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End of Term 1

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the first term of our new session already. It has been very busy with lots of events for our pupils and families to engage in. We look forward to the new term and the fabulous opportunities it will bring.

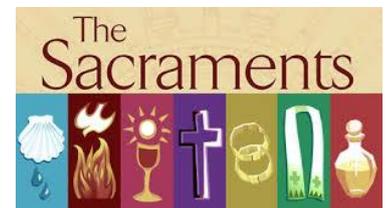
Shared Finish



Thank you to everyone who managed to come along to one of our Shared Finish events. The children are always very excited to have their families join them in the classroom – even when it becomes a bit squashed due to the fabulous turn out! In Terms 3 and 4 we will host our PATPAL (Pupils As Teachers Parents As Learners) events once more, where the children will not only share with you what they are learning in school but how they are learning it.

Sacraments Meeting

On Wednesday evening we had an information evening for parents and carers of children in P4 and P7 who are receiving the Sacraments this year. The next event which *all* families are asked to attend is the Mass of Commitment on Sunday 3rd November in Holy Family Church. Please note that this Mass is at 11am and not at 10am as stated in our last newsletter. Should there be any reason why families are unable to attend it is essential that they get in touch with Father Chima. He can be contacted on 705585. We ask that our whole school community keeps the children in their prayers during these months of preparation.



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Compassionate Inverclyde



As always, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families in supporting the Back Home Boxes for Compassionate Inverclyde. Your kindness is truly appreciated by those who are in need of it most.

More than 1300 people have benefitted from Back Home Boxes since the project began. The kind hearted people of Inverclyde are certainly working together to achieve great things and make a difference!

Families Matter

Be at the heart of your child's learning.



P7 Family Reading Club - this will take place on Mondays and will be led by Mrs Neeson, our Literacy Development Teacher, and James Kane of Community Learning and Development. Our P7s will receive a letter inviting them to attend. One of our targets this year in our Strategic Improvement Plan is to develop a love of reading. This project will help us to achieve this.

Together Time - Tuesdays at 9.15am in The Arc. This is a group for parents and carers. Time to relax and chat about things that make you think. Please come along and enjoy spending time with other parents and carers.

Families Connect - Tuesdays from 3.05pm until 4.30pm. This is a programme for P1 families and runs for 8 weeks.

Craft Club – This will now take place on Wednesdays at 3.05pm until 4pm in The Arc. It is open to all families. Children need to be accompanied by an adult. The sessions are led by Linda Leslie, one of our parent volunteers. The sessions are really popular and there are some ideas already being shared about things that can be made for our Winter Wonderland event.

Literacy Drop In Sessions

Mrs Neeson is available on Wednesdays from 2.15pm and Thursdays from 11am until 12.15pm for any parent or carer who wants to pop in and have a chat about their child's learning and perhaps get some ideas about how they can help at home. The kettle is always on and biscuits at the ready. Why not come along!

Family Breakfast

This continues to take place on Friday mornings and is open from 8.30am. This is free of charge and is a lovely way for families to start the day together. Why not give it a try!



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Mary's Meals

Once we return to school after the October break there will be an opportunity for families to make a donation to Mary's Meals until the end of October if they wish to do so. Each class will have a mug which can be used for collecting odd coins, all of which will go towards the Mary's Meals project. Full information about the work of Mary's Meals can be found at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



Please note there is no obligation to take part in any of our fundraising or charitable events. We are very aware of the financial pressures that many of our families face and we certainly do not want to put anyone under any additional pressure.

Hallowe'en



On Hallowe'en we will be having a visit from a travelling theatre company. We ask that pupils do not dress up for school on this day. There will be an opportunity for the children to dress up by coming along to the Parents' Group Hallowe'en disco on Wednesday 30th October. Tickets will be on sale after the October break. Can we take this opportunity to remind you that we are a "Nut free" school and that all nuts and nut based products should always be left at home to ensure the safety of our pupils and staff who have allergies.

Cross Country Running

Congratulations to all our pupils who have participated in the recent events at Tower Hill in Gourock. They have shown great grit and determination in some rather challenging conditions!

A big "thank you" is sent to our families and Mrs McColl who have supported the children throughout the season so far. We could not do it without you!



A special word of congratulations is extended to Charlie, Gary and Liam in P7 who have now won bronze and silver medals in the boys' team events. We are very proud of you all!

After the October break we have some very exciting news to share with you about the sporting successes of our school. Watch this space!

Recent visit from HMIE

Although it will be several weeks before the report is published, we can share with you that our recent visit from Education Scotland inspectors was very positive. We would like to thank all staff, pupils, parents, grandparents and community partners who met with the inspection team to talk about the work of our school. We are most grateful to each and every one of you!

We will let you know when the report goes live.

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