



St Palladius Primary

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Newsletter



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We have had a busy month of February and we look forward to an action packed March. The better weather has meant that the classes have been taking learning outdoors and I'm sure we all feel the benefit of the lighter nights. As we build up to the Easter Holiday, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and a wonderful holiday with your children.

Mrs McCallum

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council Meeting will take place at **6.00pm on Monday 7th March in the school.**

I urge you to come along to support the Parent Council as we make plans for bringing our school community together and providing the very best for our children.

Parent Council Family Disco

The Parent Council Family disco is making a return this year! This is a hugely popular event and tickets sell out very quickly. Tickets cost £7.50 per family and this includes a buffet. There will be an Easter Egg raffle and lucky squares available to buy on the night. Please contact the school for details.

Football Club

We have 3 NASA (North Ayrshire Sports Academy) students from St. Matthew's who have started to coach our P5-7 football club which takes place after school on Mondays. After only 2 weeks of training some children participated in an event at Garnock Campus where they were able to play against 4 other schools. Well done to all involved and watch this space for further news!

Next up is the Corey Cup on Friday 24th March.

Thank you to Marti McVey for sponsoring our new strips, we love them!

Tech Titans

Our children have been enjoying the Tech Titans after school club led by Mrs Brown and Mrs Carey this term. They have been very impressed with their skills using a range of technology including Lego Spike and Marty Robots! This club will continue after the Easter break when new members will be welcome.

Big Walk and Wheel Week

The Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Week Challenge will take place between 20th - 24th March. This is a national initiative to encourage active travel to and from school. Walking journeys, scooter journeys and cycling journeys all count in the challenge so why not think about how your family or child(ren) can join in. Our JRSO committee will provide further information. Please remember if you are cycling or scooting to wear your helmet.

Digital Youth Workers

P6 will have been working with Garnock Valley Digital Leaders, Josh and David at Dalry Library on a Thursday morning.

They are developing their coding skills through Apps and using the robots.

Digital Learning Curriculum Event

P1-P4 are holding an open afternoon for parents/carers to see how we use technology to enhance the learning experiences of our pupils. We also look forward to welcoming some of our new P1 families to this event. Prepare to be amazed by the dancing robots, moving machines and names up in lights all programmed by our infant classes!

Oracy Intervention

We have been very lucky to benefit from an oracy intervention from the Professional Learning Academy. Mrs Hood and Mrs Matthews have been working with the teachers in all classes to develop talking and listening.

Parent/Carer Meetings

Parent/carer meetings will take place on Thursday 30th March between the times of 3.15 – 5.15 and 6.15 – 8.15. We look forward to seeing you all to discuss your child's progress.

P5 Scottish Football Museum Trip

A huge thank you to Dalry Parish Boundary Trust and Community Windpower for funding the bus for the P5 trip to Hampden Park. The class have been learning about the history of football in class and are looking forward to the visit.

Boomwhacker Afterschool Club

Thank you to Mr Walker for leading a Boomwhacker afterschool club for our P3 and P4 pupils. They have been learning about different notes and sounds and have been learning to play some tunes. The club will perform at assembly on Friday 17th March.

Euro Quiz

A P6 team of 4 will compete against other schools from North Ayrshire in the Euro Quiz competition. This year the quiz is taking place in Saltcoats Town Hall. *Bonne chance and Buena suerte!*

Mass

I invite you to join us for Mass at St Palladius Church on Monday 27th March at 10.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community to reflect on the upcoming celebration Easter.

And finally...

As you will be aware from the media recently, the impact social media can have on our young people can be profound. It can affect our children's self-confidence and their relationships with their peers. This is something we are becoming increasingly aware of in school. It can be a difficult decision for parents/carers. You may not want your child to miss out on things but equally you are concerned about the impact of social media on your children. For your information, I want to highlight the following guidelines as we all work together to keep our children safe.

It's good to know...



Facebook (minimum age 13) – lets users create their own profiles, share status updates, pictures, videos and chat with other users, and also has a messenger app.



Instagram (minimum age 13) – allows users to alter photos, upload them to Instagram and share them to other social networking sites. Photos and videos can be sent directly to specific users.



Snapchat (minimum age 13) – a photo-sharing app where users can send photos or videos to their friends. These will display on screen for up to ten seconds before being deleted, although it is possible to take screenshots of messages and download other apps designed to capture and save Snapchat content.



TikTok (minimum age 13) - TikTok users can make their own short videos on the mobile app, and often like to have music accompany their videos. The users have creative control over the videos. Other TikTok users can 'react' to videos they see by filming their responses alongside the original video; or 'duet' by making a video alongside another video.



Twitter (minimum age 13) – a social network that lets users send and read 'tweets', messages limited to 280 characters.



Tumblr (minimum age 16) – a social networking site where users can post blogs and follow other people's blogs. Some of the content on this site contains sexual or pornographic images.



WhatsApp (minimum age 16) – free-of-charge, real-time messaging. Users can share images and videos, take part in 'group chats' and share locations. As it's based on knowing the user's phone number, you can only message users if you already know their telephone number.



YouTube (minimum age 13) – allows users to watch, create and comment on videos. The dislike button can create insecurities with content posted even if comments are turned off for the video.

For more useful information regarding these sites and apps including how to add restrictions and safety features check out <https://parentzone.org.uk>



Diary Dates

17th March: P5 Hampden Park Trip

23rd March: Euroquiz

23rd March: P1-P4 Digital Learning afternoon

24th March: Corey Cup

24th March: Parent Council Family Disco

27th March: Mass

30th March: Parent /Carer Meetings

31st March : School Closes 2.30pm

SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY 17th APRIL