

St Mungo's Primary School Newsletter April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I am delighted that we now have all of our classes back at school. Our children have transitioned, once again, back to school, with ease. Yes, it is much busier and noisier than it was during Lockdown, but that is how I like it! Our children were missed, and without them, St Mungo's was just a building, not a school.

Let's hope that we have a more settled final term after Easter. I do appreciate all of your efforts in keeping our children and staff safe, and school opened for everyone, by wearing a face covering, and maintaining a physical distance.

I am sure that many of you will have questions about your child's learning. I have met with every class teacher to discuss and agree the key teaching that must be carried out before the Summer holidays. We will provide a progress report in Term 4 for every child, and will be contacting parents of children where we have concerns before then. I encourage you to look at your child's class Showbie as this is where you will see some of the types of work they are doing, as well as their homework. We are continuing to use Showbie for homework and learning in some classes.

I hope you find our monthly newsletter informative. We do welcome feedback and suggestions and you can make these suggestions via our school webpage.

I wish you all a very healthy, restful and Happy Easter break when it comes, and will look forward to seeing our children back in Term 4.

Kindest regards,

Miss M Smith

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 19 th April	School re-opens for Term 4
Monday 26 th April 7pm	First Reconciliation
Thursday 6 th May	School closed (in-service)
Sunday 6 th June 1.30pm	Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Monday 14 th June 7pm	Confirmation (S1 children from last session)
Thursday 17 th June 7pm	Confirmation for current P7 children



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Numeracy & Maths Update

It has been a busy term for all our children and families, learning both at home and in school since the Christmas holiday. During this time, our children and those supporting them have taken opportunities to continue to extend and reinforce their learning in both number and maths, using skills and knowledge they have gained in real-life contexts at home too – well done do all our bakers, pizza makers, rain gauge makers and timetable designers!

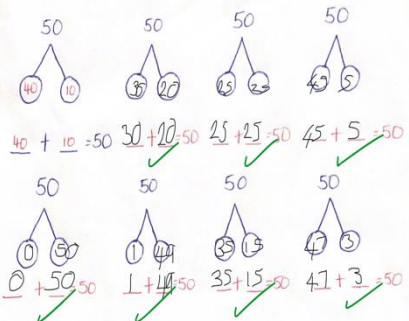


finding and proving number facts to 10!

Our teachers are excited to be continuing their use of 'concrete materials' in class for all our children to support the development of depth in understanding mathematical concepts, especially some new resources that have recently arrived! Our infants have already been using our number and maths station in the open area to practise

Number Bonds to 50:

Can you find two numbers that add to 50? You can use counters, pasta shells or legs to help you.



Lots of parents have noted that they have had the opportunity to learn new strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division from their children while they were working with them at home. This is great! We encourage children at all levels to show and share their thinking, as well as use more than one strategy to solve and check their solution to a problem. Please keep sharing learning and strategies at home too!

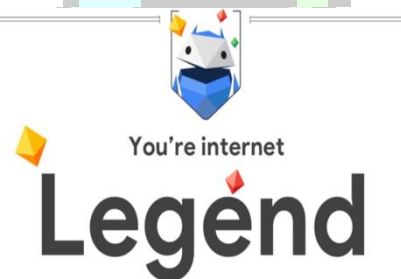
When thinking about the best ways to support your child's number and maths learning over the coming weeks, one key area of revision is the number facts and multiplication tables if your children has already been introduced to these. Knowing the number facts or bonds to 10, 20, 100 and tables allows us to see patterns that can help us, especially when working with more complex problems. A top tip would be to keep this fun or games based, and in short

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bursts or blocks. Thank you for all the support you have given and continue to give in your child's learning!

Digital Update

Digital learning has fast become a 'normal' part of school life, with this past year teaching us all how the digital world can keep up connected, learning and able to share learning and teaching in new ways. St. Mungo's has been no exception, with many of our children and families engaging fully with the Showbie learning platform. Thank you to our families who have engaged so positively with developing their own digital skills, learning to use the Showbie app or website and supporting children to use devices successfully. We are excited to continue using our Showbie classrooms for homework and sharing learning from in school with those at home too!



To maintain and extend our children's knowledge of safety in the cyber environment, many of our P4-7 children have become 'Inter-Legends' with Google – this is a great interactive game which reinforces internet safety and key messages about what is real, 'fake', what should be kept private and what we can safely share online. Certificates can be earned and printed too! Find our more at https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/interland

Over this year, we have also continued to work with Glasgow City Council and our wider partners to obtain further devices and WiFi to support effective digital learning at home. We continue to keep a note of anyone requiring digital support or without a device or WiFi in order that, should devices become available, we can quickly get our learners online. Please keep in touch if there is any way we are able to support you!



Finally, look out for news of our **first ever** Digital Leaders in St. Mungo's! The application process has

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begun and many of our Primary 6s and 7s have shown they are eager to join a new Digital Committee to support our pupils, parents and staff in developing their digital skills and knowledge. Applications are due by the end of the day on Thursday 1st April – we can't wait to start working with a team of St. Mungo's pupils enthusiastic about digital learning and learning digitally!

Eco update



The children have been working extremely hard on their Eco -Schools programme here at St Mungo's

How are we delivering the programme...

The Eco Committee

A key part of the programme is the Eco- committee, who are staff and representatives from every class from Primary 1-7. A new team will be elected every year and work to identify areas of our school which we can improve upon to make us greener.

Our current team have named themselves the 'Eco Warriors' and through the course of the year will lead whole school campaigns, based on areas of the nine topics, such as LITTER, BIODIVERSITY and ENERGY.

They will deliver assemblies and competitions, to drive our school forward on our Eco journey and help us earn our Green Flag with Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Why is it important for our children to learn about environmental issues?

The sad truth is that our planet is changing at an alarming rate and we, as humans have done more to damage it in the last 100 years than ever before in history.

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By educating our children about environmental issues, it will empower them to make more informed choices when it comes to huge issues such as waste and energy, thus helping our planet to be a healthier place for generations to come...

Earth Day

This year's theme is "Restore our Earth" 3 Days of Climate action.

Earth Day takes place every year in April.

What Is Earth Day?

On Earth Day, people across the world take part in activities to help protect our planet.

Monday 19th April – The Eco Warriors will be starting off with a small presentation to their class about activities for the week.

Tuesday 20th April – **GREEN DAY!!** All children and staff can wear green to school to celebrate Earth Day.

Earth Day Commitments activity for the whole school.

Earth Hour – Earth hour is an hour when people are encouraged to switch off all of their electrical items.

Class "switch off" for one hour to save energy. The impact will then be measured by the Eco – Committee and Janitor throughout school meter readings.

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Wednesday 21st April – The whole school will be taking part in a LITTER PICK. This is a very exciting day as we are tackling litter rubbish on the school grounds and surround area. Equipment will be given and the activity will be supervised.

Thursday 22nd April - The Eco – Committee will be weighing all the litter collected and submitting our data to Keep Scotland Beautiful as part of our school action plan.



Primary 5/4 creating Bug Hotels in the Eco Garden.

GSC: Learning Lab

Our Primary 7 children have been working in partnership to develop their STEM skills with the Glasgow Science Centre Learning Lab. They have successfully completed a 10 week course which consists of 4 different modules with a focus on Climate Change, Energy, Biodiversity and Food.

We are all very proud of the effort and hard work the children have applied to their learning! And the knowledge new skills they have developed.

The children have been awarded certificates for their participation and will be involved in a Celebration of success!

Well done P7!

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St Mungo's Parish

Sacraments 2021



We are delighted that children from our P3, P4 and P7 classes will be able to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in Term 4 now that our Churches have re-opened. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for these very special times in their lives.

Community Partnerships



We are very lucky in St Mungo's to work with SiMY Community Development and Citywise, who provide activities throughout the school year for children and families in our school. They are also able to offer Spring Holiday Activities to some of our older pupils (mainly P4-P7). If you would like more information, please contact Miss Ward.



Pupil Voice Update

Our fabulous Pupil Council Representatives in every class have been busy meeting up both in lockdown remotely and in person since returning to school. We would like to welcome Lacey T in Primary 5 who was elected this Month following a school move for the previous rep. Welcome to Lacey!

We now have Class Representatives in every class.

We have been talking a lot about the design of our new Promoting Positive Relationships Policy and the children have been wonderful in contributing their views and thoughts. On Monday 29th March, our Primary 6 and 7 reps met with the Glasgow Young Peoples' Forum to discuss key issues around children's rights and contributed to the gathering of views of young People across Glasgow. Finally, our Pupil Council are keen to organise end of term events for their classes and will be seeking their class views on this matter after the Spring Break. Our next meeting is Friday 30th April 2021 at 1.45pm.



Hello St. Mungos parents...

We are very excited to be writing our own newsletter to be given out to parents!

Happily, all St. Mungos children have returned back to school. As you know we have had our new infants playground for more information go to www.st.MungosTwitter.com .

Secondly, we will be soon introducing our new digital representatives the same as we have Pupil Council and Eco Committee.

Thirdly, our fabulous Eco committee have been planning and soon hopefully be making changes to our natural Eco garden. Next, our P7 will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and have all chosen a Saint to be like, we would usually have the Priests coming to our school although due to COVID, we may have to wait till further changes.

Finally, we will be having a reading day which our children can come to school dressed up as their favourite character which will be held on Wednesday 31st March.

We really appreciate all the work our St Mungos children have produced online and in school and coping really well with our pandemic we are still in and thank YOU to all the parents/careers and teachers who have helped us where we are to this day.

As written by Para'a Musbah and Pawel Jabczuk P7 Pupil Council.

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