



March Newsletter 2023



Safe

Honesty

Respect

Healthy

Teamwork



Term 3

What a busy time we have had since returning after the Christmas break! There has been lots going on and the children have been working extremely hard in all areas. I am sure you will have been very impressed with their work which is on our seesaw and class blogs.

The Burns assembly was again a great success and the children did us all proud with their performances of poems, songs and dances. We were overwhelmed by the support from parents and friends who attended on the day - we will definitely need to hire out a bigger hall for next year!

A big focus this term is on our assembly which is on Friday 24th March to celebrate Anderston's 50th birthday. Children have been researching the decades finding out about the community as well as fashion, music and school life throughout the years - I am really looking forward to seeing all their hard work come together. Because there is a lot to share, we are having our assembly on the morning of Friday 24th March. This will start at 9.30am and there will be performances by the pupils as well as the opportunity for you to go around the school and see what all of the children have found out through the decades from Primary 7/6 who have been researching the 70's to our Primary 1's who have been finding out about the present time. Memories!!



Primary 4 and Primary 4/3 will be putting on a Holi assembly on Friday 10th March. This will involve the children telling us all about the Holi celebration as well as dancing and finishing off with the throwing of colour powder. Thank you to the parents who have contributed to the content of the assembly as well as those who have donated sweets.

DLOLS - (Digital Leaders of Learning)

Following some very impressive applications and interviews we are delighted to introduce our new pupil digital leaders of learning. Congratulations to those who were successful, but also to all who applied to be a part of this group.

Our DLOLS for this session are:

Vedant, Anvita, Zak, Simran, Iyla, Ali, Ava, Aliyah, Yashas, Mukta, Devrath, Betsy, Mahasvin, Niamh, Nyree, Kani, Swastik, Myla, Anushree, Inaya and Ellica.



Biodiversity Project

Primary 7/6a and Primary 5a are continuing to work with colleagues from the University and the RSPB on our biodiversity project which was funded by a grant from the Royal Society. They are creating a pond in the blaze pitch which has proved to be problematic due to the lack of soil under the ground. However, after a lot of hard work by staff, children and our partners, we are nearly at the completion stage. Thank you to the parents who are coming in to help finish this. The children have also been making bird boxes and we have invested in night vision cameras to record the wildlife that visit our grounds. Our aim is to increase the wildlife in our school grounds and children will be recording this. They are going to be doing a documentary on their project which will be available for everyone to view.



Lunch Clubs

With the help of our Active Schools Co-ordinator and the Charing Cross Rotary Club, we have been able to have coaches come into the school at lunch time to give children the opportunity to participate in different sporting activities from multisports to football. This term it is the turn of the Primary 1, 2/1, 2 and Primary 3. The children are really enjoying have a more focused activity with the support of a coach. Thank you to the Rotary Club who have provided funding for this.

You've been spotted



Since the beginning of term, children have been rewarded with you've been spotted cards for good manners, showing respect to both their peers and staff around the school and positive attitude and behaviour. The winners were announced at last week's assembly and Primary 2/1 and Primary 4/3 came out top. They were given a treat on Friday afternoon for their collective effort. The focus to the end of term is on our values of Respect and Teamwork and we will announce the class winners at our final assembly in March.

Attendance

It has been positive to see that our attendance figures are on the increase. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow children to fulfil their potential. I know we had a lot of absences due to strep A, chicken pox and some other nasty bugs that were going around. Hopefully as we move into the Spring that these bugs have now gone and we can enjoy better health and better attendance. Thank you for your continued support.



Latecoming



Latecoming is still continuing to be an issue, however, there have been some improvements. Our initiative to encourage children to come to school on time is not as successful as I had hoped, however, we will continue to reinforce the importance of being at school on time at our weekly assemblies.



Unfortunately the library has been out of action due to Sumreen who runs this being unwell. The children are missing their fortnightly trips to the library but we know Sumreen is on the mend so hopefully she will return soon - Get well soon, we are all missing you!



Drop off and Pick up – School Gates

As a school, we have campaigned for a traffic calming system to be installed in Houldsworth Street and after 9 years, this has finally happened. However, there are still issues around parking on the yellow lines as well as cars parking on the pavement and then doing a u-turn instead of continuing down the road. There have been many letters sent out regarding the issues around drop off and pick up at the school gate. I know it can be difficult at times,

however, the safety of our children **MUST** come first. I would ask you to support us in parking further away from the school gates and **NOT** u-turning in the street. This may save you a few minutes but ultimately, children's safety is being compromised.

Communication

Below are key links which will hopefully give you all the information you need about the school. However, as always, if you have any worries or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me direct.



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

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

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Below are dates up until the Holiday Monday in May.

MARCH / APRIL DATES

DATE	EVENT and VENUE
Wed 22 nd Feb - Wed 26 th April	Nursery Transition Programme - 9.30am - 10.30am
Frid 10 th March 1.15pm	Holi Celebration - Assembly Hall
Mon 6 th March	Parent Council Meeting 6.30 pm
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 9.30AM	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
Tues 18 th April	Determined to Dance Programme - School Hall Primary 4 and Primary 4/3
Tues 18 th April	Trip to Loch Lomond Nature Reserve (Biodiversity Project) Primary 7/6a and Primary 5a
w/b 24 th April	Eid - celebration to be confirmed - more information to follow
Mon 1 st May	HOLIDAY