



St Ninian's News March 2022

Life is very busy in St Ninian's right now with lot's going on. Please log on to your child's class Twitter pages and ask them to tell you more about their learning.

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 2 March - Fairtrade Assembly

Friday 4 March - Fairtrade Bake-Off - all entries should be in school by Friday at 10 am

Wednesday 9 March - Book Fair arrives in the school. Information has been sent by email

Thursday 10 March - School Rag Bag Collection - Each child will be issued with a bag for old clothes

Thursday 24 March - P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday 25 March - Mother's Day Sale

Thursday 31 March - 11 am Mass in St Ninian's Church Gourrock

Friday 1 April - Easter Bonnet Parade P1-3, Easter Bunny Visit & Easter Egg Hunt

School Finishes for Spring Break

Fairtrade Fortnight









Thank you to P7 our Ethical Trading group for leading us through Fairtrade Fortnight. The children have enjoyed finding out more about ethical trading and are looking forward to Primary 7 presenting at assembly this week.

The Fairtrade Cafe was a great success and we are all really looking forward to the great St Ninian's Fairtrade Bake Off on Friday, where our judges, Fr Gerry, Mr Murray (our janitor) and our pupil council reps will help judge the entries. So get baking everyone. Remember there are lots of child friendly recipes out there, all we ask is that you use Fairtrade products in your baking. Thank you again to our wonderful families for the donations to the Fairtrade Cafe. Thanks also to the Co-op in Eldon Street and Cardwell Road for the bananas and water. Fyffes also provided our school with bananas this week, so thank you for helping us raise awareness.

Easter Activities in St Ninian's



Once again we will be holding our annual P1-3 Easter Bonnet parade which will be outside in our playground on Friday 1 April. Easter Bonnets should be designed and created at home and sent to the school by Thursday 31 March. This was a successful event last year and the rest of the school were able to cheer the children on as they paraded around the playground showing us their wonderful bonnets. Don't worry if you are unable to make a bonnet, we have a number of bonnets in school so that every child can take part!

Thanks also to **Fundraising Inverclyde** who have arranged a visit from the Easter Bunny who will give every child an Easter Egg. If you do not wish your child to receive an Easter Egg then please contact the school office.

We are also hoping that our wonderful **Parent Partnership Fundraising Committee** will be able to organise their annual Easter Egg Hunt for all of our classes.



Reading Schools Award





We are hoping to achieve the Silver Reading Schools Award this year. We have placed a real focus on encouraging children to read for enjoyment throughout the school.

Every class has enjoyed a library visit and we have created some lovely new reading nooks throughout the school.

All classes have shared with us some Book Recommendations which have been posted on Twitter. It was great to find out about the books the children have enjoyed and to listen to them confidently sharing their thoughts about characters, settings, plots and much more! More recommendations to come throughout the week. Please follow this link to see our book recommendations on our You Tube channel. [St Ninian's Book Recommendations](#)

The librarians from the Attainment Challenge have visited the school and have given us advice on how we can make better use of our library areas. We look forward to setting these up. St Columba's staff and pupils will also be working closely with us to upgrade our libraries.

Mrs Currie has had meetings with our Reading Ambassadors who have told us their views on how we can improve reading in the school. They have also been successful in getting a £500 donation from Amazon to help us achieve the Reading Schools Award. Each class have been busy creating a wish list of books which will enhance their class library..

The 'Gourock Schools and Churches Together' group have also given us a fabulous donation of £1000 to help us improve our library areas and upgrade our books.

We have a host of activities to promote **World Book Day** including the Masked Reader, where children have to guess which adult is reading a passage to them. It is all very high tech and interesting! A few guest readers are visiting the school to read their favourite books to the children. We are looking forward to Mr Michael Roach the Head of Education coming to St Ninian's to read to us later in March. Throughout the school we have a 'drop everything and read' session every day this week. At 2.30 each day you can hear a pin drop as the children either read or are read to by a member of staff.

For **World Book Day** we would also like to encourage the children to bring in their favourite book from home so that they can share this with their class.

St Ninian's Mother's Day Sale - Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle



Primary 6 our School Eco Committee have been very busy leading us in our journey to our third green flag.

This year the children have created a plan on how we can reduce, re-use and re-cycle. As well as reducing waste, recycling our paper and ensuring that there is no litter in the playground., they are looking at how we can help spread this message to our families and within the local community. They have lots of wonderful ideas and look forward to sharing them with you soon.

As part of the re-use scheme the children wish to create a mother's day sale on Friday 25th of March where pupils can buy a gift for their mums. As they are the Eco group, reusing and recycling items is what they are promoting here in St Ninian's and all proceeds will go to SCIAF. Donations of any items that are unused or in good condition that the children could buy to give to their mums on Mother's day would be most welcome.

Examples of the kind of items they are looking for are: scarves, candles, bags, ornaments, body and skincare sets, nail varnish, jewellery and jewellery boxes, books, make up bags, toilet bags, small mirrors, make up, perfume, body sprays, vases, key rings, soap and purses.

Any donations will be gratefully received.

First Confession - Sacrament of Reconciliation



Primary 4 will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) on Thursday 24 March at 6.30 pm in St Ninian's Church Gourrock.

Although some restrictions have been lifted, Fr Gerry is taking a cautious approach and would like to invite two adults with each child as they receive this Sacrament.

Children do not need to wear a mask however all adults should wear masks.

Children will sit with their families and do not need to wear school uniform on this occasion.

Inverclyde Shed - George Wylie Community Garden



Our Primary 6 pupils have been involved in digging, planting and sowing in the George Wylie Community Garden. This has been organised by The Inverclyde Shed. The children will continue to offer support and help to this project throughout the year. We look forward to seeing their flowers blooming and the crops growing. Involvement in Community Projects will help support our journey as an Eco School.

