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**Hello everyone!**

Off to a flying start this term, it's hard to believe the children have been back for nearly two weeks already.



*1 - Bike recycling and Reusing*

*Just before the October week, I let you know about an exciting project with Active Schools and Restorative Justice.*

*If you have an old bike (any size) that you no longer use you can donate this to us and Restorative Justice will work to restore it and make it road worthy. It will then be given to a child/parent who may need a new bike or who doesn't have a bike. This is an excellent way of stopping bikes rusting in sheds or ending up in landfill.*

*Please bring any bikes you would like to donate from Wednesday the 10th of November. All bikes will be collected on Friday the 12th. The questionnaire to work out who may need a bike is on my to do list so hopefully will be out next week.*

## Flu Vaccine catch up session

The NHS vaccination Team will be back with us on the 2nd of December to vaccinate any child who missed their vaccine at the start of October. NHS coordinate the yellow permission slips so unless any details have changed for your child you don't need to do anything.

## Shoe Share



Many thanks for the donations on shoe. During the Month of October our Rights Respecting Steering Group have been hosting a Shoe Share. They would like to thanks everyone for their contributions. All the shoes are now boxed and awaiting collection. For every tonne of shoes, a donation is made to UNICEF. This donation supports educational programmes around the world and helps purchase basis equipment for learning.

## Confirmation



Our P7s will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming Monday 1st of November. Please keep the children, their Sponsors and Parents in your Prayers.

## Archbishop Tartaglia memorial tree



Also on Monday, 1st November we will plant a tree in memory of our late Archbishop. His Grace was a fabulous supporter and advocate of Catholic Education; education which supports academic, physical, mental and spiritual growth for all children in an environment of love, justice and hope. A huge thank you to Mrs Shannon who sourced and sorted the delivery of a beautiful cherry blossom tree.

The tree will be planted on the grassed area next to the infant line up zones. Please keep the wee ones a safe distance from it to allow the roots to establish themselves over the next few months.

## Halloween fun



The children had a great day yesterday. Many thanks for sorting the costumes, the children looked amazing. Thanks also to our catering team who always go above and beyond on the special lunch days.

## Parking



As the weather gets colder and it's darker, please remember to park and drive with extreme caution. We will always hang on to the children if you are late so, please don't worry, we'd also rather you were a few minutes late rather than driving too fast to get here.

## Infant dismissal

Can we ask again that you don't let the children run along the crib-lock wall support next to the driveway. It is not designed for children to run along it, and I do not want anyone to have an accident.

## Climate change and air pollution



If at all possible, please really consider walking/scooting/cycling with your child to school, even if it is just once every few weeks. We all need to make minor changes where we can before it's too late and our children suffer in the future. Over the next few weeks as well as our usual.

### P7

Thanks to our Parent Council Chair, our P7 children have a fantastic opportunity to engage and take part in COP 26. They will attend a workshop at Strathclyde University on the morning of 10th November.

## Road works



Again, thanks to our Parent Council who have let us know that NLC are planning a road closure along Constarry Road, near Smithstone Crescent from 1/11/21 - 9/11/21. The road is being resurfaced. This will affect families coming from Kilsyth or entering Croy from that junction where the carwash is. Please allow extra time for your journeys.

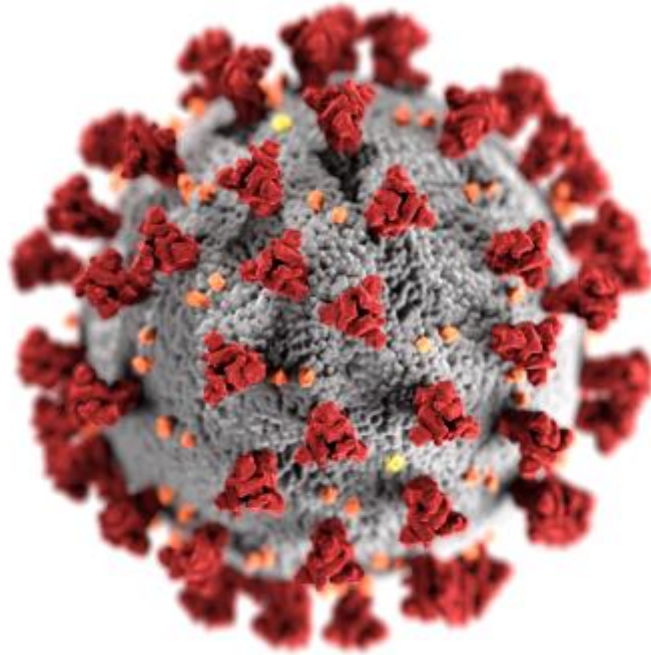
## Parent Council AGM



The Parent Council AGM will take place virtually on the 23rd of November at 6pm. If you would like to attend or become a member, please contact the Parent Council

To reach and engage as many parents and carers as possible, the Parent Council now has Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. As we begin to emerge from Covid restrictions the PC is keen for new members from the school and the nursery to get involved in a formal or informal/help up when you can basis.

## Covid 19



Please remember that should your child develop one or all of the following symptoms; high temperature, loss or change in taste, loss of sense of smell or a new continuous cough they will require a PCR test before attending school. If negative, your child can come back to school once they are feeling better. If your child tests positive NHS Track and trace will be in touch to advise on self-isolation.

If your child tests positive but does not have symptoms we will provide access to learning from home, and they can also join our online assembly on Fridays.

Sick children are not expected to complete any learning at home, the priority is that they get well first.

## Prayers for NHS and Social Care parents and families



NHS Lanarkshire has announced it has moved to the 'highest risk level'. In reality it means all NHS staff holidays, special leave etc is cancelled and patients' operations and treatments are delayed and the army has also been brought in to help. This really struck me this weekend; the people who have put themselves at risk and worked non stop need a break and yet they are the ones who can't take a break, it doesn't seem fair.

Please keep all our NHS parents and Social Care worker parents in your prayers, they have been under sustained pressure for such a long time. We will be remembering them in our daily class prayers. In practical terms we can do our bit by ensuring we follow the guidance as best we can and continue to ensure we think carefully about how we will live our lives during a pandemic. Please consider getting vaccinated if you haven't done so already.

**North Lanarkshire Financial Inclusion Team; money worries and advice.**

With Furlough ending many families may find themselves in difficult circumstances. NLC provide guidance on benefits and financial worries; [fit@northlan.gov.uk](mailto:fit@northlan.gov.uk)

## Active Schools



We are delighted our Active Schools Coaches will be with us until Christmas.

## Woodwind instruction P5-7

We are delighted that this will resume for children who may like to learn an instrument. Information will be coming out to P5-7 children in the next few weeks.

And finally...

If you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing please contact us at the school on 01236 632124.

Best wishes

Mrs Murphy

Head Teacher