



St Gerard's Primary Newsletter

September 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Independence Referendum has been momentous in the history of Scotland and Britain. Within the school, staff have engaged fully in the national debate. Children too have been engaged with many asking questions about it. Staff throughout have remained neutral while fully encouraging children to participate in the arguments. I hope you have encouraged repair of any relationships that may have been frayed during and after the result.

Fun Run 3rd October

Glasgow 10k 5th October

Sponsor forms have already been sent home for the St. Gerard's Fun Run on Friday 3rd October. As stated in the letter, children will be required to run around the school a set number of times related to their age and stage. Please support our fun run by getting your trainers looked out and come along and join your child. This could be your opportunity to kick start your new health regime or continue with your existing one. A tea/coffee and biscuit will be ready for all our athletes.

Following the Fun Run Mr. Conaghan and Fr. McGoldrick will be heading to Glasgow on Sunday 5th October to complete the 10k. Please keep them in your prayers.

Divided City

As previously stated our P7 pupils are working with Noble Primary P7 on a project with the Citizens Theatre. They are studying the book, "Divided City" by Theresa Breslin. The study will culminate in a performance on 14th November at Noble Primary School. Tickets are free but limited, with P7 parents offered preferential choice. We wish all P7 pupils from both schools our best wishes as they prepare for this event.

Curricular Evening

Parents will have the opportunity to find out about various curricular developments within A Curriculum for Excellence. Our evening starts at 6.30pm on Wednesday 1st October.

PTA Halloween Family Night

The school PTA met last week and have organised the Family Halloween Night for Friday the 24th October. Tickets will soon be available from the school office. Tickets will cost. The Family Halloween Night has always been a great success and there is a prize for the best pumpkin, so keep your diary free and look out those costumes. The next PTA meeting will be on 30th October at 6pm at St. Gerard's Primary. The school Halloween Day will be on Friday 31st October. Children should come along dressed for the entire day as it coincides with £1 Non-uniform Friday.

Parents' Evening

Please remember that Thursdays 9th October is Parent's Evening and an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Please remember to arrive in plenty of time to look through your child's current work prior to your appointment.

Parking

I would be grateful if you could respect the parking arrangements within the school. The car park is for staff only and importantly for children who need access to the disabled parking area. This area has recently been blocked on occasion and I would appreciate your full support in this matter.

Diet, Snacks & Lunch

Many thanks for your efforts and support in encouraging children to bring in healthy options for their snacks and lunches. Our children have responded excellently to requests to maintain a commitment to their learning and to supporting that learning through appropriate diet. Many thanks and keep it going.

St. Gerard's School Blog

Our school blog is currently frozen as Glow is in the process of "migrating" to Glow 2. When this is completed we will let you know.

Playground

With October Break approaching can I ask that after the holiday, parents drop off their children at the school gates and allow them to enter the school without you. Please remind your child during the holiday that you will drop them off at the gates and then leave.