



Welcome to the March 2019 Newsletter for
the school.

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Dear Parents/Carers

Diary Dates.

Fri 1 Mar-P3 to Mitchell Library

-11 children to European Indoor Athletics Championships-Emirates

Tues 5 Mar-Shrove Tuesday

Wed 6 Mar-Ash Wednesday

Sat 9th Mar- P7 Bag Pack at Morrison's Giffnock (Glencoe Fundraiser)

Wed 13th Mar- P7 Swimming Block 2 starts (Boys & P7 Girls from P7/6)

Tues 19 Mar-EASTER DISCOS!

Thurs 21 and Fri 22 Mar-Active Literacy for Parents

Fri 22 Mar-Talent show final for children

Wed 20th and Thurs 28th Mar-Parents evenings (appointments to follow)

Mon 25/Tues 26 Mar-Reconciliation, St Vincent's RC Church 7pm

Fri 29 Mar-School closes 2:30pm for Easter Break

Mon 15 April-School reopens

Fri 19 and Mon 22 April-School closed for Easter Weekend

Mon 29 April - Friday 3rd May – P7 Glencoe Residential Trip

Mon 6 May-Bank Holiday

Tues 7 May-Glasgow staff training-school closed for children

Sat 18 May-First Communion, St Vincent's RC Church 11am

Tues 21 May-Confirmation, St Vincent's RC Church 7pm

Fri 24 May and Mon 27 May-School closed

Thurs 30 May-Ascension Day

Fri 28th June -School close 1pm for summer vacation.

In the News

- Our **Lenten Charity** donations will again be for the homeless in Glasgow as well as any foodbank gifts you would like to donate to St Vincent's Church. We also do a loose coin collection for SCIAF at this time.
- Thank you to everyone who attended the first of our **Family Games evening**. It was a tremendous success and a lot of fun was had as well as folk getting a chance to be together. Thank you to the staff who gave up their time and particular thanks goes to Ms McCabe for organising another great event. I know that there are lots of staff who will be helping out on the 8th March as well!
- **Fairtrade Coffee Morning-Friday 8th March 9:10-10:20**
Annual event in support of Fairtrade. Family and friends invited to attend with snacks and drinks available at reasonable prices. Pupils will be able to join with family members while they enjoy their morning cuppa. There will also be a raffle and all the classes will have an opportunity to purchase a drink/snack before lunch.

Out and about in school

- The **P1 children** have produced some wonderful work on their topic Fairytales and their work can be seen on the Display boards. There is also an excellent STEM corner as you enter the P1 Hub. The staff are working on setting up a **Parent's Room** in the Hub and they have also volunteered their time to help P1 families with homework. Watch out for further details!
- In **P7/6, Beth** reports that they have been making instructions to make a nice pot of tea (parents!! Get them to practice for you!) We made Chitnjes prints for our topic on Africa. We also read Chapter 4 of A Titanic Story making sentences for the words, accused, fortune, hissed and interfering. Mr Tracey came in and did a memory test and general knowledge. We also did diacritical marking to our spelling words.
- **Kayden in P3A** reported that the P3's have been working and calculating with money, getting used to the values and how to calculate with them. A great life skill.
- In **P3B, Chloe** says they have been working on subtraction with tens and units. They also wrote the next chapter in the Owl who was afraid of the Dark. They have also learnt the final part of the Determined to Dance routine and it was fun!
- **P6** have been doing data handling and enjoying seeing the fish hatching. **Lex** also adds that they have also been reading a non-fiction book which is The King in the Car Park-a great story about Richard the Third of England. The class have also been investigating different types of invertebrates and vertebrates.
- **Jay** tells us that **P4** have been preparing their plants ready to sow in the flower beds outside. The Edinburgh Science Centre staff came in to show the class the working of the ear and how we hear. Their maths work has been around equal fractions and time.
- In, **P2A Zakariyah** reports that they have an egg from Antarctica in their class! They have been listening to the adventures of the famous Scot Robert Scott the explorer. P2A have also been making clocks to help tell the time.
- **Jannat in P5** says that they have also been looking at fractions and time. Their topic is Africa (Malawi) and they have been designing t-shirts and flowers with Chitnjes prints. Volleyball is the name of the game in PE and in science/STEM they have been creating rainbow skittles by the action of water.
- **Hannah** says the P7's have enjoyed developing maths skills with Mrs Stewart. Creative juices have flowed making Chitnjes garments. They have been super scientists extracting DNA from strawberries in wee phials. The class had a send off for Miss McGibbon who was a very good student teacher and the class appreciated her efforts and talents in the lesson plans and activities.
- **Amelia in P5/4** says the class enjoyed the Science workshop on the ear/sound and vibration. They have created spring flowers using emotional art working. They heard a specialist speak about the importance of dental health. In maths they have covered co-ordinates and they are enjoying the new books in their class library.

Health and Wellbeing.

- Congratulations to our **basketball teams** for their performances at the Jump2It Competition. One of our teams will play in the finals at the Emirates on Sunday 17th March and if they reach the final, will play at half time during a Glasgow Rocks match!
- The next stage of the **playground development** is almost complete and ready for the children to enjoy. Mrs O'Keefe is delighted at the progress made.
- The **residential trip for Glencoe** is fast approaching. Please can you try to make the payments as soon as you can? There will be a meeting for parents at 1:30 on Friday 29th March in school.
- The children behaved impeccably at **Frankie and Benny's Restaurant** in the Quay. Staff and helpers commented on how well they listened to the instructions on food hygiene and flavours.
- **St David's House** enjoyed their treat for winning the house competition in Term 2, going to the **cinema** in Parkhead.
- P1 have had their **height and weight** checks carried out in February.
- The British Transport Police came in to give a short assembly to P4-7 on safety around the Network Rail system. The children were complimented by the officers for their engagement and excellent listening skills.
- The **footballers** have continued to perform well at Nethercraigs tournaments. They narrowly lost 4-3 to OLM in what was a very tight match against a much bigger school. Well done!

PUPIL OF THE WEEK AWARDS.

P1A	Marlena Stos, Eason Lin, Minahil Hussain
P1B	Genevieve Irohara, Leon Fitzpatrick, Jordan Michalek
P1C	Leshawn King, Payton Allison, Ashoura Saleh
P2A	Favour Mattew, Ruth Igbinoke, Lucie Tweedie
P2B	Sean Wasko, Leon Boyce
P3A	Erin Marshall, Owen Xie, Phoebe Wan
P3B	Lucy Lang, Filip Kolakowski, Leigh Downs
P4	Yusra Ismeti, Dean Martin, Rebecca Joseph
P5/4	Ruben Gormley, Amyleigh Reynolds, Amirah Javed
P5	Leon Marshall, Meschac Modeste, Dzesmina Ciubrevicius
P6	Faith Chikweze, Marysia Cmiel, Liam Mieklejohn
P7/6	Joseph McCartney, Beth Kelly, Ryan Gilmour
P7	Damaris Asuquo, Dominika Wrona, Tyler Cairns

The year with the best attendance last month in February was P5 with an average of 94%

Curricular.

- Mrs Ahmad's after school **Parents workshops** have been going really well!
- There will be **Family Learning opportunities** for Literacy and Numeracy on the 18th & 19th of March (More details to follow)
- The P3-7's are getting a host of literacy rich learning opportunities at the **Mitchell Library** over the next week or so. This is part of the '**Wee Write**' programme that is running at the moment. It is aimed to further a love of reading and writing as well as developing talking and listening skills.
- Two of our P7 girls will be attending the City Chambers with Mrs Stewart for a major event to celebrate **International Women's Day** on the 7th March.
- **Talent Show** heats begin w/c 11th March in the classes. The Pupil Voice Team are busy organising this and have put up posters around the school for all the pupils to see.
- **Red Nose Day** is on Friday 15th March. Children can wear something red.
- The new **swimming curriculum block** for those P7's who haven't been yet starts on Wednesday 13th March

Kindest Regards

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