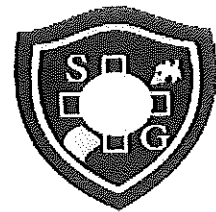


St. Gerard's Primary School



Upcoming Events

February Update

I hope everyone had a lovely February break and everyone is coping with the wet and miserable weather. We have been affected on a few occasions cancelling our walks, something unprecedented for our resilient St. Gerard's adventurers. February starts our season of Lent and perhaps this is a sign that Spring is close by and we can look forward to better weather and longer days. We will be raising money for two charities, Missio and St. Andrew's Hospice and collecting donations for our local food bank.

St Gerard's Nursery 11+0hrs

Our nursery will be officially opened by the Education Convener and former pupil, Frank McNally on Wednesday 4th March 2020. Our nursery begins offering parents and families 11+0hr provision from Monday 2nd March. Our staff are very excited and looking forward to this new adventure working in early years. The nursery will begin at 8:45am and finish at 2:45pm. This allows nursery parents to collect children and then collect older siblings from Noble and St. Gerard's. This will have an impact on traffic with an increase in parents at the start and end of the day. The schools' gates will close around 2:30pm to ensure safety within the school car park. Please park sensibly and always be alert to dangers in and around the entrance streets to the school.

School Vision and Values

Love & Care,

Hard work & High Standards

Respect & Kindness,

Prayer and Reflection.

Many thanks to all those who took part in our raising awareness competition to celebrate our school's vision and values. We had 61 contributions all displayed in our school corridor. I have placed all the entries on our school blog for you to have a look at. Once again, many thanks for taking part and encouraging your child to think about values.

March 5

World book Day. Dress up

March 6

Family Quiz Night

March 12

Shrek, The Musical

March 20

Confirmation School service

March 27

Annual Reports Home

March 30

P7 leave for Kilbowie

April 3

Easter Holiday begins

Family Quiz Night

The PTA/Friends of St. Gerard's will be hosting a family quiz night. It was originally in the diary for the 5th of March but the Friends thought a more relaxing atmosphere of Friday 6th March may encourage more families to join us. This is an opportunity to bring your team in to test their general knowledge and claim the glory of St. Gerard's Quiz Champions. There will be raffles and snacks available and you can bring along snacks & refreshments of your own. Keep Friday the 6th March free and brush up on your knowledge and quiz skills. Best of luck!

"Here, The Will of God is Done" St. Gerard Majella

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the children in Primary 3 who celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 4th February 2020. This was a lovely occasion with all the usual excitement and tension that occasion brings. Sincere thanks to Donna and Debbie (new band name) for their contribution with the music. Thanks also to our readers for their contribution to our liturgy and a big thanks to Miss McBride for preparing the children. As ever, a warm thank you to Fr. McGoldrick; his support to the staff and school is greatly appreciated.

Literacy Week & World Book Day 5th March 2020

Literacy week will be from Monday 2nd – Friday 6th March. World Book Day is on the 5th March 2020. As part of our Lenten fundraising we are collecting £1 to dress up as a character from literature on this day. Please help your child select a favourite character or book and celebrate Lent, literacy and literature with us. It promises to be a fun week!

North Lanarkshire Council – Parent Portal

North Lanarkshire Council has begun the "Parents Portal" for St. Gerard's. If you use "ipay impact" to pay online for trips and dinners, it is the same password for the new portal. If there are any problems with access due to an error please contact the school and we will try and support you. Problems could be as simple as the wrong email address or the wrong post code as information must coordinate with the school system. This will become the vehicle for all communication and soon, newsletters and reports along with payments will all be online. The portal also has an App that is available for mobile phones. I will add more support to the school blog. Please make every effort to access the portal and log your details as appropriate.

Shrek, The Musical

As you will be aware our upper school will be going to the Glasgow Theatre Royal to watch Shrek, The Musical. All children should be at the school for 5.30pm on Thursday 12th March. We will return to the school around 10pm and will update twitter when the show is over and we are on our way home. Children could bring a drink and a snack for the show.

Lent 2020

As stated previously, this year will be raising money for St. Andrew's Hospice, Missio and collecting for our local food bank. We will have a variety of activities and events so that children can connect with the core principles of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We hope you find these charities worthy of our school support. The School Lenten Programme is attached to the newsletter.

FIRE Alarm!!!

Last week around 2.50pm the school fire alarm sounded. We have rehearsed this several times and the staff and children attended to their muster areas appropriately. Staff must follow strict protocols in the event of an alarm sounding, including and appropriate returning to the building. This was not a rehearsal so we enacted the plan appropriately however many parents continued towards an apparent danger. If the alarm sounds please leave the school grounds and certainly do not enter the school playground. When and only when all adults and children have been accounted for, will children be allowed to leave. While this was not a rehearsal it did give us a "perfect storm" scenario that we can all learn from. I am currently in discussion with the fire service after this event and will update you in due course but in the meantime please do not enter the school grounds if, when you approach, a fire alarm is sounding. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.