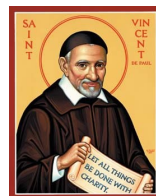




St Vincent's Primary Newsletter



November 2025

From the Head Teacher's desk:

November has been another busy month here in St. Vincent's and I have so much to share with you!

A group of our senior pupils took part in a taster session for Car Valeting. The children were so enthusiastic about this session geared towards Developing the Young Workforce. We are hoping to start a longer block of input in term 3 or 4 so that the children can develop key skills that will benefit them in the future - more details to follow!

As our first House Winners for this session, Mull House enjoyed a trip to the GFT cinema to see The Princess and the Frog. The children were a credit to our school, as always, and they had a wonderful morning celebrating their efforts throughout Term 1. House winners for Term 2 will be announced before the Christmas holidays - who will it be?

Our trips to Thornliebank Library have also continued with Primary 3a, 3b, 1a, 1b and 2a all attending this month. Future dates are detailed overleaf also.

Primary 3a, 3b and 4 all attended First Friday Mass at the beginning of the month, with some of our children leading the Offertory Procession. This is always such a special occasion for our children to live their faith.

Myself, Mrs Robertson and Ms McCabe have been visiting every class in the school to join them for a writing lesson this month. We have thoroughly enjoyed these visits and seeing the wonderful ideas our children can add to make their writing more interesting for the reader - keep up the good work everyone!

We have several extra-curricular clubs available for our children at the moment:

- **Mrs Beaton's Christmas Craft Club**
- **Miss Buik's Lego Club**
- **Mr McLennan and Mrs Boyle's Scottish Country Dancing Club**
- **Miss Calierno's Spanish Club**
- **Mrs McNee's Singing Club**
- **Mr McLennan's Football Training**

I am so grateful to all of these members of staff for giving their time to provide additional, fun learning opportunities for our children!

Catriona Wishart Head Teacher

Staffing Update

As many of you will already be aware, I am currently expecting and will be finishing for maternity leave on Friday 5th December. Glasgow City Council will be appointing an Acting Head Teacher, on a temporary basis, whilst I am off. As yet, this person has not been appointed, but the job has been advertised and a successful candidate will hopefully be appointed next week. I will, of course, keep you fully informed of this when it happens and I am intending on meeting with the new Acting Head Teacher, before I stop, to ensure a smooth transition.

I would like to express my gratitude for the many lovely well wishes I have received as parents/carers have found out about Baby Wishart's impending arrival. The children have also been extremely lovely, sharing in my excitement at this special time. Many of them are trying to guess what I'm having and giving me lots of inspiration for names. I will miss St. Vincent's so much whilst I am away but I know that the Acting Head Teacher is going to absolutely love working here. The children, staff and families are wonderful to work with and I look forward to hearing about all the amazing things that happen while I'm away.



I am also delighted to inform you that, following a successful interview recently, Mrs Robertson was appointed, on a permanent basis, to the role of Infant Depute Head Teacher. Mrs Robertson works extremely hard and has built excellent relationships with our children and families across the school but particularly in the infant department. Congratulations Mrs Robertson and welcome (officially) to the senior leadership team!



Diary Dates for December

1st December	2 x Primary 7 pupils to Schools Forum Event at City Chambers
1st December	Football Tournament at Nethercraigs at 3:30pm
2nd December	Primary 1 NHS Height and Weight Checks
2nd December	Primary 2b to Thornliebank Library
4th December	Carol Singing (Group 1) at St. Enoch's Centre for PPWH at 10am
5th December	Primary 1a, 1b, 2a and 2b to First Friday Mass at St. Vincent's Church
9th December	Primary 4-7 Christmas Concert at 9:30am
9th December	Primary 1-3 Nativity at 1:30pm
10th December	Primary 1-3 Nativity at 9:30am
10th December	Primary 4-7 Christmas Concert at 1:30pm
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
11th December	Carol Singing (Group 1) at Trust Housing, Thornliebank
12th December	Pupil Christmas Fayre led by Primary 6 pupils
15th December	Carol Singing (Group 2) at Buchanan Galleries for Children's Hospital at 11am
16th December	Christmas Parties
17th December	End of Term Mass (Whole School) at St. Vincent's Church
17th December	Carol Singing (Group 2) at Rainbow Centre, Carnwadric
19th December	School closes for Christmas Holidays at 2:30pm
5th January	School re-opens for Term 3 at 9am

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Book Fair Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair! Together we raised an astonishing **£1,060.38**, giving the school around **£530** in rewards to spend on new books. All children have now received their orders, and we're planning to use our rewards to refresh the library's non-fiction section soon. Your ongoing support made this year's Book Fair a fantastic success - thank you so much! The Book Fair will be back next session so keep your eyes peeled for more information regarding this.



Michael Rosen Day!

All of our children had a fantastic time on Michael Rosen Day (13th November), and our Mini Librarians were so proud! Our Poetry Party dress-down day raised **£184.14** for school funds — thank you to all our families who supported our celebrations and helped to boost our school funds. As always, this money is used to directly impact our children so this money will be well spent going forward.

Check out some pictures and clips on our Twitter/X page @vincents_st. We were even lucky enough to receive messages from Michael Rosen himself!

Football Training

Mr McLennan has been working so hard with our football team this session, training every Thursday after school. The team have also had the opportunity to play in a number of Nethercraigs Tournaments so far this year. Their final tournament is on 1st December and therefore, training will not be on during the month of December. As a result, the last training session will be **Thursday 27th November**. I would like to thank Mr McLennan for giving so generously of his own time to provide our children with these opportunities - he has earned a well-deserved rest before Christmas!



Attendance

This month, I can provide the following update on our school's attendance statistics:

October's attendance rate (Whole School) - 89.9%

November's attendance rate (Whole School) - 89.7%

The number of pupil's with 10% or more absence rate, which is equivalent to missing 4 weeks of school:

October - 127 pupils November—130 pupils

As you can see, both of these figures have declined since last month and are of concern. Please continue to ensure your child/ren attend school everyday.