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**Newsletter January 2023**

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to the January Newsletter and to the New Year of 2023. Let me start by wishing you all a very happy and successful New Year in whatever endeavours you pursue. I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. As usual the Third term is a very busy one with lots to fit in and I am sure it will be a great year for St Saviour’s.

This term we have welcomed a new member of staff joining us. Miss O’Connor has taken over the Primary 5 class to cover Mrs Macdonald’s maternity leave. I am sure she will settle into the St Saviour’s family very quickly. We also send our best wishes to Mrs Macdonald and look forward to hearing about the new arrival.

Here is a small snap shot of what is or is about to happen in the coming weeks and months.

**Language of The Term**

The Language of the Term this term is ***Scots,*** tying in with Burns' Night celebrations and also the Scottish themes that some classes are learning about. We will be celebrating the language that much of our school community use naturally to express themselves but has been undervalued for many years as a language in its own right. Listen out for our St Saviour's Sounds podcast to hear more about Scots and, of course, other exciting things that have been happening this month.

Gordon Wilkinson

EAL Service

**Easter Charity**

Our Lentin Charity will be SCIAF and we will be collecting using the traditional ‘Wee Box’ that I am sure you can remember from past years. Every Lent, schools across Scotland get involved with the WEE BOX appeal. This year’s appeal gives the real-life perspective of communities in Zambia where many families eat only one meal a day, often going to bed hungry. As part of our Charity drive this year we will be taking part in a WEE BOX Digital Assembly on **Friday 24th February and** Getting involved with the [WEE BOX Day of Prayer](https://sciaf.us5.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5675921de7184e432a0df531e&id=2a32698491&e=b24fe1de1e) on **Friday 17th March. We are also looking at joining** Soul2Sole the brand-new SCIAF virtual walking challenge for 2023!

**Sacraments**

Thursday 26th February P7 Confirmation 7pm @ St Constantine’s Parish Church.

Wednesday 29th March P3 Reconciliation 10am @ St Anthony’s Parish Church

Saturday 13th May P4 First Communion 10am @ St Anthony’s Parish Church

(Details for each will be sent out separately)

Congratulations to Craig in P3 who was Baptised on Tuesday evening of this week.

Mrs McMillan has said that

 “Primary 7 have been busy preparing for their confirmation. They have learned all about Pentecost and are ready to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. As part of their preparation, they have learned about the lives of many Saints and have chosen their Confirmation name. We look forward to seeing them looking smart in their school uniforms, ready to be Confirmed as members of the Church.”

“As part of the mission that we are given in Confirmation, we are going to use our gifts to take part in some projects to look after the Earth. We are taking part in a climate challenge to design an Eco School using sustainable energy sources. We are also going to learn about sustainable businesses and create our own Social Enterprise with a focus on reusing or recycling.”

**Literacy**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Look out for more communications from our Literacy Leaders about this fun filled day. Our Literacy leaders are holding a class library competition and in each class best library will win some new books to enjoy!

We are in the process of each class choosing a reading champion to promote reading across the school.

**School team**

Our school football team continue to take part in friendly matches with other local schools. Our teams are really enjoying the extra opportunities to play, develop our skills and meet new friends.

**Hair Care**

We have recently had to send out letters to three classes about head lice having been spotted in school. Please check regularly for this and treat immediately if you discover them in your child’s hair. As you know this is not a sign of dirty hair as the lice will happily attach themselves onto any type so is there is no stigma in discovering your child has them. Please tie back long hair and remember to check regularly and treat as required.

**After School Clubs**

A new set of after school clubs including Football, Lego, Dance and Netball have already started this term with more hopefully to follow. Watch this space.

**Partners working with the school at the moment**

We are fortunate to be working with or about to work with quite a few partners this term to benefit the children’s education.

Starting in February we will be introducing a new initiative in partnership with **Glasgow life** called Play Together. This will give parents an opportunity to come along and enjoy some Family Play Time activities with their children whilst being supported by experienced Play Staff. This is aimed at P1-3 families and there are still a few places available. Contact the office if you wish to join in.

Five Primary 1 parents are starting a 6-week cooking initiative called ‘Great Grub’ supported by **Urban Roots**. There will also be 5 parents from Riverside and from Broomloan Nursery taking part. This will involve parents and children preparing and cooking recipes’ in our GP room and learning new skills. I am sure it will be a great success. If you missed out on a place this term there may well be a repeat of this after the Easter break.

Primary 2 and 3 enjoyed a visit to a Farm in Strathaven to see how a Dairy farm operated. This was organised by the **Royal Highland Education Trust**. The children really enjoyed it and they loved getting to ask the farmer lots of questions and finding out how to care for the farm animals. The children took part in a sponsored walk to help raise funds for the trip. Thanks to all the sponsors who helped raise money for the cost of the buses.

Primary 4 enjoyed a trip to the Riverside museum and took part in a Victorian’s workshop organised with the **Glasgow Museums Service**.

Primary 3 & 4 will be taking part in an active play initiative run by ‘**The Jeely Piece Club’**. The teachers and the children will be getting trained in holding fun outdoor activities.

Primary 5 will be undertaking 5 weeks of workshops run by the **NSPCC** on building resilience. These workshops were previously delivered in Primary 4 and proved very worthwhile.

Primary 6 have started their Swimming Lessons with the **PEPASS** team. Group 1 started this week and will be going to Pollok swimming pool. Group 2 will be in the summer term and will be going to Bellahouston Sports centre.

Primary 7 will be undertaking a racism awareness workshop run by **GYIP** in January and a ‘Diversity Wins’ day run **by Ibrox Study Centre in March**.

Primary 7 will be taking part in Playmakers training over 6 weeks with Alix from **Active Schools**. At the end of this they should be able to qualify for either a Bronze, Silver or Gold certificate in running Playground activities for younger pupils.

**Govan Help** continues to support certain children through Play Therapy sessions and we are also building a partnership with **Elderpark Housing Association** as part of a Community Awareness drive.

**Launch Foods** continue to provide hot snacks on a Tuesday afternoon to both schools on the campus.

**Glasgow GDSS** have been in school working with both staff and pupils on ways to support dyslexic learners.

**Glasgow Barons** continue to support the school by providing a music specialist to work with the school choir and by allocating a grant to help pay for the Baby Strings music tutors on a Friday.

**Baby Strings**

Our Primary 1-5 classes have been taking part in Baby Strings on a Friday morning. They are learning to understand a play music with the help of two specialist music tutors using Violins, Violas and cellos. This has proved very popular and the children are already showing some natural talent.

Some of the P4 children will be taking part in a concert along with other Baby Strings school at the City Halls on Tuesday evening 21st March. Parents will be able to purchase tickets to attend. More details will follow nearer the time.

 **School Choir**

The school choir continues to practice on a Monday and will be taking part in another performance along with local schools at The Fairfield Halls on Wednesday afternoon 15th March. Parents are invited to attend. (More details to follow)

**Christmas Shows**

Despite taking part in January because of our water supply issues the Christmas Shows were a great success and very well attended. The children and staff really appreciated the parental turnout despite the horrendous weather. .

**Financial Inclusion Support Officer**

In addition to the support offered by Mrs Quigley on a Monday we now have a Financial Inclusion support Officer called Annmarie Magill (Citizens Advice) attached to the school. Annemarie is available to give advice and direct people towards possible benefits or financial assistance that might be available. You can contact Annmarie directly on 07790544817 or through Mrs Quigley. Annmarie will then make an appointment to see you and offer any support or advice that is available. This is an extremely useful scheme and I would urge anyone who feels they may need help to contact her. All contacts and referrals are totally confidential between Annmarie and the families.

**Nut Allergy**

As previously stated we now have a child in school who has a severe nut allergy. This can be triggered with even the faintest trace of any nut products/ingredients near them and can in the most severe cases be extremely dangerous and potentially life threatening. Please do not send your child in with any type of nuts and always check the ingredients for the possibility of any traces of nut produce. These can be in produces such as Kinder Milk Chocolate and other seemingly harmless confectionaries.

**Dates for your Diary**

Here are some important dates that you might want to take a note of.

Tuesday 7th February Campus Coffee Morning in Dinner Hall 9.15am all welcome.

Monday& Tuesday 13th &14th Feb Holiday

Wednesday 15th February In-Service Day (school closed to pupils)

Mon20th – Frid 24th Feb P7 Residential Week to Blairvadach

Tues 28th Feb & Wed 1st March Possible Strike Days

Thursday 30th March Parents Night (details to follow)

Mon 3rd April – Frid 14th April Holiday

*Best Regards*

*Brian S. Tracey*

Head Teacher

As always if there is anything that you wish to ask or inform me of please don’t hesitate to get in touch by phone or e mail 0141 445 8904 or Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk