



# St Francis Primary March Newsletter 2023



Dear Parent,

Welcome to our March Newsletter. Spring is definitely in the air. It is so lovely to have the lighter mornings and slightly longer days and is great to see the children out playing after school.

**Remember to contact the school before 9.00am if your child is going to be absent.** If your child is attending an appointment and will be coming to school in time for lunch, please remember to contact us before 9:30am to tell us their meal choice.

**Please ensure we have your most up to date contact details.**

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Please visit our website which is updated regularly.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/in/stfrancisprimary/>

## This is our Faith Lent - Preparing for Easter

We are delighted to say that all children will have the opportunity to attend 9.30am mass in St Francis Church during Lent.

This is a special time for us to visit the Parish of St Francis altogether.

Please see the dates below:

P 1, P 2/1 & P 7 - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

P 2 & P 6 - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

P 3 & P 5 - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

P 4/3 & P 4 - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March



## Lenten Appeal - Children Helping Children

During Lent we are called to show justice and mercy by giving alms. With the help of your generosity, we will be raising money to help reduce poverty and suffering in the world.

The Bishops of Scotland have asked primary schools to support Missio Scotland.

We are also working with St Stephen's High school to support SCIAF's work. This year it is SOUL2SOLE and school's are being asked to walk miles, equivalent of walking around Zambia.



## Missio Scotland & Soul2Sole Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Walk a Mile



Walking shoes to walk our miles. We only ask for a small donation from parents and carers. All money raised will help the children in Africa who have to walk miles to go to school every day. This money will help to build new schools for children as well.

We will inform you of the day your child will be walking their mile and if they wish to bring a donation on this day, all monies will be donated to Missio and SCIAF.

## Sacramental Information



Our Primary 4 children will celebrate their Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Thursday 9th March 2023 at 6.30pm in St Francis Church.**

The date for **First Holy Communion is Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023** and **Primary 7 will celebrate their Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.**

Both of these Sacraments will be celebrated in St Francis Church.



### Mobile phones and watches

Whilst we understand that for safety reasons, children have a phone when walking to and from school, they are not permitted to have them switched on during school time. We also ask that children do not wear a Smart watch that takes photos, videos or records sounds. The safety of all children is paramount and we thank you in advance for your support.

### Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

3.30pm-8.00pm

The meetings will take place again in the gym hall. If your child is attending with you, please ensure that he/she remains with you. A selection of your child's work will be available for viewing. This can be collected in the foyer as you enter the school.

You will receive a letter, offering the choice of appointment times. Appointment times will be sent home in your child's bag, during the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March. If you have not received your appointment by the end of that week, please contact the school office.

Please note that a written report **is not issued** before Parents' Evening. **These will be issued in June 2023.**

Your opinion is greatly valued and I welcome all feedback. On the night you will be asked a few questions to gather your views and hope you will give us a few moments of your time. Thank you.

### Health and Wellbeing

As part of our Health and Wellbeing Programme, we will be focussing on encouraging children to choose a healthy snack. The children will discuss the effects of eating too many sugary snacks and drinks and the impact this has on their energy levels, general wellbeing as well as the potential damage to their teeth.

**Please also send your child to school with a filled water bottle.** This can be refilled during the day if necessary.

#### After School Clubs

Monday - P7 boys football  
Wednesday - P6 & P7 athletics

Tuesday - P5 & P5 basketball  
Thursday - P5 - P7 girls Netball

Friday - P6 & P7 athletics

If your child has signed up for any of these clubs it is important that they attend every session. If they are unable to attend any session, it is imperative that you inform the school.

I would like to thank Mr O'Neill for running these clubs with the help of senior pupils from St Stephen's High School

## Family Learning Homework Club

Our Family Learning Homework Club has restarted and we would love more of our families to attend. There are 3 more sessions before the end of term. This is a great opportunity for you to support your child with their homework and there is an added focus on reading for pleasure. The club is being run by James Kane from CLD as well as two teachers!! So no questions are too hard. There will be refreshments available.

**The club will now run every Tuesday afternoon from 3pm-4pm. No need to book.**

**Tuesday, 07/03/23, 14/03/23, 21/03/23**



### Children's Rights

We strive to create a culture in which our whole school community feels **safe, happy, valued and respected**.

We can all learn from each other and support each other.

During this month we will be focusing on **Article 23**:

**Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support, so that they can lead full and independent lives.**

Please support us by encouraging your child to:

**'Be a rights giver!'**

### Parent Council

We are looking to recruit new members and would love to see more parents join this forum. It is a very relaxed atmosphere with an opportunity to find out what is going on in the school and ways that you can help to raise much needed school funds. The Parent Council are planning a Spring disco for all children. They will be looking for volunteers to help out on the night.

**Our next meeting is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6.30pm in the school**



We are here to do our best for you and your child and I appreciate your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



Please remember to tell us about your child's achievements out of school so we can celebrate their success as a school community. It is always lovely to hear good news. You can send any information including pictures to, **School Email: [instfrancis@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:instfrancis@glowscotland.onmicrosoft.com)**  
**[Please follow us on Twitter: @StFrancisPG](https://twitter.com/StFrancisPG)**

With kindest regards,

*Jane Stinson*

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