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Newsletter 2023

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who visited the school before the October holidays. We were delighted about the turnout, feedback and comments. We also scheduled a 'Drop in' to 'meet the teacher' view jotters and see your child's learning environment.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to everyone who bought a book at the BOOK FAIR. With your support, books sold came to £1057.84. The school then receives £574.70 in commission and we will be spending this on literacy books for your children.

IMPROVEMENT PLANNING - Self Evaluation tool

Using HGIO's 4; our self-evaluation toolkit, North Lanarkshire's Service Plan, our audit of last year's improvement plan, and engagement with staff, parents / carers and learners. This year, a clear focus again will be based from the National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education, aiming to close the poverty related attainment gap.

2023-24 Improvement Plan

Cluster Priority: CNHS Sacred Heart Pr Holy Family Pr St JP11 Pr St Gerard's Pr	1. Improve engagement and attainment by supporting increased attendance and lower lateness at school. 2. To establish partnerships working with children and families consistent with National Commitment of 'The Promise'
Establishment Priority 1: Q.I. 1.2, 3.2	Literacy Pathways toolkit - enabling staff to manage pupils' curricular coverage and achievement, reinforcing Professional Judgement and attainment.
Establishment Priority 2:	Numeracy Pathways toolkit - enabling staff to manage pupils' curricular coverage and achievement, reinforcing Professional Judgement and attainment.
Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery Class	Language and communication across early years setting, encouraging achievement and attainment across learning.

CNHS Cluster Action Plan 2023 - 24

Improvement in Attainment, particularly in literacy within the area of writing; QI 2.3 Learning, Teaching and Assessment QI 3.2 Raising Attainment and Achievement of a level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned moderation activities at school, cluster and beyond Development of a more robust shared understanding and in cluster plans, regular opportunities to have professional dialogue about children's achievement of a level - tracking progress
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Including Child Protection and Safeguarding HGIOs 2.1

Priorities include:

- Our Sacramental Journey
- Improving Attendance
- Reducing Lateness
- Being a Digital School
- Rights Respecting School - Working towards **GOLD** with Miss Rossetti
- A curriculum for all
- World of Work
- STEM / Engineering - with Mrs Donnelly
- Supporting our 'New Build' plans
- Out Of School Hours classes
- Engaging in Sport Festivals

Mini Vinni - St Vincent Du Paul support

We are working with St Vincent Du Paul support, linking up with our senior pupils to engage in activities that will benefit the community in our parish. Mrs Poutney PT will guide us through these new activities and I look forward to hearing the good news about this partnership.

GROWTH MINDSET

Staff and pupils, continue their focus and motivation in all our learning and teaching efforts through **Growth Mindset**. Sacred Heart staff have applied Growth Mindset in all curricular areas to encourage the positive connections in learning and teaching in any subject matter.

Our class assemblies and **TWITTER** have reported to parents and carers about our work here for a few years now and our displays around the foyer are a reminder of the importance of this philosophy encouraging a positive engagement in learning.

EMOTION WORKS



<https://www.emotionworks.org.uk/>

Mrs Vaugh and Mrs Hodgson launched **EMOTION WORKS** with staff and parents a few years ago. Staff will continue to support in these important matters.

INFORMING PARENTS and CARERS



Information leaflets and presentations to parents was led by P7 pupils via a 'Drop in' to allow more access to information about our work in **GROWTH MINDSET** and **EMOTION WORKS**. Your continued support at home really makes a huge difference to our young learners. Our weekly Assembly, rewards pupils in their work. Throughout the terms, pupils will be celebrated for their successes in **TWITTER**. Look out for notices inviting you to our next information 'Drop in' in the up and coming terms.

MATH WEEK 25th September - 1st October

All classes participated in all things Mathematical recently, challenging their skills and applying them to all sorts of practical activities. Thank you to our staff who Tweeted all the activities they planned so that we could all appreciate Math Week. Remember every day is filled with Maths; SUM DOGS, Number Talks, PUMA and much, much more.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHER

The photographer will finish her visits to the school on Wednesday 25th of October for class and staff pictures. The children were beautifully turned out thanks to you.

HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION MASS

Feast of All Saints - Wednesday 1/11/23 at 9.15 Mass in the school hall because SH church is closed for a while for renovation. Fr Parkes will say the Mass to staff and pupils only due to the numbers allowed in the hall.

RESPECTME - Anti- Bullying awareness week 13th -17th November 2023



OUT of SCHOOL CLASSES

After school classes will run in November for P4 - P7. Please make sure you have signed up for the class and your parents / carers know you will be in attendance. As there is no Crossing Patrol after school. An adult must be available after the class to take you home.

No child will be allowed to leave the school without an adult collecting you from the school foyer

SCHOOL CLUBS		
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEDNESDAYS		
CODING CLUB PRIMARY 4	1ST NOV 8TH NOV 15TH NOV 22ND NOV	FOOTBALL CLUB PRIMARY 5
WEAVING CLUB PRIMARY 6		BAKING CLUB PRIMARY 7

Up and coming events

Upcoming Events	
October 26th	Football Festival
	Cross Country Competition
November 23rd	Primary 5 Science Centre Visit



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P7 SACRAMENT of CONFIRMATION

Due to the closure of Sacred Heart Church for renovation and upgrades, P7 and their family will make their Confirmation with St Gerard's pupils in St Gerard's Church on Thursday 9th of November at 7pm.

Bishop Toal will visit the children on Friday 27th October in Sacred Heart Primary before their Sacramental night.

I thank the class teachers who have prepared the pupils for their Sacrament and Fr Parkes and Bishop Toal for Confirming our P7 pupils.

St Andrew's Feast Day tea - Thursday 30th November 9.15am -10. 30am

Come along and support our St Andrew's tea. Donate some pennies and sing along to the Scottish songs. All money raised will go to St Andrew's Hospice in Airdrie.

CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

Room 12 Wednesday 8th November 2023	Room 14 Wednesday 29th November 2023	Room 10 Wednesday 24th January 2024
Room 15 Wednesday 21st February 2024	WELCOME 	Room 11 Wednesday 20th March 2024
Primary 1 - Room 6 & 7 Wednesday 1st May 2024	Room 9 Wednesday 29th May 2024	Primary 7 Leavers Assembly Wednesday 19th June 2024

We look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school.

INSET DAY

There will be an In-service day on Monday 13th November 2023. Children should not attend school this day. The school will re-open on Tuesday 14th November for the Breakfast Club at 8.20am with a school start at 9am.

ST ANDREW'S FEAST DAY - COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 29th November, every stage of the school will be entertaining you with some Scottish songs and poems.

A rough guide to performance times are shown below to help you 'drop in and out' or stay for the whole experience.

Rm 1-10 9.15am - 9.45am
Rm 11-16 9.50am - 10.20am

PANTOMINE

We will be attending 'Jack and the Beanstalk' in Ravenscraig 2023. With tickets and transport being subsidised to £10.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

As a courtesy, staff will be directed by SMT to supervise the playgrounds from 8.50am. When weather is challenging, SMT will decide when to take pupils into the school earlier at 8.50am.

HT's Christmas Card Competition 2023

Everyone is invited to draw, colour and outline a fantastic design for this year's HT Christmas Card competition. All entries should be posted in the Christmas Box outside Mrs Somerville's Office. All entries will be displayed for everyone to admire. 2 Designs from every class will be chosen and made into our Sacred Heart Primary official design.

Take your time, colour well and make your design the best you can. All entries should have your name and class on it and then post it in the Christmas box for 2023.

Good luck everyone!
Mrs Somerville

FESTIVE EVENTS

- PANTO**
Friday 17th November
Room 12, Room 14 & Room 16
Thursday 23rd November
Room 9, Room 10 & Room 15
Friday 24th November
Room 6, Room 7 & Room 11
- CHRISTMAS LUNCH**
Wednesday 6th December
- PRIMARY 1 NATIVITY**
Date: Wednesday 13th December 2023
Location: Sacred Heart School Hall
Time: 9.30am
All Primary 1 parents welcome.
- CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**
Friday 8th December
- CHRISTMAS PARTIES**
Room 11 & Room 12 - Wednesday 13th December
Room 9 & Room 10 - Thursday 14th December
Room 6 & Room 7 - Friday 15th December
Room 14, Room 15 & Room 16 - Monday 18th December

Children can have their change of clothes for the party in their bag and change in the school during lunchtime or they can go home to change at the earlier time of 12 o'clock. An adult must collect them at the school foyer as there is no crossing patrol at this time.

P1 Nativity Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 9.30am in Sacred Heart School Hall
This carol service will be supported by the whole school and staff

School finishes on Friday the 22nd of December for our Christmas holidays at 2.30pm.

School will re-open on Monday 8th January 2024 at 9am

On behalf of the staff of Sacred Heart Primary School, Sacred Heart and Orbiston Nursery Class, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

Thank you for your support in 2023 and we look forward to working with you throughout 2024.

Mrs K Somerville, Head Teacher
Mrs G Sinclair, ADHT



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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE NEW YEAR 2024

School holidays and term dates 2023 - 2024

October 2023

October week: Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2023 (inclusive)

November 2023

In-service day: Monday 13 November

December 2023 - January 2024

Schools close: Friday 22 December 2023 at 2.30pm

Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 25 December 2023 - Friday 5 January 2024 (inclusive)

February 2024

Mid-term break: Monday 12 February and Tuesday 13 February 2024

In-service day: Wednesday 14 February 2024

April 2024

Schools close: Thursday 28 March 2024 at 2.30pm

Spring holiday (Easter): Friday 29 March - Friday 12 April 2024 (Inclusive)

- Good Friday 29 March
- Easter Monday 1 April 2024

May 2024

In-service day: Thursday 2 May 2024 (to coincide with UK Parliamentary elections, but may be subject to change)

May holiday: Monday 6 May 2024

May weekend: Friday 24 May 2024 and Monday 27 May 2024 (inclusive)

June 2024

Schools Close: Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 1pm

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-holidays-and-term-dates/school-holidays-and-term-dates-2023-2024>

STEM / SCIENCE

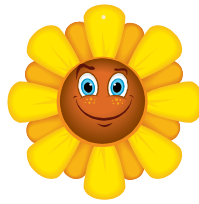
Session 1
Approx.
0900 - 10.30

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0900 - 10.30

Session 2
Approx.
1100 - 1230

Session 3
Approx.
1330 - 1500

Sacred Heart P5	Sacred Heart P4	Sacred Heart P4	Sacred Heart P4
26	17	17	17
Microscopy CD	Microscopy CD	Microscopy CD	Microscopy CD
Sacred Heart P5	Sacred Heart P4	Sacred Heart P4	Sacred Heart P4
26	17	17	17
Microscopy CD	Microscopy CD	Microscopy CD	Microscopy CD
Sacred Heart P7 (Group 1)	Sacred Heart P6	Sacred Heart P6 PP	Sacred Heart P6 PP
18	20	20	20
Escape Room JC	Post-it Planning JC	Post-it Planning JC	Post-it Planning JC
Sacred Heart P7 (Group 2)	Sacred Heart P6 PP	Sacred Heart P6 PP	Sacred Heart P6 PP
19	20	20	20
Escape Room JC	Post-it Planning JC	Post-it Planning JC	Post-it Planning JC



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