



September Newsletter

Parental Engagement

This year we are introducing PATPAL (**PUPILS AS TEACHERS, PARENTS AS LEARNERS**) sessions. These sessions are short workshops that give you the opportunity to come into your child's class to work alongside them to find out how they learn. The children will lead these sessions. It gives our children the opportunity to demonstrate not just their learning but how they are developing skills which help prepare them for learning, life and work. Please look out for your invitation to attend these sessions.

Parent Workshops

Mrs Bonnar will host some workshops for **P1 parents**, to help them understand the way their children learn in school. The dates of these session are below, with the first one being next week, **Wednesday 18th September at 2pm.**

We look forward to welcoming our new P1 parent to engage with their child's learning journey and work in partnership with the school.

Pupil Voice Groups

Our Pupils have been busy voting for class representatives to join our Pupil Voice Groups. We now have group members for Eco, Pupil Council, Young Leaders of Learning, Building Racial Literacy and for Charities. We look forward to working with our children to help shape improvements to our school.





Parent Voice Group

The AGM of our Parent Voice Group is on Thursday 19th September at 6pm in the school.

The group work very hard each year with fundraising, but are also involved in supporting our school in many ways.

Please make the time to come along to the AGM. We are really needing new members. We welcome all your skills and talents to work in partnership with the school

Parental Drop in the Hive

Every Friday morning our parents have a cuppa and a chat in the HIVE within our school. This is an opportunity to come together informally as a community to relax, chat and meet new friends. So once you have dropped off your child. Why not pop into the HIVE on a Friday for a catch up and a cuppa. We look forward to seeing you.



X – Formerly Twitter

We use X to share the children's learning experiences within the classes and school, at the moment a number of classes have their own twitter pages.

Please follow us on: [School Twitter Page](#) and [Parent Voice Group](#)

Primary 1A [Miss Sinclair Primary 1A](#)

Primary 1B [Miss Brown Primary 1B](#)

Primary 2A [Miss McBride Primary 2A](#)

Primary 2B [Miss OKeefe Primary 2B](#)

Primary 3A [Miss Shields Primary 3A](#)

Primary 3B [Miss Nelis Primary 3B](#)

Primary 4A [Miss Murray Primary 4A](#)

Primary 4B [MrsDevenney Primary 4B](#)

Primary 6A [Mrs McLean Primary 6A](#)

Primary 6B [MRS PRIMARY 6B](#)

Primary 7A [MISSGRAY PRIMARY 7A](#)

[CLB MRS DONNACHIE](#)

CLB Room1 [Mrs Kane](#)

CLB Room 3 [Mrs Shaw](#)

CLB Room 4 [Mr Dyer](#)



P7 Residential

This year our Primary 7 children will attend Lockerbie Manor House, Lockerbie, for a 3 day/2 night residential. This experience will be funded by parents. There is no longer funding available for residential trips so all future trips will be funded in this way.

All parents of Primary 7 pupils, should now complete the form which was sent out by today, to enable us to book our final numbers.

School Funds

We are hoping to raise funds for our school funds which will enable us to enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. Our fundraisers this year will be:

Sponsored Walk – **Friday 11th October**

Come as You Please – **Friday 8th November**

Cake and Candy – **Friday 29th November**

Success Café

Our first Success Café went really well on Friday and gave parents the opportunity to come into school, spend some time with their children and hear about their successes. We welcomed the information from parents about children's wider achievements which let us celebrate with them. Look out for this month's Microsoft Form asking for you to share your child's achievements out with school whether they are big or small.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

We know that our Primary 4 and Primary 7 children and families have started their preparation to receive the sacraments. Whilst we continue to help the children prepare in school we would encourage you to help the children in their faith journey at home by praying with them and taking them to Mass at the weekend. The mass times for St Laurence's church are: **4.30pm vigil mass on a Saturday evening or 10am and 12pm mass on a Sunday.**



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PREPARATION**

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and Confirmation**

Attendance / Latecoming

Attendance at school is really important. Did you know that unsettled friendship groups, emotional and behaviour difficulties, unsuccessful learning and lower employment opportunities can result from poor attendance?



%	Days missed equivalent to	Impact
100%	0	Excellent Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying
95%	9 days 1 week & 4 days	Good Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start
90%	19 days 3 weeks & 4 days	Poor Less chance of success. Makes it harder to progress.
85%	27 days 5 weeks & 2 days (Almost half a term)	Very Poor Serious implications
80%	36 days 7 weeks & 1 days (Half a term)	Unacceptable Serious implications on learning and progress. Unacceptable

We understand that there will be times when your child can not attend school, however our school vision is that every child has every chance to succeed. Please help your child to grow as a successful learner, confident individual, responsible citizen and effective contributor by ensuring they are at school every day and attending on time. **Our school hours are 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.** Please do not make arrangements to take your child out of school early as they miss out on valuable learning time.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs from 8 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. every day. **You need to be in receipt of the Clothing grant for free breakfast club access.** If you don't qualify for a clothing grant then the breakfast club costs £1 per day, paid through [Parent Pay](#). Applications for clothing grants can be accessed through Inverclyde Council's: [Clothing Grant Application](#)

Entrance to the breakfast club is through the side gates of the school and down the stairs at the amphitheatre and in the door at the school canteen. NOT the front door.

Dates for your diary:

- Saturday 14th September – **Cross Country Event** – Tower Hill, Gourock (P5-P7)
- Monday 16th September – **P1 Class Photographs for Telegraph** (Morning)
- Friday 20th September – **School Choir to Port Glasgow Town Hall**
- Friday 20th September – **Welcome Mass at 10am in St Laurence's Church** – 10am
- Saturday 21st September – **Cross Country Event** – Tower Hill, Gourock (P5-P7)
- Monday 23rd September - **P4 Sacraments Meeting for Parents** - 2.15pm
- Tuesday 24th September – **P5B to Kincaid Court for World Craft Day**
- Wednesday 25th September – **P7 Confirmadi Mass for pupils** to St Mary's Church
- Wednesday 25th September – **P7 Confirmation Meeting for Parents** - 2.15pm
- **School Closed** – Friday 27th September and Monday 30th September – (Sept. Weekend)
- Tuesday 1st October – **Parents' Afternoon/ Evening for Whole School** (details to follow)
- Thursday 10th October – **P7 Parents Residential Meeting in school @ 3.15pm**
- **Friday 11th October** – School Closes for October Holidays
- Monday 21st October – **In-service Day for School Staff**
- Tuesday 22nd October – **Pupils Return**

