



St Palladius Primary

January Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone! I hope that all of our families had a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely seeing all the children back at school and ready to learn in what is sure to be a very busy and hardworking term. As always, if you wish to speak to us about any aspect of your child's education please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Fleeting

Vision, Values and Aims

As you are aware, after consultation with all of our stakeholders, we refreshed our vision, values and aims of our school. The values of our school permeate through every aspect of school life and children are encouraged to follow these values at all times. Discussing ways in which your child can demonstrate these values would greatly contribute to the ethos of our school.

Our Vision:

We have a nurturing and inclusive ethos at St. Palladius, which ensures all children are safe and happy. Working together and across the community, children are engaged in activities that allow them to reach their full potential and give them the skills needed for life, learning and work.

Our Values: Compassion, Ambition, Respect, Equity (CARE)

Our Aims:

- Be caring towards others and the world around us; treating everyone with kindness and helping people in need.
- Work hard in all that we do, setting ourselves high expectations, believing that we can succeed and showing a determination to achieve.
- Be honest and trustworthy. Valuing the rights of others and treating all members of our school community with dignity and respect.
- Ensure that the needs of the individual are met, providing appropriate opportunities and support to enable all learners to reach their full potential.

Staffing

Miss Murphy was successful in securing a full time job within North Ayrshire. We wish her every success in her future career and thank her for the hard work and dedication she has shown to all of the children during her time at St. Palladius.

Miss Skinner (EYP P1/2) will be leaving us at the end of January. Miss Skinner was with us on temporary basis funded through North Ayrshire Council and will be moving onto her new school. We wish her lots of luck at her new school, we will all miss her.

A very warm welcome to Miss Elageili. She joins us from South Ayrshire to cover Mrs. Grana's maternity leave on a part time basis. Miss Elageili will cover P5/6 and P6/7 during the class teacher's non-class contact time. She will also provide additional support for learners. We know that she will be made to feel very welcome by our whole school community.

Scots Language Week

Scots Language Week will take place between 19th January and 2nd February. Your child will be receiving their Scots poem home to practise. As usual, our P7 pupils will host our annual Burns Supper. More details to follow shortly.

After School Clubs

We are delighted to offer a range of free after school clubs this term. After school clubs will start back **w/b 22nd January**. A range of volunteers, coaches and staff members runs these clubs. If your child has signed up for an after school club and cannot attend for whatever reason, please text or phone the school to let us know. Unfortunately, at times we have to cancel after school clubs at short notice. We know this is not ideal but we will endeavour to keep you informed via text and twitter if this happens. Clubs this Term are as follows:

Monday – Girls/boys Football P5-7

Tuesday – Dance P1-7

Thursday – Multisport P1-3

Friday –Football P5-7

Health Promoting Schools

Please be reminded that at St. Palladius we want to promote healthy bodies and healthy minds. Please encourage your child to eat fruit at break time or another healthy snack of their choice. A snack should be provided from home. Children who bring fruit for snack will be issued with 'House Points' and these contribute to an end of term treat. We do have spare fruit for the odd occasion your child forgets their snack but this should not be a regular occurrence. **Sugary snacks are not permitted.**

All children should bring a water bottle to school every day. This should be filled with plain water as we encourage children to drink water throughout the day.

PE Kit

All children are required to bring a PE kit with them to school. We have an increasing amount of children who do not have a change of clothes for PE. PE is an essential part of the curriculum and we want children to be able to learn this subject in a safe way. PE kit consists of t-shirt/polo shirt, shorts, gym shoes/indoor trainers.

PE kit can be kept in school and sent home to be washed as needed or kept inside their school bag as it may be needed on a daily basis. Classes do have set gym days but these are subject to change at short notice.

It is a North Ayrshire policy that all jewellery must be removed for PE for health and safety reasons. If your child cannot remove their own jewellery, please refrain from sending them to school wearing it. No football strips should be worn.

Parking Safely

I kindly ask that parents/carers refrain from entering the staff car park. We have sadly seen an increase in some parents occasionally using the car park to drop off or pick up children. This policy is to ensure the safety of all children within the school. The car park is reserved for staff use, disabled badge holders and parents/carers who have arranged use of the car park with the Headteacher. You are encouraged to park in the car park at St. Margaret's Church, at the top of the hill and use Mary, our lovely Crossing Patrol Person, to safely cross the road to school. Law does not permit parking in the bus bay.

Rights Respecting Schools

We currently hold a Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award. We are going for GOLD! Please discuss the following articles with your child. They will be learning about the rights of the child in school every day.

12th Jan – 19th Jan – Articles 1, 4, 41



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19th Jan – 26th Jan – Articles 2, 19, 37, 38



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Toddler Sessions

We had great success with our PEEPs session in Term 2. We are hoping to continue this success in the form of a Toddler Group.

We will shortly be putting out a form asking if this would be something you would be interested in and if so, which day would suit best. This will be open to all of the local community and not just parents/carers of our children. If you have family or friends with children 0 – 5 years old, please pass on the information as they too would be most welcome.

P7 Transition

It is the time when we start to prepare our Primary 7 pupils for the new chapter of their school careers. Parents/carers of our current P7s have been issued with a letter asking about their choice of Secondary school. Please return the slip back to us at your earliest convenience to allow us to plan for the transition.

Christmas

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre. We raised £1174.35. Your support is invaluable in helping us to raise these much needed school funds in order for us to provide extracurricular trips and activities for every child in the school and to enable us to eliminate any cost associated with the school day.

Thank you also for your well wishes, cards and gifts you gave to the staff. They were all very much appreciated.