

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

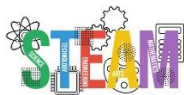
The start of Term 2 has been a hive of activity at West Kilbride Primary and as you will see from our annual calendar, it shows no signs of slowing down. We have recently been interviewing to ensure we are working with our full staffing capacity. After competitive interview, we have appointed Jacqui Park as our Depute Head Teacher. I would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Poole for the passion and dedication with which he has undertaken the post of Acting Depute Head Teacher and I'm sure the school community will join me in wishing him well as he moves forward in his career. I would also like to congratulate Gemma Herron, who was successful in gaining an additional day to add to her current teaching post. This additional day will support the delivery of learning interventions across the school. Due to the generous support of our families and community volunteers, we are in the very fortunate position of being able to offer a number of interventions to support the raising of attainment and I would like to take the opportunity to share our thanks to all who are supporting with this.



This parental support has also extended to the delivery of our After-School Clubs and we have a number of exciting opportunities in the pipeline for our young people including our Choir, Arts and Crafts, Baking and Textiles Clubs. We also have a variety of sporting clubs which are being organised, including school Football and Netball teams, alongside Athletics, Golf and Tennis provision. Our partnership with Gary McDonald, our Active Schools Co-ordinator, has also allowed us to offer many exciting sporting events during the school day, including a recent table tennis exhibition and golf lessons. Rugby lessons are also scheduled for P7 pupils, in partnership with AARFC and the 'Move and Improve' programme will be delivered to P6 over the course of this term.



This week is STEAM week at West Kilbride Primary. We are excited to be able to offer an array of activities and visitor inputs to our young people across the week including access to resources supplied by STEM Ambassadors Scotland, input from Pete Boustead from Dalry Community Windfarm, flight simulation provided by Stuart Reid and a P1-3 Family Learning Team STEAM Challenge.



Following feedback from parental engagement, we have also arranged educational visits linked to IDL topics for each class across the year, as follows:



Class/Year	Venue	Date
P1	Glasgow Transport Museum	17/5/24
P2	Dean Castle	March 2024 (tbc)
P3	Kelvingrove	16/1/24
P4	Irvine Maritime Museum	21/6/24
P5	Glasgow Science Centre	26/1/24
P6	Amazonia	24/11/23
P7	Glasgow Science Centre	14/3/24

Payment requests will be made well in advance of each trip, with the option to pay in instalments. If you have any difficulty in making payments, please contact the school and we will be happy to help. We are keen to ensure all pupils benefit from a school outing this year and can support if cost is a barrier to this.

Again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming you to the school for many of our upcoming festive events.

Kind Regards,

*Gemma Carson*

Head Teacher