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## **Newsletter April 2024**

Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Spring break. Can you believe that we are on the last term already? The year seems to have flown by really quickly.

As always Term 4 is a really busy term with inductions, trips, report cards etc and only another 45 school days to fit it all in.

### **Maternity Leave**

Mrs McGeever will be starting her maternity leave next Month on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. I know P5 will miss her as she has been with them for the last two years. We wish her and her new arrival health and happiness and look forward to hearing about the arrival of baby McGeever. On a personal note I would like to thank Mrs McGeever for the hard work and enthusiasm she has demonstrated in her time at St Saviour's, it has been very much appreciated.

### **Parent Night Reminder**

Thanks to everyone who attended our recent parent's night. It was great to see so many parents and to receive the very positive feedback they gave us about the school. A big thank you to the P7 volunteers who conducted the parent surveys on the night.

### **Parent Support Group**

We have been trialling a Parent Support Group offer on a Monday afternoon between 2pm and 3pm for parents with children who may display signs of or are diagnosed with a Neurodivergent condition. Unfortunately, the extremely low take up means that we will not be continuing this, but it is something we could reconsider if the need arose in the future.

### **Language of the term**

This term we will be looking at Yoruba as our Language of the term. Yoruba is one of the languages spoken in Nigeria and is the first language of some of our pupils. Mr Wilkinson and the Language Ambassadors will be presenting more information about this to the pupils soon.

### **Easter Fundraising**

Well, done to our Mini Vinnies and Pupil Council who organised craft workshops and a Mad Hair Day to raise money for our Easter Charity SCIAF. We were able to send off a cheque for £220. Thanks go to Mrs Von Hubbanet-Kinloch and Miss Cannon for taking the Mini Vinnie craft class after school.

## **A Message from our Maths CLOL Mrs L. Kane**

### **Play Along Maths**

Thank you to the parents who took part in Play Along Maths last term. Although there wasn't a huge turnout, the children all greatly benefited from the input. They increased their understanding of Numeracy & Mathematics, while enjoying playing together with their families at home.

During the recent parents evening I approached a number of parents from P2 and P3 to find out if people would be interested in joining the next PAM sessions. Apologies if I missed anyone! Originally I had two days and times suggested, but, unfortunately, due to a lack of suitable venue, we will only be able to run the proposed sessions on Wednesdays at 2.20pm. These are due to start in the coming weeks and I will be in touch with everyone in due course. If I missed speaking to you at parents' night but this is something you would like to be involved in please don't hesitate to contact me directly at school. Again, I can't reiterate how beneficial this programme can be for children, so if you are free on Wednesday afternoons, please think about committing to the programme. You won't regret it!

### **Primary 5 Games Project**

Primary 5 have been chosen to take part in the next cohort of the Primary 5 Games Project. This is aimed at decreasing anxiety around numeracy and mathematics and was developed by the Chief Executive, Douglas Hutchinson. Over the course of 5 weeks the children will play games for 3, 20-minute sessions. By the end of the intervention, we hope to see children having much more positive attitudes towards Numeracy and Mathematics who really look forward to learning. We have introduced the games and myself and Mrs McGeever are excited to get started! We will keep you informed of the results!

Loving all things Numeracy & Mathematics  
Mrs L Kane

### **Attendance and Late comings**

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting the school in improving attendance and cutting down on late comings.

We are already seeing improvement in engagement and attainment of those children who are attending school more consistently.

### **P5 News**

Primary five took part in their first Into University visit last week. They thoroughly enjoyed it and got a great report from the tutors. They will be more involved with this next year when they are P6. This term they are starting a topic called Titanic and will be doing some personal research and junk modelling. If you have any egg boxes, yoghurt carton etc could they be washed out and sent in.

### **P3 News**

Primary 3 will be having a display of knowledge on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Parents are invited in at 2pm to view the fabulous artwork that the children have been doing in the style of Artist Stephen Brown.

### **Pupil Representatives**

Our Junior road Safety Officers and our P7 pupil forum representatives will be visiting the City Chambers soon to take part in City wide events. I am sure they will be great ambassadors for our school.

### **Financial Inclusion Support Officer**

In addition to the support offered by Mrs Quigley on a Monday, we have a Financial Inclusion support Officer called Annmarie Magill (Citizens Advice) attached to the school. Annmarie 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 contact 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. Mrs Magill will be resuming her visits to the school on a Wednesday starting 1<sup>st</sup> May so please make use of this service if you need assistance.

### **Sports Events**

Our football teams continue to take part in the Active Schools round of friendlies. These are usually on Monday either here or at Pirie Park. My thanks to Mrs Neilson for continuing to run the teams and take training on a Wednesday after school.

We will also be competing in the Govan Fair Cup at the start of June so the more practice and training that they can do the better. Lets hope that they are successful.

### **School Blog & Podcast**

One of the issues that came to light from the Parents night questionnaire was that people were still unsure about accessing the school blog and podcasts. Both of these platforms contain up to date information concerning the school or events that are taking place.

The blog can be accessed by using the following link <https://blogs.glowscotland.org>

And the podcast is sent out each month on the usual platforms of showbie and group-call. If you are having difficulty accessing any of these please contact Mrs Quigley (see parent liaison below)

### **Parent Council**

Our Parent Council is in the process of recruiting new members. If you are interested in becoming involved or would just like a bit more information contact our Parent council Chair Mr Stephen McIntosh at the following e mail address [stsavioursparentcouncil.govan@gmail.com](mailto:stsavioursparentcouncil.govan@gmail.com) or contact the school directly.

### **N.B. Change of Date**

Please take note of the recent change of date for our May in-service day. This was originally scheduled for Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May but has been moved to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The Education Department have decided that as there will be no elections now on that Thursday it made more sense to have a long weekend rather than off one day and back the next then off again. This means the school will be closed to children on the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. I hope this does not upset any child minding arrangements already in place.

### **Sacraments**

Our P7 and P4 children are busy preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion (dates below). Please help them in this by discussing their workbook activities with them. Confirmation will be along with St Constantine's Primary and will be held in St Constantine's Parish Church and Communion will be held in St Anthony's Parish Church.

## Important Dates Term 4

Day & Date	Event
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 30th	P7 Confirmations at St Constantine's 7pm Church
<b>May</b>	
Friday 3rd	In – Service Day
Monday 6th	Holiday
Saturday 11th	P4 First Holy Communions at St Anthony's Church 10am
Thursday & Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Induction Days at Lourdes
Thursday 16th	Mrs McGeever's Last Day
Friday & Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
<b>June</b>	
Wednesday 6th	Govan Fair Cup
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> (or before)	Report Cards to SLT
Monday – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Residential to Glencoe
Friday 14th	Report Cards Out
Monday – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup>	Health Week
Monday 17th	Winning House Trip To Cinema 10am
Tuesday 18th	School Summer Trip to Kelburn Country Park
Wednesday 19th	Sports Day
Thursday 20th	P7 Leavers Disco 6-8pm
Friday 21st	Term Awards
Monday 24th	P7 Leavers Assembly pm
Tuesday 25th	Leavers Mass at St Anthony's Church 10am
Wednesday 26th	Early Finish 1pm

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](mailto:Headteacher@st-saviours-pri.glasgow.sch.uk)

*Best Regards*

***Brian S. Tracey***