

## Class Newsletter

### Primary 7A Term 4 2025-26

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our final term of Primary 7. I hope everyone enjoyed a restful break. We have an exciting and important few weeks ahead as we prepare pupils for their transition to secondary school.

If at any time you can help with and resources related to planned learning or trips, please contact the teacher via the school office.

#### Literacy



We are currently finishing reading last term's novel 'Glitter Boy', which the children have thoroughly enjoyed and got so much from. Our class novel this term is 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman. The book is the first in a seven-part series about Felix, a young Jewish boy in Poland during the Holocaust. It explores themes of hope and friendship amidst tragedy.

The reading skills we are focusing on as a class include developing confidence in answering a wide range of open-ended questions. Pupils are learning to retrieve information that is explicitly stated in the text and to make inferences about ideas that are suggested but not directly stated. We are continuing our daily writing with CYPIC, this is allowing the children to become confident applying the tools for writing. As a class, we will be learning about imaginative writing and developing our skills, knowledge, and confidence in creating detailed settings and developing well-rounded characters.

Children will also be encouraged to read for pleasure and may bring books home from the class or school library. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and to talk about what they are enjoying.

#### Numeracy and Maths



This term, your child will be reinforcing their knowledge and understanding of number, focusing on calculating decimal fraction equivalents, understanding and using the term 'percentage', and converting fractions to percentages, as well as consolidating their skills in the four operations. In Maths, we will be exploring well-known number patterns and learning how to spot the rule that makes the pattern work. We'll practise extending number sequences and use simple formulas to help us create and describe our own sequences.

Please encourage your child to practise (times tables/mental strategies for number) at home – this can be done through their Magma Maths login.

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



This term our IDL focus will be learning about democracy in preparation for the upcoming elections, developing skills such as creating their own political party, writing a manifesto, and taking part in structured debating. They will also be exploring the Commonwealth Games, building their research skills as they learn about the countries, sports and athletes involved and the values behind the event.

#### Health and Wellbeing



Our PE days are: Mondays and Tuesdays. Please make sure your child has suitable shoes and comfortable P.E. kit. We will be focusing on developing confidence, resilience, teamwork, and decision-making skills by taking part in athletics and tennis.

Your child will continue to develop their mental, social, and emotional wellbeing by building their understanding of the human body and using this knowledge to maintain and improve their own health. They will also be learning how to keep themselves and others safe, including how to respond appropriately in a range of emergency situations.



**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 and time management/ organisation.

In Primary 7, homework should be completed Monday through to Thursday and to the same high standard expected in class, with tasks including reading, Numeracy and Maths, Magma Maths, and occasional research activities. These tasks help consolidate learning from class, build strong routines, and develop the independence children will need as they move on to secondary school.

### Holidays

School will be closed for pupils on-

- ✓ Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May
- ✓ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May (staff inset day)
- ✓ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- ✓ Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June
- ✓ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**School closes for Summer on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30pm. A separate letter with key dates for this term**

**will be issued as there is lots on!**



**Rights Respecting School:** As a **Gold** Award Rights Respecting School, we have a monthly whole school focus on a different article from the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

The focus articles for this term are:



<https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention>



### Reporting:



Reports will be emailed out by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Our final Progress Meetings of this session are on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

Nearer the time we will email a link to book appointments online.

**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.

### Class Events

- ✓ Lochgoilhead Celebration – 8<sup>th</sup> May
- ✓ Into University – 26<sup>th</sup> May
- ✓ Summer Trips - P7 Camping Trip 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June
- ✓ Commonwealth Showcase- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

We are always happy to help, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Jane Armstrong*

