

Gourock Primary School

GPS SCHOOL VALUES: Respect, Honesty, Tolerance, Care & Resilience

Love Learning.....



Developing skills for learning, life and work

A busy term ahead....

We have had an extremely busy and exciting start to the year, particularly for Mrs McKellar who welcomed Bonnie Eve McKellar into the world on Saturday 8th of February. We're looking forward to seeing baby Bonnie and getting a cuddle!

Rights Respecting School

We will be focusing on the following UNCRC articles throughout February:

- **Article 17** - you have the right to information that is important to your wellbeing
- **Article 12** - You have the right to be heard

We are proud to be a RRS and will continue to encourage and embed all the articles explored throughout the year.

I am sad to be leaving Gourock Primary after the Easter holidays and would like to thank our school community for being so supportive. I have loved my time at the 'wee round school' and will take many fond memories with me.

Please remember our door is always open. If you have any questions or queries just pop in to the office to see us.

Kindest regards,
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Making Learning Visible

At GPS we believe a good learner should **persevere** and be:

- ❖ **Engaged, motivated, reflective, creative and responsible.**

This month our focus is: I am engaged....I stay on task

We will present our new 'Learner Qualities' certificates at the awards assembly which will be held every 4 weeks. Children can then select a 'goody' from our awards box to recognise that they have gone 'above and beyond'.

Walking Bus

We are keen to maintain our "Walk on Wednesdays" as we have one of the most well established "Walking Buses" in the authority! Our two starting points are at the corner of King Street/Broomberry Drive and the corner of Manor Crescent/Larkfield Road, departing at 8.40am prompt. What a great way to start your learning day!

Cara P5

We are learning about World War Two. A visitor called Dean showed us food, clothing and weapons from that time. Everything was very different to today. We talked about eating liver sandwiches and rabbit pie!

William P1

We learned how to read "sh", "ch" and "th". We learned to write the sounds too.

Ashlyn P3

We are learning and practising our times tables just now. We want to be really quick at remembering them.

Here's what our pupils have loved about their learning this month...

Jessica P7

We were learning about different types of triangle: equilateral, isosceles and right angled triangles.

Jack P3/2

It was great learning about lots of different inventors, especially James Watt and his steam engine.

Sol P6/5

I really enjoyed learning how to add decimals. Multiplication and division of decimals was more of a challenge.

Ruraidh P4

In our class we have been learning more about money. We have been adding amounts and finding change from £10. We keep practising our times tables.

James P2/1

We have been learning about weight and "heavy" and "light". We have also been learning how to make and build words using our sounds.

Zac P6

Learning about World War Two and finding out how the Jewish community were treated at that time was very interesting.

School Website - Events Tab

As we update our school website and twitter account on a daily basis, please view and find out what's happening.

<http://gourock-pri.inverclyde.sch.uk>

Do you know you can now access our website by scanning our QR Code below into your phone?



Severe Weather

During any severe winter weather, updates will be posted on Inverclyde Council's website at www.inverclyde.gov.uk/winter. There will be regular updates on how local services are affected as well as handy links and information to help prepare for severe winter weather.

You can also follow the Council on twitter at www.twitter.com/Inverclyde for regular updates.

Burns Supper

Our recent event took place on Wednesday, 5th February. What an amazing night! The Primary 7 pupils did not disappoint. Those attending were treated to wonderful singing, poetry recitations and a tasty plate of haggis, neeps and tatties! Thank you to our piper Tai who piped in the haggis, Jill our cook and the ladies in the kitchen and all who took part and contributed to a very memorable evening.



Jolly Beggars Burns Competition

Nine of our P7 pupils took part in the semi-final of the Burns Competition judged by members of the Jolly Beggars Club. The two finalists then took part in the final at Moorfoot Primary School with the result being so difficult a "draw" was announced!



Nut Free Zone

We would like to remind you that there are a few pupils in Gourock Primary who have severe nut allergies. Please ensure that you **do not** provide snacks or anything for your child's snack or packed lunch which may contain nuts
e.g. Nutella / Nutella products / Kinder Bueno / Kinder Hippo etc.



Building Extension

We will keep parents up to date as and when we have further information regarding the school extension. An email has been sent out and we have no further information at this point.

Fair Trade Assesmbly

Thank you to Mrs Mullan and the Fairtrade Committee for organising our Fairtrade Assembly on Friday, 21st February.



P1 Church Visit



Primary 1 were learning all about "Christenings" and visited Old Gourock and Ashton Church to find out more from David the minister.



Fischy Music Concert

Week beginning Monday, 9th March GSCT (Gourock Schools and Churches Together) are funding the input from Fischy Music for all classes across the school to have a fun musical experience. There will also be a follow up Fischy Music Concert for P5, P6 and P7 pupils on the morning of Friday, 13th March 10am at Old Gourock and Ashton Church to which parents and friends are invited. Please come along and join us.

Home Front WW2 Workshop:

Our P6 and P5 pupils had a fabulous workshop from Home Front Histories linked to their project on WW2. The workshop brought to life all the aspects of learning and the children had such a fun day.



Exciting opportunity! We are pleased to share our new club which will give the opportunity for pupils to learn alongside their parents at our new "French and Spanish Language" club. This club is open to pupils and a parent/family member from P5 to P7. The four week club will take place on Thursday afternoons, beginning 5th March, from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to take part. Spaces may be limited. Thank you.

We are regularly liaising with our Active Schools Coordinators (Lynne Cooper and Craig Mullan) re after-school clubs. As well as Active Schools clubs, we also rely on our staff giving up their personal time to run any after-school club. We will continue to keep you updated as to what is on offer in the future.

Feb/March dates for the diary:

Thursday 6th March - Morrisons visiting school to gift 15 books for "World Book Day".

Monday 9th March - Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th March - Some of our P7 pupils taking part in Poetry Competition at the Beacon.

Thursday 19th March - P6 visiting local churches today

Monday 23rd March - P7 Generation Science Visit

Tuesday 24th March - P6 taking part in "Easter Code" activities at St John's Church

Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March - P6 Residential Trip to Dalguise

Wednesday 1st April- Parents' Meetings -Appointment times to follow

Thursday 2nd April - School closes for Easter holiday

Monday 20th April - School reopens for pupils and staff

Car parking

The safety of pupils is paramount at Gourrock primary. We ask that drivers park responsibly when dropping off/picking up. We encourage people to park further away from the busy area and walk when possible. Davidson Drive is still very congested and road safety have assured us that they will continue to spot check this area.

We are still noticing a number of cars that are double parking and cars that have left their engines idling. Please park in a designated space and turn off the car engine before exiting the car to collect your child.



Celebrating Success

At Gourrock Primary celebrating success and wider achievement is really valued. If you would like to share any recent successes outwith school then please remember to return the Celebrating Success form and we will share any successes submitted in the next newsletter.

This month we have one of our beautiful primary 1 pupils celebrating climbing success - well done!

