mr Torrance also delivered a session on app building to all classes as part of a competition, 'Make it Happen', to create an app. The winner will be announced at assembly this Friday and the will work with Mr Torrance and a team from JP Morgan to create their app!

Thank you Mr Torrance and JP Morgan for all your help and support.

Another industry partner that we would like to thank is **SEP** (Scottish Equity Partners) who provided 4 Raspberry Pi kits for the school. Thank you to Mr Anderson, one of our Primary 7 parent, for organising the donation and presenting to P6 and P7 on the use of Raspberry Pi kits.

Summer Fete

This year our Social Committee will be holding the first St Joseph's Summer fayre on Saturday 9th June from 1.30 - 4.30pm. Please come along and support the school, there will be lots of stalls and activities including our very own World food stall organised by Mrs Thomson and some fabulous chefs from Primary 6!



Parent Council

During this session the Parent Council has donated nearly £5000 to the school. This has meant that we could buy our new Audio, Visual equipment for the hall, pay for the buses for our summer trips and provide iPods for every class. This money is raised through the fundraising activities of our Social Committee throughout the year and the generosity of our wider Parent Forum. Please continue to support our Parent Council and thank you for your generosity this session.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th June at 7pm in St Ninian's, all welcome!

School Improvement Plan

This year we have been working hard to ensure we deliver on the priorities that were set out in our School Improvement Plan. We have developed our Outdoor Learning, trained all staff in Neuro Linguistic programming, developed Playful Pedagogy in P1 and celebrated 100 years of Catholic Education.

For session 2018 - 19 our School Improvement Priorities are:

- ♦ Numeracy - Mental agility and Problem Solving
- ♦ Literacy - Introduction of Reading Recovery, Creating a reading culture, engaging learners
- ♦ Digital Learning - Increased use of GLOW, VR Headsets, use of technology to engage learners
- ♦ Health and Wellbeing - Neuro Linguistic Programming for pupils
- ♦ RME - Centenary celebrations

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event	Stage
Tuesday 5 June	2.15pm	P4 Class mass	P4 parents
Tuesday 5 June	3.15 - 4.15pm	Commonwealth Club	P5 and P6
Tuesday 5 June	7pm	Parent Council Meeting	All Parents welcome
Wednesday 6 June	1.50 - 2.50pm	P1 'Come and see my learning'	P1 parents
Thursday 8 June	10.45 - 12pm	New P1 induction	New P1 children and parents
Saturday 9 June	1.30 - 4.30pm	Summer fayre	All welcome
Monday 11 June - Friday 15 June		Lockerbie Manor residential trip	P7
Thursday 14 June	10 - 3pm	National Centenary Mass in Falkirk Stadium	Pupil representatives.
Monday 18 June - Friday 22 June	Please see timetable on school website	Wild Week!	P1-P7
Friday 22 June	9.30am	Sports day at Williamwood High School	P1 - P7 and Parents
Monday 25 June	1.30pm	New P1 Welcome Assembly	New P1 P1 - P3
Tuesday 26 June	1pm	Leavers' Ceremony in Gym Hall	P7 and Parents
Wednesday 27 June	1pm	School Closes	
Wednesday 15 August	9am	School re-opens to Pupils	P1 - P7

As part of our school celebrations to mark 100 years of Catholic Education, our Primary 1 and Primary 2 children created a school prayer. This prayer will be displayed in the school foyer and in each class. I am sure you will agree it is a beautiful prayer and encompasses all our school values.



Dear St. Joseph,



*Help us to love and care for our friends and family
To be gentle and fair to each other
Help us to work and play together
Help us to live and grow together
To be always glad to help each other*

*Please bring healing and comfort to those who are sick
Help us to be guided by our Pope and all our religious
leaders*

*Help us to use our eyes to see our friends
Help us to open our ears to hear our teachers
Help us to open our mind to learn new things
Watch over us and care for us just as you did with Jesus.*

Amen