

## Class Newsletter

### Primary 5 Term 2 2025-26

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We have had a very settled and productive start after the October holiday, and we are excited for the busy term ahead. Here we have a few updates to what the class will be working on this term.

If at any time you can help with resources or trips, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office and as always please get in touch if we can help with anything at all.

#### Literacy

This term we will be developing our skills in procedural writing. As well as this we will be taking part in the whole school CYPIC Writing Programme, where pupils are developing their writing and building confidence as writers.

For reading, we will continue to develop our before, during and after reading strategies whilst reading our class novel, Best Friends and through different fictional and non-fiction comprehension passages. Reading books will continue to be given out on a regular basis. **Please encourage reading to be heard at home.** With your support this helps to develop fluency, expression and understanding.

The children will learn new sounds, words and spelling rules on a weekly basis through either the RWI programme or Jolly Grammar depending on the stage the children are working at. The children will be tested on a regular basis and grouped accordingly to suit their needs.

To develop listening and talking skills the children will be asked to prepare for a whole class talk about Something Special to them. I ask that you are supportive in preparation for this.



#### Numeracy and Maths

In Numeracy this term your child will be developing their skills in estimating and rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000. Your child will develop their skip counting and work to develop addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with up to four-digit numbers. The children will be learning about equivalent fractions; show equivalent fractions pictorially, identify and calculate equivalent fractions and write decimal equivalents.

In Maths, your child will be learning about time, converting between 12-hour and 24-hour time. In addition to this they will be learning about measure and be able to convert between cm and m and mm and cm.

Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables and complete numeracy homework tasks.



#### Inter-Disciplinary Learning (IDL/Topic)

This term, all pupils will participate in a whole school Clean Air topic in partnership with Parents for the Future. In addition, pupils will learn about Natural Disasters. They will develop their understanding of different natural disasters and learn about the causes of a natural disaster such as a volcano, earthquake or extreme weather event. Pupils will make use of their iPads to research past natural disasters that have occurred and use apps like Clips and Book Creator to demonstrate what we have learnt.



#### Health and Wellbeing



Our PE days are: Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit on these days. A Reminder that no jewellery should be worn for P.E. This term Second Level pupils will be working with Mr Penman from the GCC PEPASS team to assess and develop the physical literacy skills of all.

We will carry out activities in relation to Bonfire Safety and just last week enjoyed a visit from Govan Fire Station. We will participate in Anti-Bullying Week and carry out activities in conjunction with this. This year's theme is, Power for Good. In addition, pupils will learn about keeping safe in and around our streets in relation to Road Safety Week later this month.



**Lost Property:** We have a huge amount of lost property, please speak to your child about taking care of their belongings, especially jumpers and jackets. **Please ensure all clothing is labelled with their name.** Reminder, children should bring a warm, waterproof jacket each day as they go out to play in all weathers.

**Homework:** At Ibrox Primary school, we encourage using homework as a chance for children to develop key skills such as independence in learning, time management and organisation.

Homework tasks will be given on a Monday for the entire week via Showbie. Homework should be returned by Friday at the latest. Some pupils will also have weekly spelling words to learn in addition to this.

Reading homework will be given throughout the week. Once completed please ensure the reading record is signed. **Reading books should be brought to school every day as should school iPads.**

### Key Dates:

- ❖ **3rd & 4th November**- Fluoride Varnishing P1 and P2
- ❖ **7th December** – Crazy Hair Day (bottle donation)
- ❖ **6th, 19th Nov, 2nd Dec** – Car Free days
- ❖ **10th-14th November** Antibullying week
- ❖ **21st Nov 2pm**- Clean Air Sharing Learning Event
- ❖ **25th November**- Progress Meetings
- ❖ **28th November**- Non-uniform day (chocolate donation)
- ❖ **10th December**- Flu Immunisations
- ❖ **11th December**- Dinner Hall Christmas Lunch
- ❖ **12th December**- Christmas Fayre
- ❖ **15th December**- Panto performance in school
- ❖ **16th December**- P1 and P2s Nativity
- ❖ **19th December**- **SCHOOL CLOSES 2.30PM**



### **Rights Respecting School:**

As a **Gold** Award Rights Respecting school we have a whole school focus on a different article of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) each month. The focus articles for this term are 2 and 29. <https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention>

We will be especially focusing on Article 2 during Antibullying week and 29 around Human Rights Day, 10<sup>th</sup> December.



### **Reporting:**

A copy of your child's interim report will be sent by **November 21<sup>st</sup>**. This will give an overview of progress made and will form the basis for our discussion at Progress Meetings on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of November**. Appointments will be booked through ParentsPortal. please ensure you are registered.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance means that your child can take part in every educational opportunity and progress with their learning. We recognise that absence can be due to a variety of reasons, please contact the school to let us know the reason if your child is unable to attend. If they are unwell, you can also contact the **GCC absence line** on **0141-471-3710** or **0141-287-0039**. **Gates:** Reminder The gate on Hinshelwood Place will be locked at 9.15am and opened at 2.45pm. The gate on Hinshelwood Drive will be locked at 9.45am and remain locked until 2.45pm apart from when nursery children are arriving and leaving.

**Choir** The choir will be out and about singing over the festive period at the Govan Winter Gathering 1<sup>st</sup> December and at Asda 10<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> December come along and listen.



**Class Party dates** P4 and P5 Party Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, P1-3 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, P6 and P7 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Family Christmas Party** We will be hosting a family Christmas party on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 4-5.30pm

Thank you as always for your continued support of our school and your children's learning,

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs MacKinnon** 😊

