



Scotstoun Primary
Session 25-26
October Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter and the end of the first term. I hope everyone had a lovely October break. It has been a very busy and quick start to the school session and I'm sure before we know it we will be immersed in preparations for Christmas! However, we aren't quite there yet with lots of activities to keep us busy and learning until then.

Kind regards,

Mrs McGill

Staff Update

We are looking forward to welcoming a number of student teachers to Scotstoun Primary in the coming weeks. This month Miss Dickson will be joining P3b until December. Ms Napier (P3a), Miss Richardson (P4b) and Ms Anderson (P3/2) will be in school one day a week until next April. Supporting Initial Teacher Education is an important part of school life as school placements are a key part of the training of the teachers of tomorrow. The student teachers receive an induction to life in Scotstoun and work closely with the class teacher and are mentored by the senior leadership team.

Diversity Week

Next week is Diversity Week where our theme is one school, many stories.

The children will take part in a range of activities including dancing, reading stories relating to differences and similarities, creating a unity chain of welcome messages and learning about the diversity of our school community. For families, there is an open day for Cafe Culture, our parents' groups. This is for anyone who is interested in joining the group or finding more about it. They will be able to sample some food and see what activities take place there. That takes place on Tuesday 4th November from 8.45am - 10am in the Family Room in the basement of the school.

In addition to this week, we will be celebrating World Children's Day on the 20th of November where children can dress in the colours or patterns which represent their culture.

Attendance

To help tackle lower school attendance, Scottish Government's Parent Club launched a new School Attendance campaign on 30th October. Resources to support families can be found here [School & Education | Parent Club](#).

We continue to focus on attendance and timekeeping as a school. Our current school average is 95.7% which is higher than June 25 Thank you for your ongoing support with this. I would like to aim for 96% this session. Every single day a child is absent from school means a day of lost learning. 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance but the reality is 90% attendance means your child has missed 10% of their learning which is nearly 4 school weeks over a school year. If we can help with your child's attendance or late coming, please get in touch.



School Travel Plan

Together with representatives from Glasgow Eco Trust and Glasgow City Council, parents and children, we have formed a working group to take forward our active travel agenda and work in consultation with local stakeholders. Our aim is to encourage a shift to sustainable and active travel reducing car congestion and unsafe behaviours in the streets around the school. The plan aims to increase pupil health and road safety skills, reduce traffic congestion and pollution around schools, and raise awareness among pupils, parents, and staff about the consequences of travel choices. I will keep you updated of the work we are doing in subsequent newsletters.

P1 Enrolment


Enrolment week begins w/c 3rd November. The families of children due to start school in August 2026 are invited to register their child online during registration week. We are holding an open afternoon and open evening for all new catchment Primary 1 pupils and parents to attend on either Monday 17th of November from 1.30-3.00 pm or Tuesday 18th of November from 5.00 -7.00 pm. Please come along with your child to one of these sessions for a guided tour of the school with our P6 pupils and a chance to meet the school staff. If you required support with accessing this form, please contact the school office. <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/article/4275/Starting-Primary-School>. It is customary for children to attend their local school. As is usual practice, families can make placing requests but need to register at their local catchment school.

Health and Safety

We would ask that you keep us up to date with any medical conditions your child may have. In addition, if your child has to take medicine for a short period of time, please come into the School Office to complete a form which allows us to administer that. Families are reminded of the importance of checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. School nurses no longer do this and it is not authority policy to send out letters when a child is reported to have head lice. The advice remains the same, immediate treatment by lotion recommended by a pharmacist, then automatic repeat treatment 7 days later. Please be vigilant. After school hours, parents and children should not enter the school unaccompanied. If you have left or lost an item in school, please visit the school office in the first instance who will be happy to help you there.

Community Links

Next week community police officers are coming to P6 and P7 to speak to them about safe and appropriate online behaviour. This will be an ongoing focus in school. Knightswood Fire Service visited the P4-P7 assembly to speak to them about fire safety around bonfire night. P5 participated in the Active Schools North West fun run in Victoria Park and some girls from P6 and P7 participated in the Active Schools Northwest netball tournament. P1 walked round the local area looking for signs of autumn while P2 took their learning about houses and homes outside to look at different types of housing in Scotstoun. P5 enjoyed their visit to the Science Centre to learn more about electricity and participate in a Powering our Future learning lab.





Dates for your Diary – November

Monday 3 rd	Diversity Week P1 Enrolment Week
Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th	Morgan Stanley visiting P6 and P6
Tuesday 4 th	Community police visit P6 and P7
Wednesday 5 th	Community Partnership meeting
Monday 10 th	Two P7s to Pupil Forum, City Chambers 2pm Knightswood Secondary Transition Café for P6 families Anti Bullying Week
Wednesday 12 th	Junior Road Safety Officers to STARS award ceremony, City Chambers Some Digital Leaders to STEM event Anniesland College
Thursday 13 th	P7 Dental Inspections Travel plan meeting (Community)
Friday 14 th	P3/2 and Eco Kids to local area (bulb planting)
Monday 17 th	1.30pm P1 enrolment afternoon with buddies
Tuesday 18 th	5pm – 7pm P1 enrolment evening with buddies
Wednesday 19 th	Knightswood Secondary School Captains to visit.
Thursday 20 th	World Children's Day – children to dress in the colours or patterns which represent their culture.
Friday 21 st	Wear your own clothes and bring something chocolate for the Christmas Fair.
Sunday 29 th	10am – 12 PTA Christmas Fair