



# St. Francis' Primary School



## P.7/6 Newsletter - August/September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

P7/6 have hit the ground running and have settled well after the long holiday. We have settled well as a new class and are looking forward to a busy and productive year!

You can follow their learning journey on Twitter - Mrs McDonald and P7/6@P6StFrancis\_MrsM

Please get in touch with any concerns or issues and I look forward to working with your young people over the next session.

*Mrs P McDonald*



This term we will be studying the novel, "Who let the God's Out" by Maz Evans . The children chose this novel as their first topic and they are really enjoying what it has to offer so far! Lots of "LOL's!" We will continue using post it's to aid our reading and comprehension.

Our writing block this term will focus on persuasive writing. The children will write about various topics in a variety of ways and use VCOP to help up level their work. This should help them add interesting detail and vocabulary to their writing. Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home as this improves their spelling and writing too!

The children will also use the North Lanarkshire spelling scheme to develop their knowledge of spelling rules and they will continue to further their knowledge of grammar and punctuation.



From the start of term, we have been revising addition and subtraction with carrying and having lots of mental maths practice through games and interactive activities. We will be focussing on time this term, revising what the children have learned previously and introducing some new concepts. We will be looking at-

- Converting from 12 and 24 hour time
- Using timetables and planners to calculate time durations
- Using paper and electronic calendars to plan events
- Using our knowledge to link to speed and distance

## Interdisciplinary Learning - Greece/ Greek Mythology

P7/6 have chosen Greece and Greek mythology as their topic this term. It will link very well with their novel and provide a lot of learning opportunities. We will be learning about:

- Greece and the surrounding areas
- Greek mythology
- Gods and Goddesses and their place in history
- Myths and legends and how to distinguish between them
- Ancient customs and traditions

We will also be learning about Maz Evans, the author of "Who Let the Gods Out"

### Health & Wellbeing

We aim to encourage our children to develop healthy attitudes and to enable them to make healthy choices in life.

We want them to be confident, successful and responsible contributors in our school and in the community.

P7/6 will use the PATHS programme, aimed at enhancing their Personal, Social and Emotional development.

All children should take part in 2 hours P.E. per week - **Monday & Thursday**.

Please ensure your child has appropriate kit for PE and that any earrings etc. can be removed.

Children will be learning about keeping safe this term, both online and in the community. They will also be learning about healthy eating and making good choices about their health.



### R.E. - following the Gospel Values

P7/6 will follow the 'This Is Our Faith' syllabus.

A number of activities will be based on the Sunday Gospel readings and parables as we identify and explain the connection with our St Francis' school values. Children are becoming more confident in identifying the message behind the gospel and relating to their own lives.

P6 will begin their Pope Francis Faith Award.

P7 will continue to prepare for their Confirmation by continuing their journey towards The Pope Francis Faith Award.

