



Our Lady & St. Francis Primary
& Nursery Class



March/April 2024 Newsletter

Glee

Our Glee Choir have made it through the regional competition and are now set for sectionals, which will be held at The Royal Concert Hall in Glasgow on 13th May 2024. Thank you to our families and friends who came along to support us and an extra big thank you to Mrs Cahill, Mrs Mushet and Mrs Anderson who have prepared the children so well. Good luck, Team OLSF. We will be holding a Glee fundraiser on 25th April. More information to follow.

P7 Transition to THS

The P7 Transition to Taylor High School continues this month. The P7 have already enjoyed several inputs from Maths, RME, English and Science, with more to follow. A group of Caritas students from THS also visited the school last week as part of the children's preparation for their Confirmation.

P7 Residential Trip

Primary 7 will be visiting SportScotland National Sports Training Facility for 2 nights from 11th -13th March. They will be accompanied by Mrs Rimmer, Mrs Anderson, Miss McLaughlin, Mrs Mushet and Mrs Semple. This is the school's first residential trip since the closure of Kilbowie and we hope our children enjoy this valuable experience and take away many happy memories.

P7 Wear Yellow Walk

P7 will raise funds for St. Andrew's Hospice on 1st May by attending the annual Wear Yellow Walk held at Strathclyde Park. More information on this event will follow.

P1 Health Assessments

The P1 Health Assessments will take place on the 14th March. Nurses from NHS Lanarkshire will take the children's height and weight.

Festivals

Mr Maxwell will accompany our P3 children to a Multi-sports Festival on the 7th March at the Ravenscraig. The children have been attending an Out of School Hours Multi-sports Club for several weeks and this is a great opportunity for them to show off their skills.

Mr Maxwell will also accompany our Netball Team to their next festival on the 19th March. Our children were very successful at their last tournament, winning 5 games out of 5 without conceding a goal.

Our P6 and 7 Dance Club led by pupils from THS have been practising tirelessly for months and will compete on 26th March at the Dance Qualifiers. We wish them good luck.

Lent

The children have chosen their selected charities for Lent this year. We will be supporting SCIAF, Mary's Meals, The Wee Mobile Food Bank and the Meningitis Association of Scotland. Wendy, from the cafeteria, has once again kindly donated many gifts for our Easter raffle to help raise funds. Every child will be given 1 ticket free in the first instance and further tickets can be bought for 20p each from 7th March.

We will also hold our themed/activity Fridays:

1st March – Double the Fun 31 Day!

7th March – World Book Day - Pyjama/Dress as a Book Character/Word Day

8th March – Dress Down and Fun Day (organised by P7)

15th March – Crazy Hair Day

22nd March – OLSF's Got Talent

Each class will visit the Stations of the Cross at the Grotto during Lent led by P5/6 and P6 and we will host a Lenten Service at assembly every Monday.

STEM Week

We celebrated all things STEM last week during our annual STEM Week. We have uploaded many photos to X showcasing our STEM Challenges and will announce our STEM Winners at assembly on Monday 3rd March. Huge thanks go to Mrs Donnelly and Mr Rankin who have organised our activities.

Nursery to P1 Transition

Our nursery transition begins this month with some storytelling sessions and some visits to the Primary One classrooms. We know our current Primary One children will love the responsibility of looking after our nursery children and telling them all about the great things they will experience in August. The nursery children will also be introduced to their P6 buddy this month.

Parking

We are fortunate to have use of the Holy Ghost Fathers' Car Park, however we have been receiving more calls about inconsiderate parking and failure to park in the correct place. If you are using this car park, please do not park in front of the house and use the correct entrance and exit.

Snapshot Jotters and Reporting to Parents

We will issue your child's Snapshot Jotter w/b 18th March. 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 Parent/Carer Information Evening on 21st March. You can book your appointment through the booking system, details of which will be sent by email.

Rag Bag Collection

We are collecting unwanted clothes, belts, bags and paired shoes as part of our Rag Bag collection. All items can be placed in a bin bag and handed in to the school. The bags will be uplifted after the Easter Holiday.

New Life

Primary 2a and 2b will be taking on some additional responsibility this month. A Chick Egg Hatchery will be delivered to each class on 5th March. This project involves observing the process of going from egg to chick and looking after our chicks until they are collected and re-homed. This is a valuable and meaningful experience for our children and we look forward to meeting our chicks soon.

P4/5, P5 and P5/6 have been nurturing Brown Trout through the Clyde in the Classroom project for several weeks. They will release the fish into the River Clyde w/b 4th March.

Rights Respecting Schools' Day

We will host a Rights Respecting Schools' Day on the 26th April. We have been raising awareness and celebrating our rights for many years now and we encourage our children to know their rights and to learn about how adults can support them. Our Articles for March and April are:

Article 13 - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 14 - Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

Article 15 - Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

First Friday Mass and Coffee Morning

Our next First Friday Mass and Coffee Morning will be held on 3rd May. The pupils from P3/4 will lead our Mass and Coffee Morning, where they will entertain our guests with a few songs. All donations of store bought goodies and raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated. All welcome to this event.

Closure and Holiday Dates

We will finish for the Easter holiday on Thursday 28th March at 2:30pm and reopen on Monday 15th April. We wish all our families a happy and Holy Easter.

Inset Day – 2nd May – School closed to pupils

May Day – 6th May – School closed