

St Francis' Primary & Nursery Class

January/February
2024



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back everyone, we would like to wish you all a very happy New Year, we hope you had a peaceful and joyful Christmas break.

As ever we have a full range of exciting lessons and plans for 2024, have fun reading about them on the school twitter page and our class blogs.

We will continue to post updates on our school website and if necessary send a Groupcall to communicate key messages to individual year groups.

The Management Team

Rights Respecting School



@ UNCRC Article 32

I should not be made to do dangerous work

Article 32 of the UNCRC states that children and young people shouldn't be able to work until they reach a certain age. In Scotland, they are not allowed to do almost any kind of work until they are 13. Rules about the work they can do remain in place until they are 18.

Right's
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Month	Article	
Aug/Sep	17	access to information
Oct	4	making rights real
Nov	22	refugee children
Dec	19	protection from violence
Jan	32	protection from harmful work
Feb	6	life survival and development
Mar	1	child
Apr	36	protection from exploitation
May	26	social and economic help logo
Jun	23	children with disabilities logo

Learning Zone

To support learning at home, we have added some links to our school website.

This may be helpful to extend learning at home, or for additional learning during times when children cannot access school eg strike days, school closures etc

[St Francis' Primary and Nursery Class website](#)

Our school website has a tab titled 'Remote Learning' and has a drop down menu that may be useful.

[Remote Learning Website](#)

This part of our website contains links to literacy and numeracy websites.

Well done St Francis!

Very big congratulations to our Primary 3s who were a star studded cast in our Nativity play in December. A great big thank you to the Primary 2s who sang like angels for the Nativity and well done to our new Primary 1s who entertained us with Festive Christmas songs and carols. The upper school did not disappoint either; we were kept in the festive spirit at the Christmas Concert performed by the Primary 4-7s. I would like to thank parents and carers for coming along to watch the nativity and help raise money for our school funds and superb raffle donations given your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Staff Update

Congratulations to Miss McEney and Miss Kerr who both started their maternity leave last month, we wish them all the best!

We also welcome Mrs Weir and Mrs Burns to our team. They will both be working across the stages to support Literacy and Numeracy intervention groups.



Mrs Burns



Mrs Weir

Class Blogs

Our class blogs from term 2 are ready for you to view. The blogs share the learning that has taken place over the last term including some pictures of the work the children have completed. To view the blogs, please click on the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/stfrancisprimaryandnurseryclass/class-blogs/>

School update

Scots Language Week

In Primary 1-7, the children have learned songs, poems and stories in Scots. This is a really important part of the pupils learning in school and their culture. On the 22nd of January the children will come together for a Scots Language assembly where each class will be showcasing the songs and poems which they have been focusing on.

Library

We are delighted to have been awarded a £9000 grant from the National Literacy Trust to build a library. The school is working alongside Peters Library Designers from Birmingham to transform an area of the school into our own magical library area. The National Literacy Trust will also be providing us with hundreds of new books for the library itself. The design process is underway and the works will be finished by April. We can't wait to share this with you all!

Laudato Si Week beginning 15 January

During this week in school, teaching *Laudato Si'*, an encyclical by Pope Francis on caring for our common home, will involve fostering awareness of environmental issues and promoting a sense of responsibility towards nature. The learning will highlight an interconnectedness of all living things, the importance of ecological stewardship and sustainable practices. The children will engage in a variety of learning appreciating biodiversity, reducing waste, and understanding the impact of human actions on the environment.

Physical Education Term 3

P.E days may have changed please refer to Showbie or Seesaw.

Visiting Specialists

Primary 3 - Dance Coach

Primary 2a & 2b - Multi Sports Coach

Primary 1c & 2c - Sports Leaders from Holyrood Secondary

After school clubs

P7 - Basketball

P6 & 7 - Netball

Lunch clubs

Pla - Multi sport

Plb - Multi sport

P4 & 5 - Netball

P6 & P7 - Dance

Nursery Update

Clothing

A gentle reminder for all our nursery families to make sure that children are dressed for the weather as we do outdoor learning outside every day.

We also ask that you provide a change of clothing which will be kept in your child's bag in the cloakroom, please ensure this is labelled.

Toy Fund

Thank you to all our families for the upkeep of the toy fund, this money helps to pay for new toys, learning experiences, parties and resources. The toy fund is collected on the first Tuesday of every month, envelopes will be provided.

Care Home visit

Our children visit the local care home every two weeks to meet the residents and to complete arts and crafts. We would like to do this more often but in order to facilitate this we require parent helpers. If there are any nursery parents that would like to help with this visit or are interested in helping in other ways, please speak to a member of staff.

Parent Council update



Thanks to everyone that placed an order with mychildsart using their child's drawing. It was so simple to do and the products were great - it is something we will look to do again to keep your eyes open!

We raised £188.98.

This will be used through the year to fund some of the upcoming activities such as the buses to the P7 Theatre Trip.



A huge thanks to the Kano Foundation for providing us with 67 Tickets to the match with Livingston on the 23rd December.

All the children who went along had an amazing time, they met before the game for snacks and drink and all received a Celtic scarf. The seats were excellent, and they were a lucky charm for the team!!!

The parent council part funded the bus for the trip through all our fundraising activities.

We hope to work with the Foundation again in the future to give more children the chance to go to a game!

BONUS BALL



Through the year the Parent Council will be running a Bonus Ball Fundraiser.

For £5.00 per ball you can pick 1 ball (or as many as you like) from 1 - 59.

It will be announced on Facebook and twitter with details of how to reserve your ball and the monies can be paid directly into the PC bank account.

We will use the Saturday Lottery draw of the week in question and the winner ball will receive half the winnings £147.50 and the PC will receive the remaining £147.50 to use towards activities and experiences.



Do you have any unwanted Christmas Gifts that you were thinking of giving away?

Please hand them into school, as the PC can use them for future raffles, tombola's or prizes through the year to help raise much needed funds for school.

Don't forget!

- Keep an eye on our school Twitter and Class blogs for class and school updates. Or Glasgow City Council for general information.
- Office hours are 0830-1600
- Children can enter the playground from 0845 in the morning.
- School finishes at 1500
- Due to Health and Safety reasons no nail extensions are permitted.
- Parent council meeting, delighted to welcome old and new faces, 11th of January
- School uniform to be worn unless it is a P.E day.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Stage
1 st February 2024	7.30pm	P7 trip to King's Theatre	Primary 7
12 th February 2024	All day	Mid Term holiday – school and nursery closed	All stages
13 th February 2024	All day	Mid Term holiday – school and nursery closed	All stages
14 th February 2024	All day	Inservice day School and Nursery closed	All stages