



# Antonine Primary September News Session: 2023/24

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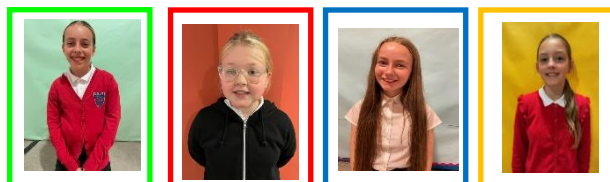
### Head Teacher Update

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

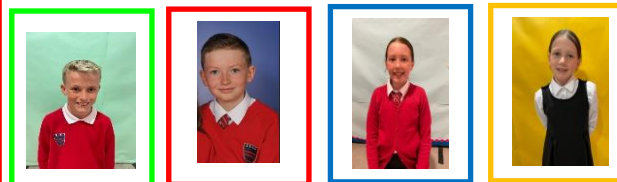
Welcome to our second newsletter for this session. We have had a very busy start to the new school year and wanted to give a few updates about things that have been happening or are about to take place. We had a fantastic number of pupils stand in our House elections and are proud of them all for showing great confidence and willingness to have a go. Please see opposite for our newly elected Captains and Vice Captains, congratulations to them all in their new roles. We look forward to welcoming families to our **Open Afternoon/Meet the Teacher on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September from 1.45 – 2.30 pm**. As we head into the September weekend, a reminder that **school is closed on both Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. As it currently stands school will also be **closed on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of September** due to the proposed strike action. On behalf of our pupils and staff I wish you all an enjoyable September weekend.

Best wishes,  
*Mr G S Byrne*

### House Captains 2023-24



### Vice Captains 2023-24



## Our Values

RESPECT

TEAM  
PLAYER

KINDNESS

PUPIL VOICE

AIM  
HIGH

### Active Play Programme

We are one of twelve schools across Scotland that have been selected to take part in the Active Play programme delivered by PEEK charity. This programme, which is targeted at P2 -P6, focuses on ensuring children are both physically literate and more physically active. Through Active Play children will improve their focus, concentration, creative thinking, communication and teamwork skills. The programme runs for two fifteen week blocks with pupils in P5/4, P5 and P6 taking part from now until Christmas and P2, P3/2, P3 and P4 from January to April. Sessions will take place every Wednesday with each of the classes being allocated a one hour slot.

### Maths Week Scotland

Maths Week Scotland takes place from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> September. This year the theme is "Maths in Motion". Each class will have the opportunity to do a number of activities in the gym hall which link Maths, Numeracy and PE. Children will come down in their classes and work their way round a series of maths themed PE activities. The event will be run by Mrs Campbell and supported by our newly elected House and Vice Captains. We look forward to getting our brains and bodies moving and sharing with you how we all get on! If strike action goes ahead we will move these activities to the following week.



### Homework Update

Thank you to all families that completed our homework survey last month. We had almost a quarter of our families respond. As a result of your feedback we have made some changes:

- ✚ Over 80 % of responses wanted a return to use of paper homework and so all classes now offer this option.
- ✚ Our upper school classes have introduced a Homework Grid, allowing for projects and opportunities for more pupil personalisation and choice.
- ✚ We have purchased more reading books so that our infant classes are able to bring more books home to practise reading at home.

### My Childs Art: Christmas Cards & Gifts

This year all children will be making Christmas/Winter artwork which will be sent to *My Child Art* and be available for you to buy in a number of different personalised gifts. This is a school fundraising opportunity with 20% of all product sales going to school funds. Gifts include mugs, cards, coasters, key rings and many more items which you will be able to order directly from their website. We will notify you when orders can be made and how to go about accessing them. If you would like to look at the full list of items which will be available, the website is: <https://mychildsart.co.uk/shop/>

### Life and Ethos of the School: Pupil Leadership

This session, in order to further develop the leadership opportunities for all pupils, every class is taking on the responsibility for leading on an aspect of school life. In the month of September P5/4 (Mrs Finlay's class) will be organising our MacMillan Coffee morning. The children will be involved in planning and organising, including writing invitations, creating persuasive posters and budgeting to buy ingredients etc. **This will be for pupils and parents/carers of P5/4** but all pupils across the school will get the opportunity to purchase a cake or sweet treat in order to raise funds for the Macmillan Cancer charity. The class are aiming to host this on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Play Along Maths – Primary One

In Term 2, Mrs Campbell will be running a series of Family Learning sessions for Numeracy and Maths. This will involve a games based approach with parent/carers working with their child to develop mathematical language, turn taking and developing numeracy skills. You will also get the opportunity to borrow the games to play at home. A separate letter will be issued this week for P1 families.

### Transitions

As part our Drumchapel Learning Community improvement plan, we are working with our partner schools and nurseries to improve our transitions. In support of this, we are welcoming new prospective P1 families for Session 2024-25 in to visit our school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September after school from 3.00 – 4.00 pm. Also, our P7 transition work is already underway with visits from and to Drumchapel High School.

### Careers, Finance and the World of Work Week

This session we are planning a Career, Finance and World of Work focus week. This is scheduled to take place week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Throughout the week we are looking for volunteers from the World of Work to talk to our younger classes about their jobs and responsibilities. We will also be hosting a Careers Fayre for P6 and P7 are would love some parents/carers to volunteer to take part in this. If you are available and would like to help out please contact Mr Byrne either via e-mail or telephone the school office.

### Diary Dates

- ✚ Open Afternoon for all classes -Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1.45-2.30pm
- ✚ September Weekend Holiday – School Closed Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- ✚ [*Proposed strike days – schools closed Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September –notification will be given of any updates*]
- ✚ P5/4 Families 29<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee Morning - times to be confirmed
- ✚ October Inservice Day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October
- ✚ October holidays - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

