



# Our Lady & St. Francis Primary & Nursery Class



## **February 2024 Newsletter**

### **Students**

This month we welcome students Mrs Diane Green (PGDE), Miss Erin Gormley (PGDE), Miss Lucy Paterson (BA3) and Miss Sophie Bradley (BA3).

### **Mobile Phones/Watches**

If your child requires to bring a mobile phone to school, this must be handed into the school office at the start of the day and collected at the end.

I would also ask that children do not wear watches to school that have a recording function or that can receive/send messages. These watches can be posing a serious threat to the privacy and safeguarding of children.

### **Netball**

Our P7 Netballers participated in a festival at St Aidan's High School recently and won 5 out of 5 games, without conceding a goal. Mr Maxwell is immensely proud of the team and we would like to thank him, Lauren Gilbert (Active Schools Co-ordinator) and our volunteer, Caitlin McMahon, from Taylor High School.

### **Glee**

Our Glee Choir will perform on 6<sup>th</sup> February at The Town House, Hamilton. This is their first sectional where they will be performing Space Man and Mr Blue Sky. Thank you to all our supporters who have already purchased tickets and to Mrs Cahill, Mrs Musher and Mrs Anderson who have pulled the performance together. We wish them all good luck.

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

North Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire are working together to recognise & promote positive mental health & wellbeing for children and young people within our communities and across our organisations. Children's mental health will be a focus w/b 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Safer Internet Day**

Every year we focus on internet safety during Safer Internet Day, which is a widely recognised day across the UK. The theme changes annually – last year was 'Want to Talk about it?' and this year's theme is 'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. The official date is the 6<sup>th</sup>

February this year, however the children will participate in activities on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Football Festivals**

Mr Maxwell will accompany the girls' football team on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February and the P6/7 football team on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to Braidhurst for Football Festivals. The children come to practice each week, always trying their best and this is a wonderful opportunity to show off their newly learned skills. We wish them good luck.

### **Childsmile**

Childsmile will visit our P1 and P2 on 19<sup>th</sup> February for a fluoride varnish coat. This requires express permission from the child's parent/carer. If you are unclear if you have given permission and wish to clarify this, please contact our school office.

### **Multi-sports**

Mr Maxwell will accompany P3 to a multi-sports festival on the 29<sup>th</sup> February at the Ravenscraig Sports Facility. This is a great opportunity for our younger children to experience various sports and mix with children from other schools.

### **STEM Week**

Stem Week this year is w/b 26<sup>th</sup> February. Each class will participate in a project during this week, which will focus on one or more of the STEM subjects. Be sure to check X for photographs.

### **Fairtrade Day**

Fairtrade Day is the 20<sup>th</sup> February where we will be encouraging our children to support farmers getting a fair wage and fair working conditions. Please check X for updates on the activities and photos.

### **Jewellery**

It has been noted that more children are wearing jewellery in school, which is posing a health and safety risk. Please minimise jewellery where possible and at no time will dangly ear-rings be permitted in the building. Acrylic nails should also not be worn as they can catch easily on clothing, equipment and fencing/netting. Over and above the safety aspect children cannot hold their pencil correctly and are over exerting themselves when writing. I would ask that you support the school's view on this and help us ensure the safety of all our children.

### **First Friday Mass**

P4/5 will lead First Friday Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> March, which will be followed by our Coffee Morning. The whole P4/5 and 5 will also entertain our guests with a few songs. Please come along and support our children. All welcome.

### **Holiday Weekend**

The February holiday weekend is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. The school is also closed to pupils on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February for a staff inset day.