



# Antonine Primary

## October News

### Session: 2023/24

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#### Head Teacher Update

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

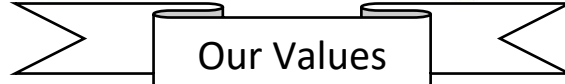
Welcome to our October newsletter. We have had a very busy first term. As we draw towards the October holiday, I wanted to give a few updates and more information about key dates for the year ahead. We have also introduced a new pupil/family friendly weekly diary that we share with the children at our assemblies and in class. We are emailing this out to families so that you have more insight in to some of the things that are happening in school. We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Harrigan (DHT) and Mrs Templeton P3 class teacher. A thank you to all pupils, staff and families for a great start to our school year. On behalf of everyone, I wish you all a restful October break.

Best wishes,  
*Mr G S Byrne*



#### Attendance and Late-coming

We continue our focus on improving attendance as we know it plays a significant role in helping our children to make progress with their learning. At the start of this session, we introduced a soft start for our P1 pupils, which has reduced late coming and ensured a smooth start to the P1 morning. Building on this success, we are going to extend this 'soft start' to our **P2 and P3 pupils. They will be able to come into their classrooms from 8.50 am and will continue to be dismissed at 3.00 pm.** This will allow children to come in, unpack their bags and ensure they are ready for learning from 9.00 am. This will start on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**, first day back after the October holiday. A reminder that we are continuing to monitor attendance closely. If any family requires some support to get their child to school, please contact us. Let's continue to work together to improve our overall whole school attendance which is currently sitting at 92%.



#### Parent/Carers' Evening November 2023

Letters were issued last week for our upcoming Parents/Carers' Evenings which take will take place in November. Our clerical team will do their very best to ensure that appointments for siblings are allocated as close together as possible. We are aiming to issue appointment times prior to the October break. For any families that have not requested an appointment, we will automatically assign you a date and time. For any parent/carers of a child that has an identified additional support need and has a wellbeing plan, you will also receive an appointment to meet with Mrs Harrigan, our ASN Co-ordinator to share your child's plan.

#### Hallowe'en Events

This year pupils are invited to come to school dressed for Hallowe'en on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. A reminder that children should not wear masks or bring props into school, as these may get lost or damaged. Also please ensure that costumes are age appropriate and not too scary for our younger children. All classes will be allocated apples (for dooking) and there will a Hallowe'en parade in the dining hall. Also, on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October, the Parent Council will be hosting their annual Hallowe'en Disco. This will take place:

**P1 – P3 5.00 -6.30 pm and P4 – P7 7.00 – 8.30 pm.**

The cost is £2 per child and for families with siblings the first ticket is £2 and each other child is only £1. Please note pupils are **not permitted** to bring mobile phones to the disco. Payment will be taken at the door on the night.



### Curriculum and Life and Ethos of the School

- Our P5/4 class hosted a Macmillan coffee morning for their parents/carers and a cake sale for pupils across the school. They raised a fantastic total of £302.65 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you to everyone for all your kindness and generosity.
- All classes (P1 – P7) have received workshops from Glasgow Road Safety officers about staying safe when crossing the road, especially as we head into the darker nights.
- Mrs Campbell and her team of Pupil Maths Marshalls successfully ran two days of Maths in Motion workshops for all our classes. Well done to our pupils demonstrating great leadership skills.
- Mrs Matheson has visited all our classes across P2-P7 to model work on sentence building. All teachers are now developing these skills with our children to help further improve their writing.
- Both our P7 classes have visited the City Chambers and St Mungo’s Cathedral at the end of September as part of their Glasgow topic.
- On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October a team from STV are working with a group of pupils as part of the STV’s Children’s Appeal. The pupils will be involved in introducing TV shows /being the voice over presenters. We will update you of the date they will be broadcast.

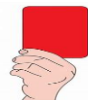
### Pupil Leadership (Class Responsibilities)

As part of promoting pupil leadership all classes are taking on an area of responsibility across the school. Please see below an overview with events for each class:

Class	Event
P1 and P2/1	Red Nose Day (March 2024)
P2	Children’s Mental Health Day/Week (Feb 2024)
P3/2	Libraries Week (October 2023)
P3	Remembrance Day (Nov 2023)
P4	World Book Day (March 2024)
P5/4	Macmillan Coffee Event (Oct 2023)
P5	International Woman’s Day (March 2024)
P6	Clyde in the Classroom Sharing Learning (February 2024)
P7a+b	Storytelling week – Both P7 classes will be creating stories on Book Creator app and sharing them with our P1s (January 2024)

### Show Racism the Red Card.

As part of our work on equalities and respect we are participating in the National Anti-Racism campaign: Show Racism the Red Card. **On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, pupils are staff are invited to wear something red to school.** Also, our P4-P7 classes have been working on Anti-Racism posters that will be displayed in and around the local area. Our P7 classes will also receive anti-racism workshops from pupil leaders of the Equalities group from Drumchapel High School.



### Pupil Voice Groups

Our classes are currently selecting representatives for our Pupil Voice Groups. This session, we will have: a Pupil Council and Eco Committee, with one representative from each class across P1 – P7 and 2 x P4-P7 pupil representatives as our Digital Leaders and Rights Knights, that help promote our Rights Respecting work. In addition to this, we have: House Captains and Vice Captains, Maths Marshalls and our Junior Road Safety Officers. We also have four pupils that represent our school at the monthly Glasgow School’s Pupil Forum at the City Chambers.

### Flu Immunisation

The flu immunisation team will be in school **on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.** Only pupils that have returned their consent forms will receive the treatment which takes the form of a nasal spray.



We have attached an overview of our annual calendar with proposed dates for events across the year. We are likely to add further events and will update you of this. **A reminder that school finishes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October for the holidays. Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> is an inset day for staff only, no pupils in school.** School starts back for pupils and staff on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** Happy Holidays!

