



ST. MONICA'S Primary School

April / May
2024

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the final term!

The school is undergoing some renovations in preparation for welcoming Drumpark Annexe to our campus in the new session. Thank you to our parent volunteers who have helped to empty cupboards and rehouse resources, there is still plenty to do. I will keep you updated as matters progress.

We were delighted with the success of our Lenten Fundraising and would like to thank all of our community for their participation and generous contributions.

I know that some parents are already thinking about uniforms for next year, please be mindful that our uniform policy is that skirts and trousers should be grey, following consultation with the parent forum.

Mrs Rafferty

WELL DONE TO EDINBURGH HOUSE

Well Done to Edinburgh House for winning this terms house point. Pupils were treated to an afternoon on the bouncy castle, as were the children who attended Mass during Lent.



Keep up the hard
work!



THANK YOU!



We have raised an amazing **£1,000** in total for all our FUNdraising Fridays during Lent. Thank you all so much for your generosity. A cheque was presented to Missio Scotland at our assembly.

Our Missio champions shared this good news and discussed the great work carried out by the Pope's charity.



CAKE AND CANDY

Our Primary 7's are hosting a Cake and Candy event on Monday 29th of April for their fellow pupils. All monies raised will be put towards their P7 leavers fund. If you feel able, we would appreciate any contribution of home baked or shop bought cakes to sell at this event. We would be grateful if you could please ensure that any cakes supplied do not contain any nuts.

Please bring any donations to the school office on the morning of the event.



P7 WEAR YELLOW WALK

Primary 7 pupils will take part in a sponsored walk for St. Andrew's Hospice on Wednesday, 1st May 2024, at Strathclyde Country Park. The pupils will leave school at 9.45 am and travel to Strathclyde Country Park by coach, returning to school for 2pm, approximately.

Please provide your child with a morning snack and a packed lunch. Your child should wear joggers/leggings with school sweatshirt or jumper, and comfortable footwear. Please note that the children should be suitably dressed in case of inclement weather.

All children must bring a water bottle.



P4 & P5 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Active Schools Scotland has invited a group of our P4 and P5's to attend a Football Festival at St Ambrose High School on Thursday 16th May from 9am – 12pm. Children involved will be issued with letters once teams have been drawn.

Please provide your child with a morning snack. We will provide them with a football top however we do ask they bring shorts/leggings, socks, boots/trainers and shin guards if they have them.

They would also benefit from bringing an extra bottle of water to stay hydrated.

Good Luck all!



P1 INDUCTION DAYS

We are so excited to welcome our new Primary 1 children to St Monica's Primary School. For those children starting in August 2024 we would like to invite Parents/Carers in for our Induction Days.

Thursday 23rd of May	9.20am—10.20am
Thursday 30th of May	10.45am—11.45am

During this visit, there will be an opportunity to see a short presentation of our school and meet some important people who you will get to know when your child starts school.



P7 EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTION VISITS

Your child will very soon be making the transition from their Primary School to Secondary School. An important part of that transition is the visits which provide the young people with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings, meet their new teachers, experience lessons, and get to know their new classmates. More information will follow.

Our Primary 7 Transition Days are:

St Andrew's HS	Thursday 6th of June and Friday 7th of June 2024
St Ambrose HS	Wednesday 29th of May and Thursday 30th of May 2024

Children moving on to other Secondary Schools will be provided with individual information.

P7 LEAVER'S MASS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Our proposed date for this year's Leaver's Mass and Awards Ceremony will take place on Wednesday 19th of June. Further information will follow.

P7 FESTIVAL

Primary 7 will be celebrating their time as pupils at St Monica's Primary on Friday 21st of June. Primary 7 chose to have a neon theme for their festival. This entails a disco and fun activities. Children can come to school dressed for their party.



P1 TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



Primary 1 children will take part in a sponsored Teddy Bear Picnic to raise funds for St. Andrew's Hospice. Children can bring along their own special teddy and a picnic. This will take place on Wednesday 12th of June in our local area. We plan to leave the school at 9.30am and walk to Douglas Estate area "over the bridges" near showcase cinema.

Primary 1 are invited to bring a family member to accompany them on their walk in the woods. Please note it is approximately a 30 minute walk to the estate.

Children can wear their own clothes, so they are comfortable. Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear/outdoor clothing in case of inclement weather.

Your child will receive a sponsor form sheet, please return the sponsor form along with any money raised to their class teacher or school office by Friday 31st of May.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

P4 will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 19th of May 2024 in St. Monica's Church. The service will start at 12pm. There will be a photographer available 1 hour before Mass. Please refrain from taking photographs during the service. If you choose not to have a photo, the children should be seated in the Church no later than 10 minutes before Mass begins.



The front rows are reserved for the children making their First Holy Communion. Parent/Carers of those children will sit opposite where 2 spaces will be allocated. Other family members are more than welcome to sit behind these rows or the spaces in the wings of the church. Staff members will also have a row allocated.

PARENT PORTAL

Parent Portal is one of the main communications between schools and parents across North Lanarkshire Council and we encourage you to sign up to this service. **Please note, this year we will not be providing a paper copy of your child's report card as these will be accessible through the Parents Portal.** We understand some parents don't have access to these facilities. Please contact the school office if you are unable to join the parent portal or if you would like some support.



When entering details, please make sure you enter the correct details exactly what we have on school system for your child. If these details don't match, please get in touch with the office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

In-Service Day: 2nd of May 2024 (pupils return on Friday 3rd of May)

May Holiday: Monday 6th of May 2024

May Weekend: Friday 24th May—Monday 27th May (inclusive)



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

The following clubs are supported through the Pupil Equity Fund at no cost. Can I take this opportunity to stress the importance of children bringing a change of clothes and shoes to take part fully in these activities. They would also benefit from an extra drink. Those randomly selected from a hat will be issued with a confirmation letter.

<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tues</u>
<u>Dance</u> P5-7 22 nd April – 24 th Jun 8 weeks	<u>Tennis</u> P4-7 23 rd April – 18 th Jun 9 weeks

Date	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Apr 29	Cake and Candy		P7 Yellow Walk	In-Service Day		
May 6	Holiday			Ascension Thursday		
May 13				P4 & P5 Football Festival		Sunday 19th First Holy Communion 12pm
May 20				P1 Induction Day 9.20-10.20am	Holiday	
May 27	Holiday			P1 Induction Day 10.45—11.45am		
Jun 3				St Andrew's HS Induction Day	St Andrew's HS Induction Day	
Jun 10	P7 Strathclyde Park	P7 Strathclyde Park	P7 Strathclyde Park P1 Teddy Bear Picnic	P7 Strathclyde Park	P7 Strathclyde Park	
Jun 17			P7 Leaver's Mass/ Awards Ceremony	P7 Science Centre	P7 Festival	
Jun 24			School Closes 1pm			



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