

Meet the Teacher

Mr. M. Devine

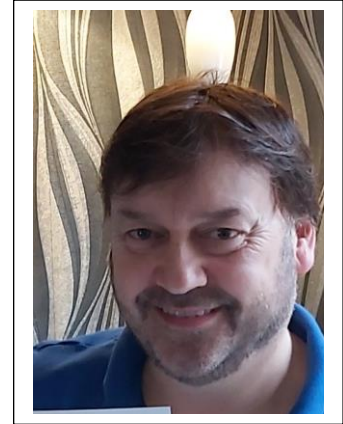
A little about me.

Hello everyone. I'm glad of this opportunity to share some information about myself as I begin working with your children in P.7. I have been privileged to have been a member of the Gartcosh school community for almost 6 years. I have always found it a great place to work. We boast hard working, well behaved children, supportive parents/carers and a truly inspiring staff team I am so grateful to be a member of.

I love travel. My favourite place is Thessaloniki in Greece where I have many close friends. I can speak a little Greek and taught for a while in a Greek school. Greece is a wonderful country and I enjoy the hospitality and the amazing food!!! On the subject of food my passion is cooking. I love to entertain family and friends and prepare many different dishes for them.

What is important to me outside of school?

My family and friends and faith.



What's Important to me in class..

Having worked with most of the children in P.4 I'm impressed by how much they have developed since then. I want them all to realise their full potential this session and achieve as much as possible. In order to support them to do this I try to instill in the children a good work ethic and help them appreciate the purpose of what they are learning in class. I also share with them my high expectations in terms of effort and behaviour. I want the children to feel safe and secure in class. I want them to be happy and enjoy the experiences on offer. At the same time I want them to have fun and be part of a class community where each member shows respect to those around them.



A Glance around our classroom ...

P.7 is located in room 5 in the main building. The classroom which is of average size is carefully organised to ensure good use of available space and the comfortable accommodation of 32 pupils. We are lucky to have a new promethean board and our own class library. We are developing a 'calm corner' in our classroom to support our use of mindfulness techniques. The classroom walls have bright and informative displays which support teaching and learning together with samples of pupil work. Displays will change frequently throughout the school year. We are fortunate to have a piano in our classroom which will be used to support music and singing activities in particular. Hopefully before the end of the school year you will be able to visit the classroom when you will receive a very warm welcome.



P.7 2021-2022 What our year will look like...

This, as expected will prove to be a busy year for P.7. I want the children to achieve as much as possible through our P.7 curriculum and make every opportunity to further their progress and achievements. This year as senior pupils they will assume roles of increased responsibility including, for example, House Captains and Vice-Captains and Buddies to our youngest pupils. In Literacy the children will be reading a number of novels exploring writer's craft and developing this by replicating author's craft in their own writing. They will continue to develop their knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar and will write extended pieces of writing using a variety genre. As always they will have a focus on editing their own work and developing high standards of presentation.

In numeracy P.7 will continue to develop their mental agility and use of the four number processes. They will be introduced to a range of new mathematical concepts. They will stop along the way and complete some assessments to check their learning and application of their new skills.

In Social Studies P.7 will cover a number of topics including UNICEF's Rights of the Child. They will also look at climate change and link this study to the important COP26 event being held in Glasgow in November.

P.7 will have regular lessons and activities from across the curriculum including Art, Music, Drama, Health and Well Being including PE.

P.7 will be involved in a number of 'Transition' events this session which will support their move to secondary school next August. This will include working with secondary school staff here in Gartcosh PS and also visits to their chosen secondary schools. They will also participate in a week of outdoor activities at Strathclyde Park and enjoy a number of 'Leavers' activities at the end of the school year.

How we work in class

We have a well established class routine. Our resources are easily accessible and all the children help keep the classroom organised and ready for learning. Lessons always have an introduction and usually Learning Intentions (The children know what they are going to learn) and Success Criteria), (The children discuss how they will know if they have achieved the intention of the lesson). Learning is active and practical where possible. We have new i-pads to support their learning. We look for opportunities where the children can influence the direction of and lead the learning.

In P.7 the children benefit from working at times as part of a cooperative group where they can contribute their ideas and skills to a shared task.

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