



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary School & Nursery Class



October 2022 Newsletter

Maths Week Scotland

Thank you Mrs Mushet for organising our very successful Maths Week Scotland. Our children had many opportunities to learn about maths and numeracy, including participating in scavenger hunts, big play, QR Code Hunts, assemblies and Carfin Counts. We also had a winner for Our Estimation Station – Aela Harkin of P6 guessed exactly the correct number of teddies in the jar! Well done, Aela!

The Relics of St Bernadette

We have always felt blessed to be situated across from Scotland's National Marian Shrine, but never more so than recently. The Relics of St Bernadette arrived in Carfin on the 24th September and the whole school attended mass on Wednesday 28th September. Our wonderful choir, The Carfin Choristers, and our dedicated Altar servers represented Our Lady and St Francis every day at Mass and they were a credit to our school. Well done everyone, we are immensely proud of them.

First Friday Mass and MISSIO Mass

Primary 6b will lead First Friday Mass on 7th October, which will be followed by a Coffee Morning, where our whole P6 year group will entertain our guests with a few songs. Please come along if you can, all are welcome.

Our MISSIO Champions will attend a special mass on 7th October. Mrs Taggart will accompany the children to this.

Dance Session

Mr Maxwell has organised a dance teacher to provide dance sessions for our P5-7 pupils on the 11th October. Each class will have a short block of time in the gym hall to practise their dance skills.

Snapshot Jotters and Reporting to Parents

We will issue the children's Snapshot Jotter w/b 10th October. This contains a selection of your child's work and will be sent home 4 times a year. It is then passed on to the next teacher to allow you to see your child's progress in learning.

We will also hold our first face to face Parent/Carer Information Evening since October 2019. So far the uptake has been very good, however if you have not booked an appointment the booking system will be open until Monday 10th October.

Our bookfair would normally be available, however due to difficulties with dates this will be available w/b 31st October. During this week the bookfair will be open to parents/carers from 2:30 each day. Please go to the school office, where you will be directed to the bookfair.

Halloween Celebrations



This year our Parent Council will be organising a Hallowe'en Disco on 27th October. More information about this event will be sent out by the Parent Council.

We can resume our normal Hallowe'en celebrations in school this year, therefore our annual Hallowe'en Parade will take place on the afternoon of 31st October. Children can be picked up from the school at 1215 if they are a home lunch. If your child is staying school for a packed lunch or cafeteria, staff members will be available to help and supervise the children getting ready. Please be mindful of the costume your child wears – no scary masks, prop weapons or inappropriate costumes (e.g. costumes that represent movies/programmes not suitable for children).

Easyfundraising

Do you do Christmas shopping online? If so, collect FREE donations for Our Lady & St. Francis Primary by using the Easyfundraising site to redirect you to your favourite online retailers. Please register at: <https://easyfundraising.org.uk/olsfparents/>

You simply download the app and register, then anytime you do any online shopping you visit the app first and click the retailer. All funds go straight to OLSF. We received a cheque for £23 recently from Easyfundraising through normal online shopping.



Parent Council

The AGM of the Parent Council has taken place and the next meeting will be posted on Twitter. If you would like to be involved in the important work of the Parent Council or would like more information, email enquiries-at-ourlady-st-francis@northlan.org.uk

Photographs

School photographs will be taken this month, including family and individual photographs.

Nursery (and school siblings) – 14th October

School – 12th October



October Break



School will close to pupils and staff on Friday 14th October at the usual times for our October break. School will reopen to pupils on Monday 24th October.

Pupils in the nursery who are term time, 9-3, will also have this break. Full time children who attend morning or afternoon will continue to attend as normal. We hope you all have a restful break.