



ST. MONICA'S Primary School

January
2024

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME BACK 2024

It has been an excellent start to the New Year. We enjoyed hearing all about the festivities and now the children are focused on their learning and the exciting term ahead.



BURNS DAY

In celebration of Burns Day, all children are welcome to wear a piece of tartan or a splash of blue with their uniform on **Thursday 25th January**. The School lunch menu will change on this day. Please scan QR code using your phone camera to view menu.



ASSEMBLIES

Assemblies will focus on learning for sustainability. The children will work in their house groups and focus on activities based on ECO, Global Goals, Right Respecting Schools and Outdoor Learning. Our Friday assembly will remain a liturgical focus and we will celebrate wider achievements each Friday.



P1 ENROLMENTS

P1 Enrolments have been carried last week, further information will follow in April with upcoming Transition dates. Mrs Gibbons is looking forward to visiting the children in their nurseries.



DENTAL CHECKS

P1 & P7 Dental Checks will take place on **Tuesday 30th January**.

P1 & P2 Child Smile will take place on **Monday 5th February**.



RECONCILIATION SERVICE

We have all been working with our P3 children in preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Children are now prepared and ready! P3 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on:



Wednesday 7th of February 2024 at 6pm.

Please ensure your child comes with full school uniform.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Mon 12th February– Mid-term break

Tues 13th February—Mid-term break

Wed 14th February—In-service Day



P7 EVENTS

STRATHCLYDE PARK OUTDOOR PROGRAMME

Our Primary 7's have been allocated a 5 day outdoor programme of activities at Strathclyde Park from **Mon 10th June - Fri 14th June 2024**. This has been arranged by NL Active Schools and is being offered to all NLC Primary Schools. The cost for the 5 days is £120 per child, however the school will support this initiative through our Pupil Equity Fund and school fundraising by making a contribution of £60 per child. **Therefore the total cost for your child is £60.** This can be paid in instalments, for more details on how to do this, please see below. During this week, pupils are asked to bring a snack for their morning break and a packed lunch. If your child is in receipt of a free school meal a packed lunch will be provided for them. This is not a residential trip, so the children will travel there and back each day. The bus will be collecting the children each day after 9am. You can read more about the new programme and what your child should bring by scanning the QR code here.



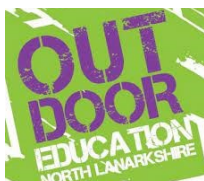
Payment

All payments should be made by using the online iPayImpact system. If you are unable to make payments online, please contact the school office for support. When you sign into your child's account, you will see a option named '**Strathclyde Park Outdoor Programme 2024**'. This is where payments should be made. The option will be live on Monday 22nd January 2024 and close on Monday 6th May 2024. **The total amount of £60 should be paid by 5th of May 2024.**

Until you register on iPayImpact, we are unable to set up the option to pay for the trip on your child's account.

Letters have been issued to all Primary 7 pupils. ***Please return as soon as possible.***

If you require support, please contact our Head Teacher or a member of school staff.



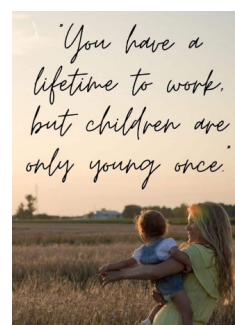
P7 TRANSITION EVENT 2

The second P7 Transition Event will take place Friday 1st March at St Andrew's High School, this event is for all P7 children even if going to different secondary school. Permission forms will follow.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have noticed an increase in children attending school with false nails & wearing make up. Can we please ask that you discourage this as it is against our school policy.



COMMUNICATION

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.



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



PARENT PORTAL

Please note if your child is absent, this must be reported on Parent Portal or call the school.

51% of our parents haven't signed up to the Parent Portal.

This portal will become one of the main lines of communication between schools and parents across North Lanarkshire Council and we encourage you to sign up to this service. It is a one stop shop to many of our current and future communications.

Please scan the QR code for instructions on how to sign up.



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

Makes you less tired

IT IS FREE!



LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Our Mini Vinnies are currently planning some exciting Fundraising Fridays. The calendar will be completed and issued at the start of February.



ADVERSE WEATHER

In adverse weather, all children should use infant gate or main entrance gate to enter school.

PLEASE DO NOT USE CAR PARK TO ENTER SCHOOL. This is dangerous, especially in this weather.



UNIFORM & COLD WEATHER

Lots of children have returned to school wearing school uniform and look really smart. We would be grateful if parents could continue to support the school policy wearing full school uniform. Children should be wearing school jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt during this cold weather. Please encourage your child to come to school well wrapped for colder play times. **Uniforms should be worn on PE days. Children are encouraged to change at school.**



If you require support please let us know or contact Cool School Uniforms directly. More details below.

**COOL SCHOOL UNIFORMS
COATBRIDGE
OPEN**

Claiming Universal Credit or Qualifying Benefits
Having difficulty replacing your children's 'damaged or outgrown' school uniforms?

WE CAN HELP!
FREE- Confidential - Discreet

We have a bank of quality school uniforms available and will be distributing them through a referral system. If you can benefit from our service or know a family who could, please contact us on:

Cool School Uniforms 07596 265 879

Facebook - you can send us a private message to our Facebook page 'Cool School Uniforms' and a member of our admin will get back to you. If you are needing Benefits advice our Advisors can help with a FREE Confidential Benefits check.

Donations of quality new/outgrown uniforms

**Hope 2 Help
Benefit Advice**

School Term & Holiday Dates

January 2024

Burns Day	Thursday 25th January 2024
P1 & P7 Dental Checks	Tuesday 30th January 2024

February 2024

First Friday Mass (P4 Leading)	Friday 2nd February 2024
P1 & P2 Childsmile	Monday 5th February 2024
P3 Reconciliation	Wednesday 7th February 2024 - 6pm
Mid-term break	Monday 12th February and Tuesday 13th February 2024
In-Service Day	Wednesday 14th February 2024
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday 14th February 2024



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