

January Newsletter -

2023



Safe

Honesty

Respect

Healthy

Teamwork



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful break over the holidays. The children have returned excited to be back at school with their friends and in talking to them, they all seem to have had a fun and relaxing time. We have a busy term ahead with a number of outside agencies coming in to work with the children. Below is our calendar of events up until the Spring break.

Christmas Events

We had some excellent events in the run up to Christmas. We raised £1200 from the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Cafe which helped to fund some of these events. Can I thank everyone who supported us and made this possible for the children?

It was lovely to see so many parents, friends and family come along to watch the children perform and they did you all proud. Mrs McGloughlin is putting together an overview of all the fun events over this period and will put this on our School Blog. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/anderstonprimaryschool/>



Attendance

Prior to the holidays, our attendance was at its lowest in all the years I have been at Anderston. However, I am very aware that we have had many children absent due to chicken pox, Strep A and there also seems to be a nasty sickness and flu type bug going around. This has obviously impacted on the children's learning but hopefully this term we can return to our normal attendance rate and children can get back on track



Latecoming



I am also aware that late coming is becoming an issue in the school. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks and their teacher will not always be able to re-explain work. It also causes a lot of congestion at the school office which is normally very busy at this time of the day.

We are introducing an initiative to encourage children to get to school on time - this is similar to our 'You've been spotted' programme. Classes are rewarded for having no latecomers and the class with the most cards will be rewarded at the end of term. This focus will hopefully instil good habits in the children as they go through school and move on to further education or the wider working world. We would appreciate your support with this.

Uniform



I am noticing a lot of children coming to school in brightly coloured jumpers and casual tracksuits. Again I continue to reiterate the importance of all children coming to school in uniform which consists of:

- White Shirt/Tie or White polo shirt with Anderston Logo
- Grey/Black skirt/trousers
- Navy jumper / cardigan with Anderston Logo

PLEASE ensure that your child's name is on **every** piece of clothing to ensure that if uniform does go missing, then it can be easily traced. Indoor shoes **MUST** be worn in school. Carpets in the classrooms are being ruined with children coming in with dirty shoes. Some of the children's indoor shoes are either becoming quite worn or are too small. Can you remind your child that if this is the case, then they bring them home and get them replaced? For the younger children, the class teacher will send the shoes home when this is the case.

School uniform can be ordered from the school office. Please contact Danielle who will give you a uniform order form. The parent council are also going to be setting up a pre-loved uniform shop and as soon as I have details of this, I will let you know.

Head Lice

I am continuing to highlight the issue of head lice and the need for everyone to work together to try to eradicate this problem. We need **everyone** to take time each week to do a thorough head lice check and treat hair accordingly. If you require any information, please contact the nurse at your registered doctor's surgery or speak with the local pharmacy.



Anderston Primary – 50th Birthday!!



Anderston Primary opened in 1973 and to celebrate this, each class will be studying what the school, community and life during this time was like. Primary 7/6 will be studying the 70's working down to the Primary 1's and 2/1's who will be looking at the present time. We will be putting on a whole school assembly as well as a display of knowledge around the school on Friday 24th March when you will be able to come along and celebrate with us. More information will be sent out nearer the time.



Children are continuing to be timetabled to visit our school library every second Wednesday which is run by some of our parents. Thank you to the parents who come in every week in order for this to happen.

Students

We welcome students to the school this term. We have three music students from the Royal Conservatoire who will be working with a number of classes as well as a fourth-year student who will be working with Primary 5a. As always, students who leave Anderston Primary always report how much they have been supported and are always impressed with the children's work ethic and excellent manners.



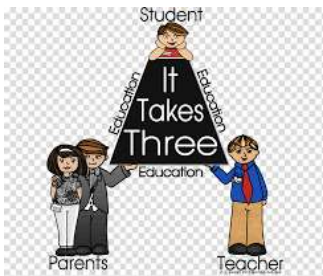
Burns Assembly

This year we will once again celebrate Robert Burns' birthday at an assembly on Wednesday 23rd January at 1.15pm. All of the children will be involved performing either a poem, song or a dance. Parents are invited to come along and celebrate with us. We will have our resident speaker Bill Toner who will 'address the haggis' as well as Bob the Piper giving us a few tunes on the bagpipes. There will be haggis, neeps and tatties for all to have a taste of. This will be the first time in three years that we are able to celebrate this event with family and friends. As our role is increasing, we will need to limit the number of people coming along to this event. I will send out a form with your child if you could complete and return to the school asap to give us an idea of numbers.



Clyde in the Classroom

Primary 5b are involved in a science project this term. The project encourages children to engage with nature and develop a sense of pride in their local environment. The children are responsible for the care of brown trout within their classroom and work weekly with Clyde River Foundation Scientists. Their first visit is on the 12th January and we look forward to finding out how the brown trout are coming on over the next few months.



Communication

A reminder that if you need any information about the school, including communication, parent pay or seesaw, please look at our thinglink which will give you all the information you need.

<https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1583237649584357379>

Please take time to visit the class blogs where you can find out more about what the children have been learning in school. You will find the access to this on our school blog -

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/anderstonprimaryschool/news/newsletters/>

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. I am at the school gates most mornings and at the end of the day, however, you can also call the school and I will get back in touch with you as soon as I can.

Liz Hendry
Head Teacher



JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH DATES

DATE	EVENT and VENUE
Mon 9 th - Frid 13 th Jan	Some of our Primary 7's and 6's will be travelling to Blairvadach Outdoor Centre
Mon 9 th Jan - 5.30pm	Parent Council Meeting - via Zoom
Mon 9 th Jan - Frid 31 st March	Student in Primary 5a
Tues 10 th Jan	School closed to children
Thurs 12 th Jan	P5b - visit to Clyde in the Classroom
Thurs 12 th Jan - Thurs 16 th Feb 1.15 - 3.00PM	Football coach - working with Primary 4 and Primary 4/3
Frid 13 th Jan 1.15- 3.00pm	Apprentice coaches working with P2 and P5a
Mon 16 th Jan	School closed to children
Mon 23 rd Jan - Mon 13 th March	Barclays Bank working with P7/6A and P7/6B
Wed 25 th Jan - 1.15pm	BURNS Assembly - School Hall
Wed 1 st Feb - Wed 29 th March - 12.45 - 2.30pm	P5 Boys Swimming
Thurs 2 nd Feb	Young Leaders of Learning - City Chambers
Thurs 9 th Feb - Thurs 9 th March	Claire cooking with various classes
Mon 13 th , Tues 14 th Feb	School closed - Holiday
Wed 15 th Feb	Inservice day - School Closed to children
Wed 22 nd Feb - Wed 29 th March	Nursery Transition Programme - 9.30am - 10.30am
Mon 27 th Feb	Glasgow University - working with Primary 7/6

Frid 10 th March	Holi Celebrations
Wed 15 th March	Primary 5A and Primary 5B - Scottish Country Dancing Festival - Bellahouston
Wed 15 th March	Parents Night - School Hall - 3.30 - 7.30pm
Frid 24 th March 1.15pm	Whole School Assembly / Display of Knowledge of Anderston Primary 50 years
Frid 31 st March	Easter Activities - Easter Egg Hunt/ Easter Egg Competition
Frid 31 st March	School Closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break
Mon 17 th April	School reopens 9am