



Newsletter

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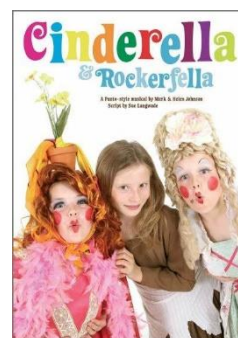
Message from Head Teacher

Dear families,

Brighter days, lighter evenings and the abundance of daffodils everywhere can only mean one thing... we are racing towards Spring Break!

But before that, we have our fabulous production of *Cinderella & Rockerfella* to look forward to, on Wednesday 26th March at 19:00.

It's the hottest show in town, but some tickets are still available. Head on down to the school office to get yours now!



Also still available are tickets for the Family Quiz Night which has been organised by the Parent Council.

This fundraising event, being held in Wood Street Social Club on Friday 21st March, features a variety of prizes including a cash tip of £100!

It's been a really busy term with a storm closure, our Open Afternoon, World Book Day celebrations, various class excursions, and loads of wonderful learning experiences happening across the school.

Overall, it's been a success, but we're now looking forward to the holidays, and coming back refreshed and ready for a wonderful Term 4!



I hope you find this newsletter helpful. If you have any concerns or questions, or if there's anything I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours,

Iain Morrow

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Head Teacher

Our values:

Acceptance

Kindness

Respect

Vision, values and aims

You will recall we refreshed our school values at the end of last year. From families to staff to pupils, everyone had their say, and the final tally revealed our new values as:

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They are now firmly embedded in the ethos of our establishment, with signage across the school, and reminders at our weekly assemblies.

Since then, all staff have been working hard behind the scenes to create a new vision for the school, and an updated set of aims.

A vision statement is a clear and concise objective that states the impact we want our school to have on the world.

We wanted **our vision** to be bold and ambitious, and reflect our long-term goals...

Inspiring excellence in the heart of Dennistoun.

Although closely related concepts, a vision is not the same as a set of aims. Aims are all about the here and now.

We wanted **our aims** to describe who we are every day, and what our school is all about...

We aim to support our diverse community of learners to become hard-working, resilient and responsible citizens.

We want everyone to feel accepted, valued and nurtured, so they can develop the skills, knowledge and understanding required for a successful future.

We have been praised by Glasgow's Education Improvement Service for the work we have done to create our vision, values and aims, and know you'll agree they represent the very best of what our school has to offer.

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Vandalism

Now for something less positive...



In recent weeks we have been plagued by a spate of vandalism in our pupil toilets. This includes the boys **and** girls facilities, and in the upstairs **and** downstairs toilets.

The vandalism has included:

- Deliberate blocking of sinks with tissues, and taps left running
- Deliberate blocking of urinals, so when the automatic flush kicks in, they flood over
- Water then flooding through to the rooms below
- Stuffing of tissues down the toilet pans
- Graffiti, including offensive language and symbols

We will never prevent any pupil from using a bathroom. It is a human right. However, there are times when *some* of the facilities simply cannot be used because of what has happened.

The time and cost implications of managing these events is huge, and it cannot continue.

We have discussed the issue at length at our two most recent assemblies, but we would ask that you reinforce the message at home: no school property should be deliberately damaged or destroyed.

Attendance



We have been monitoring attendance rates, in line with established procedures, and to co-ordinate with Glasgow City Council's *Attendance Matters Every Day* campaign.

Looking at the same period from last year, average attendance across the school has improved by **over 1.5%**. This is good news.

However, when looking at this school year specifically, we have seen a drop in the figures before and after November, which is less good. We will continue to keep an eye on this.

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Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar	Nov	Mar
92%	91%	89%	89%	90%	88%	91%	90%	92%	92%	93%	91%	92%	90%

The *Attendance Matters Every Day* campaign wishes to highlight the value of going to school beyond learning: developing life skills, friendships, and future opportunities.

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Tesco tokens



We are thrilled to have been selected by Tesco to take part in their *Stronger Start* initiative. Huge thanks to Ms Bradbury and the Parent Council for making this happen.



Whenever you shop in Tesco, you should be given a blue token with which you can vote for a good cause to get money. We are one of their causes!

The more tokens we get, the more money we will get to put towards outdoor play equipment, and resources to support healthy eating.

You can collect tokens in any Tesco store, but you can only vote for us in two of their city centre *Tesco Express* shops:

Get shopping and get voting!
(our collection jar will be available April to June)



Borrowed clothes

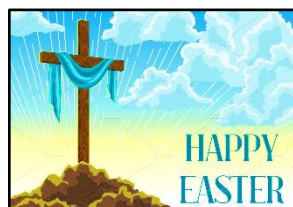
For various reasons, we sometimes need to give our pupils a change of clothes, for example if there's been a wee accident, or a fall into a puddle or mud.

We kindly ask that, if this ever happens, all clothes are washed and returned.



Dates for your diary

<i>School closes for Spring Break</i>	Friday 4 th April @ 14:15
<i>Spring Break</i>	Monday 7 th April – Monday 21 st April
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Tuesday 22 nd April
<i>May Day holiday</i>	Monday 5 th May
<i>In-service Day (no pupils)</i>	Thursday 22 nd May
<i>May Weekend</i>	Friday 23 rd and Monday 26 th May
<i>Schools closes for summer</i>	Wednesday 25 th June @ 12:45
<i>In-service Days (no pupils)</i>	Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th August
<i>Pupils return to school</i>	Thursday 14 th August



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