



ST. MONICA'S Primary School

September
2023

NEWSLETTER

MEET THE TEACHER EVENT

We were delighted to see so many of our parents/carers at our Meet the Teacher Event on Wednesday. This was a fantastic opportunity to share the school priorities for the forthcoming year and explore the learning environment. We always love welcoming our families into the school and there was a fantastic atmosphere throughout the school.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

September

Friday 22nd - Monday 25th September 2023

October

Monday 16th—Friday 20th October 2023



PARENT SACRAMENTAL MEETING

If you wish for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion the parent/carer meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th of October 2023 at 6pm in St Monica's Church**. Father Ghislain will discuss all arrangements for you and your child and prepare you for the Sacraments this year. It is important that you or a family member are able to attend these Parent/Carer Meetings and attend the Enrolment Mass.

At the meeting you will be issued with a Parish Enrolment form. This should be returned back to the school along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Well done to our newly elected house captains for 2023-24. We are so proud of you and look forward to the positive impact you will have on our school.

Edinburgh – Jessica Leigh & Georgia
Bothwell – Mia & Isla
Culzean – Joseph & Abbie
Stirling – Tia & Lexie



ENROLMENT MASS

If you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation the enrolment mass will be **Sunday 1st October at 12pm mass**.



SCHOOL SECURITY

Please remember not to use the school carpark to enter the school yard, the janitor will open gates at designated times this is for safety reasons. Only Primary 1 parents are allowed inside the yard at home time to collect their child.



AGM PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next AGM Parent Council Meeting will be on **Thursday 5th October at 2pm**.



Pray, Learn, Grow Together



NEWSLETTER

P1 PHONICS LESSONS FOR PARENTS



P1 Phonics Lessons will take place on **Wednesday 4th of October at 9.15am – 10.15am.**

Mrs Gibbons and Mrs MacInnes (CLD Support Worker) will be leading this session and during this time there will be an opportunity for you to visit the Primary 1 classroom.



Tea/Coffee will be provided and there will be an opportunity for Questions/Answers. You will also receive a free phonics pack to take with you to support Home Learning.

HALLOWEEN DISCO & PARADE

The Halloween Disco will be held in the school hall on **Monday 30th October.**

P1-P4 6.15pm - 7.15pm

P5-P7 7.30pm - 8.45pm



****Tickets will be on sale from Monday 9th October****

Halloween Parade is on **Tuesday 31st October 2023.** Children can either come to school dressed in costume or bring costumes to get changed at school, help will be available from staff and older children if needed.

Please do not send scary masks or props which often get lost.

P.E TIMETABLES

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Days</u>
P1	Wednesday and Friday
P2	Monday and Wednesday
P3	Monday and Tuesday
P4	Monday and Tuesday
P5	Wednesday and Thursday
P5/6	Tuesday and Thursday
P6/7	Tuesday and Thursday
P7	Monday and Thursday

If children are wearing their P.E kit to school they should have a school jumper on over it.

The recommended P.E. Kit is as follows:

- Shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- T-shirt
- Socks
- Soft shoes



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



P1-P3 Multi Sports Club - 5 weeks

Tuesday 26th September –31st October.

P4-P7 Multi Sports Club - 4 weeks

Tuesday 7th November - 28th November.

P4-P7 Badminton Club - 8 weeks

Monday 2nd October—27th November.

Letters have been given out if your child has been given a place in any of the above clubs.

SPONSERED BOUNCE

We will be having a sponsored bounce day on Thursday 12th October 2023.

More information will follow.





ST. MONICA'S Primary School

September
2023

NEWSLETTER

FEEL GOOD FAMILY LEARNING PROGRAMME

Letters have been issued to selected children and their parent/carer. The programme will be delivered in St Monica's Primary on a weekly basis for five weeks, providing the opportunity for parents/carers and children to engage in a fun, learning programme together, packed with a variety of wellbeing activities.

The Feel Good programme will be delivered as a Hi5 Award and children will have the opportunity to receive a recognised Youth Scotland qualification on completion of the programme. This is a fantastic start to your child's accreditation journey along with the support of a parent/carer.

The Feel Good Programme will run every Wednesday, 1.30pm – 2.45pm starting on Wednesday 27th of September.

For more information please contact Kathleen MacInnes directly on 07812501901 or email; macinnesk@northlan.gov.uk



POPE FRANCIS FAITH AWARD

Our P6 Pupils will be asked to participate in the Pope Francis Faith Award. The award supports the children in their faith journey alongside the school, parish and home. There will be an enrolment mass on **Friday 6th October at 10am.**



STORY LAND

Letters have been issued to selected children and their parent/carer. The group provides an opportunity for parents/carers and children to have fun together focusing on reading and literacy. Each week will focus on a different story followed by a fun, art activity and games. This group will begin on **Wednesday 6th September, 3pm – 4pm.**

Still time to join!



WATER

All children should bring a water bottle to school to keep hydrated throughout the school day. Water bottles should only contain plain water and should be labelled clearly.

Drinking water is;

Simple

Healthy

Quenching

No calories

Contains no sugars

Doesn't damage teeth

Helps concentration

Improves behaviour

Makes you less tired



Pray, Learn, Grow Together



NEWSLETTER

ALLERGIES/SPECIAL DIET REQUIREMENTS

Please inform the school if your child has a medically prescribed diet e.g. coeliac disease, diabetes, food allergy or intolerance.

**** Please remember this includes chocolate spread and chocolate that contains nuts. Children should not have these in their packed lunches****



A **medically prescribed diet form** must be completed by the child's Registered Dietician or General Practitioner. Forms can be accessed from the school canteen or dietician, or from North Lanarkshire's catering service.

Special diets required for ethical, religious or cultural reasons should be requested in writing to the Head Teacher, who will liaise with the school catering service.

COMMUNICATION

Please note the School App has now discontinued which means we are unable to communicate via our school app. You may delete this app on your phone.



We will now be communicating through email and on our school blog website. It is very important to make sure your email address is updated with the school office.

To access our School Blog website please scan the QR code.



Let's Start!

We also have our Twitter account (St Monica's NLC) which is used to circulate photographs and reminders and to communicate with other education partners.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please label all of your child's belongings; this includes all school uniform, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, bags and spare clothes.

The pupils are asked not to bring valuable items, for example, 'computer games' and 'phones' into school.



The school cannot be held responsible for the loss or theft of any valuables.

MEDICINES

Staff at St Monica's are committed to the inclusion of all pupils and wish to ensure that pupils with medical needs receive proper care and support at school.

We wish to remind you that we require a fresh and in date supply of Asthmatic Inhalers/Epi pen's upon your child's return to school. All inhalers must be labelled clearly with your child's name. Can I remind parents that although we do our best to look out for expiry dates, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that these items are in date.

We will not give prescription or non-prescription medicines to a child without their parent's/carers written consent. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to check the expiry dates of the medication and to notify the school of changes in medication or dosage.

If your child requires medication within school, please report to the school office to complete a Medication form.

