



St. Gerard Majella
Feast Day 16th October

St. Gerard's Primary School

Our Final Month...

We can hardly believe that we are already in the final month of the academic year! The year has flown by and we hope all our children enjoy the exciting weeks ahead. Please take a moment to check the 'Dates for Your Diary' section to ensure you have noted all upcoming events and important dates. The sun looks like it may be coming back, please ensure sunscreen, water bottles and sunhats are at the ready.

Attendance and Late Coming

As before, attendance and late coming continue to be a focus for our school. It is important that all pupils attend school unless there is a valid reason for being absent. Thank you to the many parents and carers who have supported our newly introduced procedures and have been emailing to inform the school about why their child is absent. Please be reminded that if your child is absent for any reason, including sickness or an appointment, you must contact the school. You can email: enquiries-at-st-gerards.northlan.org.uk

This should be done before **9:20am** on the first morning of the absence. Emails will be checked daily, and in the event of an unexplained absence, you will receive an SMS message asking you to contact us.

Summer Fayre

A huge thank you to all our parents, carers and children who attended our Summer Fayre. We were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout and thankfully the rain did not dampen anyone's spirits.

We are currently calculating the total amount raised and look forward to sharing this with you soon. Funds raised throughout the year play a vital role in supporting our school, helping to provide new resources, support families and enhance opportunities and experiences for all our children. A big thank you to Mrs McIloney for organising this.

Primary 7 Residential

Our Primary 7 children are currently enjoying a fun-filled few days at Dalguise, Perthshire. Their absence has been noticed around the school, our Primary 7's play a huge role in our school and we imagine home life may feel a little different too!

We are looking forward to welcoming them back, hearing all about their adventures, and learning about the wonderful memories they have made during their time away.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Reilly for organising every aspect of this trip and for accompanying the children with such nurture and care. We would also like to thank Mr Rice and Miss Lafferty for their enthusiasm and support in making this residential experience such a positive one for everyone involved.

Upcoming Uniforms

As we approach the end of the school year, we understand that many children may have outgrown their current uniform and that families may be thinking ahead to next session. As a reminder, our school uniform consists of a purple shirt and tie, with a grey skirt, pinafore or trousers. Children should wear grey jumpers, while purple hoodies are reserved for our Primary 7 pupils during their final terms at the school.



Dates For Your Diary

Remaining Summer Trips

P6 Friday 12th June – Science Centre
P7 Monday 22nd June – Bowling and Cinema

P7 Events

Wednesday 10th June

Graduation Photos taken within school.

Thursday 11th June

Graduation Celebration – 1.30pm. Parents welcome.
Leavers' Disco – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 17th June

P7 Leaver's Mass – 2pm. Parents welcome.

Report Cards will be sent home before the end of term.

St Gerard's Got Talent

Friday 19th June – This event is for the children throughout the school day.

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 23rd of June

School closes at 1pm on Friday 26th June for the Summer Holidays

We would also like to remind families that, from next session, we will be fully committing to the use of indoor shoes across all year groups. We recommend simple black plimsolls and encourage families not to purchase expensive trainers for this purpose. Please note that Crocs and slippers are not suitable, particularly as indoor shoes will also be worn during P.E. lessons. We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain a consistent and practical school uniform.

Danceathon Fundraiser – Currently raised £889.60

Mrs Barr organised a fantastic fundraising event for all children to help raise money for new outdoor play equipment. It was wonderful to see every class having so much fun, with disco lights and plenty of dancing throughout the day. The children threw themselves into the event with great enthusiasm and it is safe to say there were some impressive dance moves on display!

A huge thank you to Mrs Hunter and Mrs Barr for organising such a fun-filled event and to Mrs McAllister, Mrs Armstrong and Miss McDonald for their support throughout. The laughter and excitement around the school was a joy to see.

Our New Primary 1 Pupils

We are delighted to have completed our final Primary 1 induction events, alongside our nursery visits. Welcoming a new group of children into St Gerard's each year is always a special occasion, and we feel both privileged and honoured to welcome them into our school family.

Our Primary 6 pupils have already embraced their new buddy roles and are looking forward to supporting and guiding our incoming Primary 1 children as they begin their journey with us. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, maturity and enthusiasm they have shown in preparing for this important responsibility.

School Blog

Our staff continue to use the School Blog to provide monthly class updates and photos, as well as a weekly overview of upcoming events, news and P.E. days. The feedback we have received from parents who have accessed the blog so far has been very positive. If you haven't accessed it yet, you can do so using the QR code below.



Meet The Teacher Event

We are currently working hard to finalise our class lists and staffing arrangements for the next academic year. We know this is a question many of our children are eager to have answered as soon as possible, excitement is certainly building.

We kindly ask for your trust and understanding during this process. Creating class lists requires careful consideration and involves many conversations to ensure we achieve the best possible balance for every child. A great deal of thought goes into making decisions that support children's learning, wellbeing, friendships and overall school experience.

Thank you for your patience as we work through this important process. We look forward to sharing the arrangements with you as soon as they are finalised. We aim for all children to meet their new teacher on Tuesday 23rd of June.

Preparing for our Goodbyes

I know I speak for many members of staff when I say that it is hard to believe our Primary 7 pupils are preparing for the next stage of their journey at High School. There is certainly a mix of emotions as we watch them get ready to leave St Gerard's and take this exciting step forward. Over the past few months, they have taken part in a range of High School visits and transition activities, helping them to become familiar with their new surroundings and prepare for the opportunities and challenges ahead. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they embrace this important milestone. While we will miss them greatly, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know they will be a credit to any school as they begin this new chapter. We hope to create many special memories over the weeks to come, as we reflect on their time at St Gerard's and celebrate all they have achieved before they move on.