



St Palladius Primary

November/December

Newsletter



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Vision, Values and Aims

Our Vision:

We have a nurturing and inclusive ethos at St. Palladius that ensures that 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.

November Weekend

Schools will be closed on **Friday 17th November and Monday 20th November.**

Anti Bullying Week

St. Palladius will be taking part in 'Anti Bullying Week' which runs from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November. Each class will be looking at resources from the Respect Me campaign. If you would like more information please visit www.respectme.org.uk

After School Clubs

We are delighted to offer a range of free after school clubs this term. 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. Clubs this Term are as follows:

Monday – Football P5-7

Tuesday – Dance P1-7
Wednesday – Rugby P4-7 (please note the change in day)
Thursday – Multisport P1-3
Thursday – Christmas Choir P1-7
Friday –Football P5-7 and Netball P4-7

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.

All children are required to bring a PE kit with them to school. This 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. PE kit consists of t-shirt/polo shirt, shorts, gym shoes/indoor trainers. 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 tops/colours should be worn.

Athletics

Well done to the Primary 6 and Primary 7 children who took part in the North Ayrshire Athletics competition at the Portal on Tuesday. They were fantastic and came in a very respectable 4th place. Well done to Whitehirst Park Primary who won the heat and made it through to the final.

Parking Safely

I kindly ask that parents/carers refrain from entering the staff car park. This 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 school. You are encouraged to park in the car park at St. Margaret's Church and use Mary, our lovely Crossing Patrol Person to safely cross the road to school. Parking in the bus bay is not permitted by law.

Rights Respecting Schools

17th Nov – 30th Nov – Articles 2,12,13,19 (Anti-bullying week)

https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/11/Article-of-the-Week_Anti-Bullying-Week.pptx

1st Dec – 14th Dec – Articles 2 and 23 (International Day of Disabilities on 3rd Dec)

https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/11/Article-of-the-Week_Anti-Bullying-Week.pptx

15th Dec – 12th Jan (Human Rights Day, 10th Dec)

https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2022/11/Article-of-the-Week_Anti-Bullying-Week.pptx

PEEPs Sessions

Calling all 0-5 year olds and their grown ups! St. Palladius are starting their own PEEP session on Thursday mornings for children aged 0-5 years, accompanied by their grown up. An Early Years Practitioner will facilitate this session. You don't have to have a child attending St. Palladius, it is open to all of the community. At the sessions, we share ideas and activities that support your child's learning and development in everyday life – talking, singing, sharing books and playing together. It's free and there is no need to book a space; everyone is welcome. Join us from 9.30am until 10.30am every Thursday morning at St. Palladius Primary. Enter via the main school entrance. The last PEEP session will be **Thursday 7th December**.

Family Learning

Primary 6 and Primary 7 families are welcome to join their child in class on Monday 27th November from 9am until 10am to learn all about 'family finance'.

<https://bit.ly/StPFinancialDropIn>

P7 STEM visit to St. Matthew's Academy

All P7s are invited to St. Matthew's Academy to take part in a STEM visit on **Wednesday 15th November**. The children will leave St. Palladius just after 9.00am and return for 1.00pm. Full school uniform must be worn and children should bring a snack and packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, a packed lunch will be provided for them.

Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre will take place on **Friday 1st December** from 3.00pm until 5.00pm at St. Palladius Primary. If you can help in any way please get in touch with the school or a member of the parent council. Stalls are available to hire for £10 if you wish to sell handmade products. Please contact the school office to reserve your table. As always all members of the community are welcome to come so please feel free to share far and wide!

To help make our Christmas Fayre a success we are holding non-uniform days on:

Thursday 16th November – comfy day/PJs (bring a selection box)

Friday 24th November – Dress down (bring a bottle)

Christmas Lights

The Dalry Christmas lights switch on will take place on Friday 24th November. It would be lovely to see our families there. Cara from P1 has been selected to take a ride with Santa in his sleigh and help him with the very important job of turning on the lights. We know she will represent St. Palladius beautifully.

Nativity

The children P1-4 will shortly be beginning to practise for the Nativity. The provisional dates for the show are **Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December** at 1.30pm on both days. Tickets will be issued nearer the time. As a school community

we have decided not to sell tickets for the Nativity. We know what an expensive time of the year it is for all of our families. Donation buckets will be situated in the hall for anyone who wishes to contribute to the cost of the nativity.

Christmas Party

Christmas party season is nearly upon us. P1/2 and P3/4 will have their Christmas party in the afternoon of **Tuesday 19th December**. P5/6 and P6/7 will have their party in the afternoon of **Wednesday 20th December**. Parents/carers are welcome to collect their child from 12noon on the day of their party and take them home to change. Children should be back at school for 1.15pm. Alternatively, children may wish to come to school already dressed for their party.

Panto

The whole school will be going to the Panto at the Palace Theatre on **Thursday 21st December**. EV5 forms and accompanying letter will be issued nearer the time. There will be no cost to our families for this event.

Christmas Break

The school will stop on **Friday 22nd December** at 2.30pm for the Christmas Break and reopen on **Monday 8th January** at 9.00am.

Thank you as always for your continued support in what is sure to be a very busy and successful term at St. Palladius. All dates are of course subject to change but we will endeavour to keep you as up to date as possible via twitter and text when appropriate.