



St Gerard's Primary Newsletter

October 2014

I hope everyone had a lovely October holiday and managed to spend quality time with their children. Winter is fast approaching and the dark mornings and evenings make things a bit problematic on the roads and pavements around the school. Please try to make sure your child is wrapped up for the school day and that they are coming to and from school accompanied by an adult or for senior children to have a few friends with them. Please also remind your child/ren of "Stranger Danger" issues. Staff have done so with children but it would be a healthy reminder from parents and I am sure you would be happy to do so.

Glasgow 10k Fun Run

Many thanks to all the children and parents who participated in the school fun run in support of St. Andrew's Hospice and Schools Funds. Fr. McGoldrick and Mr. Conaghan completed the 10k successfully. Fr. McGoldrick and the parish raised £2700 for the hospice with £900 going to the Ordination Fund. Mr. Conaghan and the children raised £750 for the hospice and £750 for the school fund. Many thanks for everyone's contribution

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is an important occasion to engage with your child's teacher as well as the opportunity to look at your child's jotter work and further support their learning. We hope you found the evening informative and helpful. Many of you completed a questionnaire on the evening and the results of

that are now available on the St. Gerard's School Blog.

Please take the time to read through the results. From the questionnaire we aim to set up a small working group of parents to look at the results and help generate ideas and suggestions of further school improvement. If you have an hour or so free within the working week please get in touch and let us know if you could help?

Family Halloween Night

We had a fantastic evening on Friday 24th October at the Family Halloween Night. Tickets sold out very soon and after many phone calls asking if they could pay at the door we decided to welcome everyone. A great crowd of monsters ghost and ghouls arrived for dancing, raffles, food and refreshments. Many thanks to Miss Lynch and the PTA for organising the event. Well done!

Inservice Day 17th

November

Please remember that the inservice day is on Monday the 17th November and the school is closed to all children. We reopen on Tuesday 18th November.

Halloween Parade Many thanks for your efforts in getting your child/ren prepared for Halloween at the school. Their costumes were fantastic. Staff and children gathered in the hall for music, songs, bad jokes as well as the traditional parade. A big thank you to all our staff who dressed up and helped make the occasion a memorable one. Another thank you to Angie, Michelle and Sadie in the kitchen. Lunch was another Halloween occasion. I'm sure the children had a great day.

St. Gerard's School Blog

Our blog is now up and running after being "frozen" by the council for upgrade and maintenance. Please save our blog to your phone and visit us on a regular basis

Speech & Drama Festival

Our children competed in this year's completion at St. Andrew's High School. While we did not receive a placing our children once again made us all very proud of their contribution. It is a difficult task to perform a poem with clear diction and annunciation to a packed hall and all of St. Gerard's children did so with great enthusiasm. We are proud of every one.

Ravenscraig Sports Day.

Our P2 and 3 children attended a sports morning at Ravenscraig and participated in a variety of athletics sports events. They had a great day being introduced to all these sports, some new and some not so new. Who knows a future Olympic champion may have been found.

Flu Vaccination

As many of you are aware the flu vaccination is being carried out across the country and being administered to children

at the school. We still await forms being returned to the school and would be grateful if you could fill out the forms and return them as soon as possible. We await a date for the flu vaccination being administered and will contact you as soon as the NHS let us know.

Eco Friendly School

St Gerard's Eco Committee and Mr Harkins are working very hard to gain our first green flag. We currently have our bronze and silver award and are well on way to

receiving our green flag. The areas on our action plan are: Litter, Health and Wellbeing and Waste Minimisation. Please check our school blog for Eco up-dates. We would like to enlist the help of our parents in the wider community. If you have any suggestions please leave a post on the blog or contact the school. Well done to Primary 5/6 for winning our school Eco code competition. The school had a great time performing all our eco codes and learning how to become more eco friendly.

Parent Council Meeting

Please come along to the parent council meeting on Monday 10th November at 6.30pm. All parents are members of the parent forum and the parent council is the representative group for that forum. We are currently looking for individuals to join the Parent Council. If you would like to join, please contact the school office leaving your name and contact details.

Military Museum

To mark the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of World War I we have arranged for a "MILITARY MUSEUM" to be brought to the school. The museum belongs to Ian Ingles. Ian works at Kilbowie, hence our association and takes the military museum around the country. He will set up in the school hall on Thursday 13th November and all the children will have the opportunity to come along and view the artifacts and find out about World War I. On Friday 14th November Ian will work closely with our senior pupils on the topic and we hope all our pupils have an informative and interesting time. We also want to invite parents to the military museum and would be delighted if you could come along on Thursday 13th November from 9.30am onwards. Tea & Coffee will be available and there will be an opportunity to donate to the annual poppy appeal. This will be a great occasion for the school community to mark the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War I and we hope you can join us.

