04 October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the October break, I wanted to wish you and your families a happy holiday and take the opportunity to give you an update on our busy term. Our boys and girls have settled quickly back into school life and our new P1 children have picked up the day to day routines very well.

**School Uniform**

Thank you for ensuring our boys and girls are beautifully turned out in their uniforms. Our P7s in particular look very smart in their leadership ties and it is fantastic to see them wearing their ties with pride every day.

**Barnardos and Internet Safety**

In August we welcomed Barnardos into school to talk to our P7s about substance misuse. A few weeks ago, PC McArthur met with our P6 pupils to discuss online safety. Both sessions were informative and our pupils enjoyed participating in them.

**Sporting Events**

We have been fortunate to have S6 Sports Ambassadors in school on a Friday afternoon working with some of our boys and girls. The focus this term has been basketball and some of our P4s and P5s had the opportunity to participate in a cluster tournament at St Columba’s RCHS where they had the chance to meet other boys and girls from our family of schools and put their basketball skills to good use.

Some of our P7s have been working together with Holy Name to fine tune their hockey skills ahead of a tournament at the end of October. We have benefited from coaching from Drew from Dunfermline Hockey Club and our boys and girls have really enjoyed the sessions.

Fife Flyers have also visited the school this term, answering the children’s questions on ice hockey. We really enjoyed hearing about their experiences and trying on their kit!

**Transition**

Our P7’s have continued with their transition to high school with a visit to St Columba’s to participate in Ready, Steady, St Columba’s. They enjoyed meeting new friends and working with P7s from our family of schools as well as getting to know some of the high school staff. It was great to see the new building too!

**Pupil Voice**

We are working with all our boys and girls to ensure that they have an opportunity to have their voice heard in school. As well as question and answer sessions with Mrs Mutch, our boys and girls are becoming members of different pupil voice groups.

The first one to be up and running is our FACT team. Frankie's Active Campaigners Team have been busy trying to keep the air around our school fresh. We now have a School Travel Plan which is available to view in school or on our school website. We took part in a recent Bike to school week and we were very happy with how many people arrived in school without using the car. Look out for more FACT events coming soon!

**Outdoor Learning**

Our boys and girls have been enjoying regular outdoor learning sessions with their class teacher and Ms Boylan. We have been making ladders to practise skip counting and times tables, as well as learning about different seasons. All our boys and girls are working towards an award through

Natural Connections.

**Parents Evening**

We recently held our first parents evening of this academic year.  It was great to see so many of our families come along.  Our teachers enjoyed sharing our children's learning and progress with you and we hope you found the sessions useful and informative.  All our boys and girls have worked hard this term and we are very proud of their achievements.

Best Wishes,



Donna Mulholland

Headteacher

**Dates for Diary**

**October**

Wednesday 30th – Halloween Disco

**November**

Friday 1st – All Saints Day Mass - 2pm in St Serf’s Church

Monday 4th – Dogs Trust visiting school

Friday 8th – Cluster Basketball league

Tuesday 12th – P7 Family Learning Session at St Columba’s – details to be confirmed

Friday 15th – Inservice Day

**December**

Wednesday 11th – Christmas Show – evening performance – 6.30pm

Thursday 12th – Christmas Show – afternoon performance – 1.30pm

Monday 16th – P1/2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th – P3/4 Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th – P5/6/7 Christmas Party

Thursday 19th – End of term Mass in school – 10am

Once again, thank you for your continued support, as we work in partnership to achieve the best outcomes for our children. Enjoy the October break and we look forward to welcoming our boys and girls back to school on Monday 21st October 2024.