



Antonine Primary

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Happy New Year! It was lovely to see so many families in school throughout the festive period and I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing break. As we enter 2024, we are ready for a new year of learning, success and achievements for our children. Our pupils have settled well back into school routines. This term all classes will be studying Science based topics until the February break, alongside developing their Talking and Listening skills as part of our annual Scottish Poetry competition. We continue to issue our family friendly weekly diary, to keep you posted on activities happening in school each week. As always, if you wish to speak with myself or a member of the leadership team please contact us via the office or at drop off or collection at the gates.

Best wishes,
Mr G S Byrne

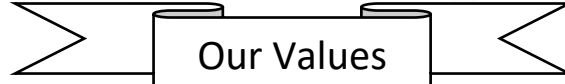


Attendance and Late-coming

Improving attendance continues to be a priority for our school. Despite the adverse weather, it is important that if it is safe to do so and children are fit and well, they should be in school. It is important that we work together to ensure we maximise pupil attendance, supporting our children in achieving their potential. After February break we will be trialling a few new initiatives to support improving attendance.



A gentle reminder that family holidays should not take place during term time and pupils will be marked as absent for this period. Also, an increasing number of pupils are being collected earlier at the end of the school day. This should only be if the pupil has a medical appointment. As of next week, any child being collected for an appointment within school hours will be asked for a copy of the appointment letter. We appreciate your support and co-operation with these issues.



Scottish Poetry Competition



We have launched our Scottish Poetry Competition, with all classes developing their Talking and Listening skills through this context. The children are all busy learning their poems and most will have also been sent home to practise as part of homework this term. Each class has been asked to select a finalist who will perform on stage for our judging panel. All classes are also currently learning a Scottish song, ensuring that all children are included and part of the event. The parent/carer of each class finalist will be notified and invited along to the event which is scheduled to take place on Friday 23rd February 2024 at 9.30 a.m.

Seesaw and Digital Learning Journeys

All classes will be uploading individual pupil learning targets for Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing via Seesaw this term. Pupils will then engage in learner conversations with their teachers to select pieces of work that demonstrate their progress in achieving their targets and will have the chance to post some of this work on Seesaw. Our Digital Leaders will be working with Miss Hughes and Mrs McIntosh to support our lower school classes with this. A text will be sent out when your child's class have uploaded their targets. We hope this is another useful way of sharing your child's learning and progress.





Curriculum Updates

All classes should now have received a Class Curriculum News detailing the class learning for this term. In addition to this, we aim to ensure our curriculum offers children a wide range of experiences across the school, including:

- ✚ P1 and P2 will continue with fortnightly sessions from Mrs Stevenson our Youth Music Initiative Teacher.
- ✚ P1 and P2 pupils are invited to sign up to our After-school Art and Craft club this term.
- ✚ Our P2 pupils are currently taking part in a Digital Learning project using the Kaligo Handwriting App. We are of ten schools piloting this across the Local Authority.
- ✚ P2, P3/2, P3 and P4 will participate in weekly sessions with PEEK every Wednesday to promote Active Play. Each class will be timetabled for one hour per week and will be working outdoors. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing including a waterproof jacket and change of shoes.
- ✚ P3/2 and P3 will be receiving First Aid Workshops to support them developing important life skills.
- ✚ P4 and P5/4 are currently working on the Soccer 4 programme every Wednesday for a six-week block. There is also a P4 lunchtime tennis club this term.
- ✚ P5 and P6 are currently working with Strathclyde University students in P.E every Thursday afternoon.
- ✚ P5 will be working on a Literacy Project with the author, Angela Proctor. We are one of three schools to be selected to take part in the project, having her visit the class to read some of the novel and take part in a question-and-answer session.
- ✚ P6 are undertaking the Clyde in the Classroom Project, which involves hatching fish eggs and looking after them in their own classroom.
- ✚ P6 will also be taking part in the John Muir Award at Pinkston Basin. This will involve a block of sessions to promote Sustainability, Outdoor Learning and skills for learning, work and life.
- ✚ P7 are receiving weekly Rugby sessions every Tuesday morning. They are also participating in a block of music sessions from Celtic Connections. They will be having workshops to help improve their knowledge of the Scottish Parliament.
- ✚ At the start of March we will be hosting a Literacy Week with all classes across P1 – P7 taking part in a range of Literacy rich activities including: library and author visits and opportunities for some family learning activities.
- ✚ All classes will take part in the Youth Music Initiative Ready, Steady Sing event at the end of term 3.

Pupil Leadership

As we continue to promote pupil leadership for all pupils, classes will be leading on the following whole school events:

P7 National Storytelling Week (29th January – 2nd February 2024)

- P7 pupils have organised a timetable to visit all classes and read to their peers. They are promoting reading for enjoyment and have launched a design a book cover competition.

P2 Children's Mental Health Week (16th – 23rd February 2024)

- P2 will be teaching all classes some techniques to support their emotional wellbeing. They will also be creating some posters to promote positive mental health.

P4 World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

- P4 will be organising activities for all classes. Look out for more information in our February newsletter.

P1 and P2/1 Comic Relief Friday 15th March 2024

- P1 and P2/1 will organise and run activities to promote Comic Relief (Red Nose Day) More information in February newsletter.

Playground Improvements

We are delighted to announce that thanks to a generous grant received by The After School Club (TASC) from the Scottish Government, we have been able to purchase some exciting playground equipment, including: a Trim Trail, pupil seating area and a few other play structures. They are aiming to fit these late spring/early summer.

P.E. (Jewellery)

Glasgow City Council Policy is that in order for children to safely take part in P.E all earrings and jewellery must be removed. In order to make this as easy as possible, children should not wear jewellery to school on the days that they have P.E. If they do, they must be able to take earrings out in order to comply with Health and Safety. Thank you for your support with this.

Adverse Weather

Due to the recent adverse weather, I wanted to reassure parents and carers that as a school we do not advocate children being put out into playgrounds in these conditions. If there is ice, high winds, amber weather warnings, torrential or very heavy rain then the children will be kept indoors.