



St Palladius Primary

March/April Newsletter



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Welcome to March's addition of the St. Palladius Newsletter. Please read it carefully as it contains important updates and information regarding diary dates for the upcoming month.

Mrs. Fleeting

Parking Safely

I kindly ask that parents/carers refrain from entering the staff car park and/or parking at the entrance to the school car park. We require immediate and emergency entrance to the school and parking here is against the law as it has yellow zigzags. 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 your child and 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 or on the yellow zigzags.

P7 Cluster Mass

Our Primary 7 pupils will join their peers from the cluster schools to celebrate Mass together on Monday 11th March at 1pm in St. John's Church Stevenston. Please complete EV5 forms that were issued ASAP.

Lent

We will be attending Mass at St. Palladius Church on Monday 25th March at 10am, to mark Holy Week. Parents/carers are welcome to join us, we will be leaving school around 9.30am if any parent/carer wishes to walk with us. Each class now has a 'Wee Box' and all the donations will go towards SCIAF. Please encourage your child to donate what they can during this period of Lent.

Champions for Change

Primaries 5-7 have been working through the Champions for Change programme which is delivered by KA Leisure. It focuses on the negative effects of substance misuse and promotes healthy life choices.

Euroquiz

Four representatives from Primary 6 will compete with schools across North Ayrshire in the annual Euroquiz competition on Thursday 7th March. The children have been busy studying for the event and we wish them every success.

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 run 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 may 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. All after school clubs are a privilege and following our school values is essential in order to attend any club.

Clubs this Term are as follows:

Monday – Girls/boys Football P5-7

Tuesday – Dance P4-7

Thursday - Rugby P5 -7

Friday –Football P5-7 (Starting again in Term 4)

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. 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

We still have a number of children who do not have PE kit with them to school each day. It is essential that the children are prepared for physical activity. Not having appropriate kit can result in a health and safety hazard, not just for your child but for the rest of the children in their class. PE kit consists of t-shirt/polo shirt, shorts, gym shoes/indoor trainers. If providing kit for your child is proving difficult for any reason, including financial, please contact the school. This will not be a barrier in your child being taught PE.

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.

Rights Respecting Schools

Articles	Dates	Notable dates
7, 8	23 Feb – 1 March	World Book Day (2 nd March)
17, 29, 31	1 Mar – 8 March	International Women's Day (8 th March)
2	8 Mar – 15 March	
11, 36	15 Mar - 22 Mar	
24, 27	22 Mar – 28 Mar	World Water Day (22 March)



World Book Day

Miss Mitchell is busy planning World Book Day activities for our school on **Thursday 7th March**. We want to encourage a love of reading, and promote reading for enjoyment. Children can come to some in their pyjamas/lounge wear and bring their favourite book to enjoy reading. Children will be gifted a £1 book token which they will be able to redeem at the book fair on Wednesday 27th March.

Parents/Carers' Evening

Parents/carers are invited to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher on **Wednesday 27th March 2024**. Letters will be issued confirming times. The book fair will be available during this week and there will be the opportunity to purchase books on the night.

Easter Holiday

Schools stop on **Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm** for the Easter break and return on **Monday 15th April 2024**. We wish everyone a happy and relaxing Easter break when it comes.