

St Roch's Primary and Deaf School

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year to all our families, friends and local community. It has been a cold start to the year and all the children are looking forward to a warmer February! During the month of January, the children explored Scottish history, culture and traditions. Across all stages, they were learning about Scottish heroes both locally and nationally. Please check out X (Twitter) page to see our fantastic learning experiences **@SaintRochsPS**

Progress Reports

In the coming weeks, you will receive your child's Progress Report. This will give you an overview of your child's learning progress, achievements and next steps. All families will be given the opportunity to give feedback using a Microsoft forms link. The feedback will be shared with families in March.

Sacrament Information

Our new Parish Priest is Father Frank Keevins who is also Parish Priest of St Mungo's RC Church. Further information could be found on our Parish website:

<https://www.stroch.rcglasgow.org.uk/bulletin/>

Class / Stage	Event	Location	Date	Time
Primary 3	First Reconciliation	St Roch's Parish Church	Wednesday 13 th March	7pm
Primary 4	First Holy Communion	St Roch's Parish Church	Saturday 11 th May	11am
Primary 7	Confirmation	St Philomena's Church	Tuesday 5 th March	7pm

Punctuality and Attendance

Please can you ensure your child (ren) are in the playground and ready to line up for the bell ringing at 9am. If children are late, they must enter via the main Reception doors. The class registers are taken when the children come into class at 9:05am and all late coming is recorded. Attendance is reviewed daily and the % rates of all our classes are below.

Class	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
% rate	90	95	91	86	90	90	91

Our school rate is **91%**. We need this to improve and our target is **95%**.

Absence Reporting

Parents/Carers should report their child's absence through the online option <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence> or phone is **0141-287-0039**. This MUST be done if your child is absent for any reason. It is important school staff know the children are safe.

St Roch's Secondary Transitions

Throughout Term 3, our Primary 7 pupils will begin to participate in transition activities in preparation for Secondary school. During February and March, a 6-week block of 'Masterclass' sessions will take place at St Roch's Secondary. During these visits, pupils will experience a variety of curricular areas, and begin to meet Secondary subject teachers and support staff.

Key transition dates:

Secondary Staff to visit P7 Pupils Secondary DHT, Pastoral Care Teacher and Teacher of Deaf Children to visit P7 in school.	Friday 2nd February St. Roch's Primary
P7 Masterclasses P7 Pupils will visit St Roch's Secondary over a 6-week period to experience and participate in lessons.	Wednesday 21st February Wednesday 28th February Wednesday 6th March Wednesday 13th March Wednesday 20th March Wednesday 27th March
Secondary Staff to visit P7 Pupils This visit will focus on preparation for the induction days at St Roch's Secondary.	Friday 1th May St. Roch's Primary
Induction Day Visits at St. Roch's Secondary School	Tuesday 4th June Wednesday 5th June
Parent Information Evening Information session about starting St Roch's Secondary, with opportunities to learn about the school community and order blazers.	Wednesday 5th June-7pm St. Roch's Secondary

Primary 1 Induction Open Day

Our Primary 6 buddies will be visiting Royston Nursery on 16th February.

The online enrolment for Primary 1 has now closed and we are looking forward to welcoming our new children. I will be writing to all our new families to invite them to our Primary Induction Open Day on **Thursday 21st March**. Families can choose to come for the morning session **9:15-10:15am** or **1:30-2:30pm**. These sessions will be hosted in our gym hall and our new children are welcome to spend some time in our Primary 1 classrooms. We are excited to meet our new *wee Roch* stars!

Rights Respecting School

Our Rights Respecting group have been working hard to teach all our children about the United Nations Rights of the Child. This is teaching children about the importance of rights and responsibilities. This week we are promoting Mental Health Awareness, and our key message is '**Our Voice Matters**'. For further advice about children's mental health- follow <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zy3yf82>.

Young Leaders of Learning (YLL)

We have been partnered with Hillhead Primary School as part of the Young Leaders of Learning Programme. This programme enables young peoples' voices to be heard in education and enables them to identify steps for improvement in different areas of school life. This year, the focus for improvement will be on **Relationships**. Our YLL from Primary 6 and Primary 7 will work in partnership to; carry out research, host a visit from our partner school and contribute effective feedback when visiting Hillhead Primary. They will work on creating an action plan for improvement to take forward. This will support the work we are already doing to become a Rights Respecting School.

Restorative Approaches

Primary 6 have launched our 'Peace Pals'. Trained pupils in restorative practice will be supporting in the playground daily. These pupils have a series of questions that can help problem solve conflict between children in the yard. This practice allows pupils to have solution-oriented mindsets and to develop their problem-solving skills. Our 'Peace Pals' contribute to our journey towards a Rights Respecting School as it promotes Article 12 - '*You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously*'.

Sports Clubs

We are lucky to have a full timetable of curriculum, lunch and after school clubs. This term we are working with PEPASS, Glasgow Life, St Roch's Secondary Sports Leaders, City Glasgow College and Partick Thistle coaches. Over the full year we offer opportunities to our mainstream and deaf department over all stages. This term our coaches are working with the Infant Deaf Class, P2s, P4s, P5s, P6s and P7s.

Fun 31!

Every Friday afternoon the children will be taking part in skills-based activities with their peers in the same stage. These activities will be focused on creative play skills such as crafting, modelling, jigsaws, group board games, cycling, bracket making and reading for enjoyment. This programme is linked to United Nations Rights of the Child Article 31- the right to play.

Outdoor Learning Experiences/ Class Trips

January

- Primary 6 visited New Lanark as part of their Scottish heritage project.
- Primary 7 enjoyed the Celtic Connections at the Royal Concert Hall.

February

- Every Monday afternoon, Primary 3 children will enjoy Active Play Sessions with FARE project.
- Every Tuesday (for 8 weeks) Primary 7b will have weekly swimming lessons at Springburn Swimming Pool.
- 16th Primary 6 Buddies to visit Royston Nursery.
- 21st Junior and Senior Deaf children to visit Haghill Primary for Athletic activities.

Free School Meals and Breakfast Club

All children in Primary 1 to Primary 5 are entitled to free school meals. If you believe that your child(ren) are entitled to free school meals- visit

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/%20index.aspx?articleid=17885>

Please remember that if you are in receipt of free school meals then you are also eligible to receive a free breakfast at the Breakfast Club. Please come along to the front reception and our Dinner Ladies will welcome the children from 8am. Cereal, toast and fruit is available for the children to enjoy.

Primary 6 and 7

If you are not eligible for the Free School Payment, you need to pay for your child's lunch via ParentPay. Reminders will be sent to families if payment is not made, reminders will be sent by Glasgow City Council. We can support families to apply for the FME. Please contact us- **0141 552 0010** for support. We can help families complete online application forms.

Parent Council Meeting

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 20th February at 4:30pm**. Everyone is warmly welcomed. Please come to front reception and tea/ coffee will be available in the Dinner School.

Primary 7 Family Fundraising Group

Primary 7 families would like to create a fundraising group to raise funds for their end of year events and celebrations. Each month they are hoping to organise a fundraising event. All families are welcome to come along and support with Bucket Collections outside Celtic Park on 28th February from 5:45pm.

School Photographs

The school photographer will visit our school on **Thursday 22nd February**. Individual, family and class photographs will be available. Order forms / requests will be sent out next week – please check bags and return requests promptly.

Dates for Diary

February	20 th	P7 visit to St Roch Secondary	Every Tuesday till 27 th March
	20 th	Parent Council Meeting	4:30pm
	22 nd	School Photographer	Please return slips / requests.
	28 th	P7 Fundraising Event	Celtic Park – Parent Event
March	5 th	P7 Confirmation (after school)	St Philomena's Church 7pm
	8 th	Celebrating Book Week	Come to school in PJ's and bring favourite teddy.
	21 st	New Primary 1 Open Day	9:15 to 10:15am 1:30-2:30pm
	26 th	Easter Egg Hunt Competition	Whole School Event
	27 th	Easter Bonnet Parade Assembly	Children are invited to bring their Easter bonnet into school. Prizes for the best designs in each year.
	28 th	Non-Uniform Day – wear yellow to support Marie Currie Cancer. Daffodil Tea Party Last Day of Term	Children are asked to bring 50p for fundraising. Family event School closes at 2:30pm
April	15 th	School Returns	9am
	22 nd	Digital Week	Whole School Events Families will be invited for digital showcase.
May	2 nd	INSET Day (Elections)	Only staff to attend, pupils not in school
	3 rd	School Captains and Pupil Leadership Cake and Candy	All funds raised will contribute to transport costs for school trips.
	6 th	School Closed	
	7 th	British Sign Language Week	Whole School Events - families will be invited to Deaf Awareness workshops / showcase.
	9 th	Whole School Mass – Holiday of Obligation.	Families welcome to attend – St Roch's Parish Church.
	17 th	Cultural Diversity Day - children can come to school dressed in their own traditional cultural clothing / dress.	Families invited to come into school and share their customs and traditions.
	23 rd	Family Reporting Sessions	3:15 – 5:30 6:00 – 8:00
	24 th & 27 th	School Closed	
June	13 th	P7 Prom (after school)	6:30 – 8:00pm
	14 th	Whole School Awards Ceremony	1:15pm Gym hall - Families of children receiving awards will be invited to attend.
	24 th	Details to be confirmed.	
	26 th	Final Day of Term Non-Uniform (no donation)	School Closes at 1pm.