



St Margaret of Scotland Primary, Language Communication Support Centre & Nursery

August Newsletter - 2023
School telephone number - 01236632102



Welcome back everyone!

I hope you have all had a lovely Summer.

I am delighted to report that all children have settled in so well and are really enjoying school.

Our Staff Team

Here is our staffing for this year -

Miss Love	Head Teacher
Mr Duffy	Depute Head Teacher
Mrs Jack	Principal Teacher (Mon, Tues, Wed)
Mrs Dempsey	Principal Teacher (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Mrs McGregor	Principal Teacher
Mrs Mason	P1 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs)
Mrs O'Neill	P1/2
Mrs Johnstone	P2/3
Miss McAuley	P3/4
Mrs Blair	P4
Miss Donaldson	P5
Mrs Jack/Mrs Dempsey	P6
Mrs McGregor/Mrs Bowman	P6/7
Miss McGurk	P7
Mrs Reddick	Attainment in Literacy
Mrs Watt	Kidzone/P1 (Friday's)
Mrs Armour	Non-Contact Time (LCSC) PE, Science & Health & Wellbeing
Mr Anderson	Non-Contact Time - PE, Spanish & Health & Wellbeing

Miss Sneddon	P1a LCSC
Mrs Lawless/Mrs Shaw	P1b LCSC
Mrs Magee	P1/2a LCSC
Miss Frew	P2b LCSC
Miss O'Donnell	P2/3a LCSC
Mrs Williams	P3a LCSC - Principal Teacher
Mrs McWarren	P3b LCSC

Mrs McGrath	Lead Practitioner - Early Years
Ms Healy	Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs More	Early Learning Practitioner
Miss Arthur	Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs O'Connor	Early Years Support Worker
Mrs Shields	Early Learning Practitioner (Assessment Class)
Miss Bonar	Early Years Support Worker (Assessment Class)

Mrs Brown	Snr Clerical Asst	Mrs Cooper	Clerical Asst
Mrs Murray	Classroom Assistant	Miss Heeps	ASNA
Mrs Scott	ASNA	Miss Simpson	ASNA
Miss Duffy	ASNA	Mrs Griffin	ASNA
Mrs Lumsden	ASNA	Mrs Ferrie	ASNA
Mrs Beard	ASNA	Mrs Anderson	ASNA
Mrs Whelehan	ASNA	Mrs Paterson	ASNA
Miss Andres	ASNA		
Mr Finlay	Janitor		

We had some lovely staff news over the summer -

Congratulations to Miss McPhail who is now Mrs McWarren,
 Congratulation to Miss Smart who is now Mrs O'Neill
 Congratulations to Miss Mahoney who is now Mrs Lawless
 Congratulations to Mrs Bell who gave birth to baby Alexander in July.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

I would like to thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the children are in school in school uniform. They all look very smart and are a credit to yourselves.

Please note that children are not permitted to wear branded clothing.
 Could I please remind you to LABEL your child's clothes. We already have missing jumpers and children have taken home the wrong items of clothing. Please ensure that all items including clothing, footwear, bags and packed lunch boxes/bags are labelled with your child's name.



PE DAYS

All children will get two PE slots per week. One will be an indoor session and one will be outdoor.

Your child should bring their PE kit to school (shorts or leggings, polo shirt, school jumper/cardigan and trainers). Branded clothing is not acceptable.

All Primary 1's have been given a PE kit.

P7 - Monday & Thursday

P6/7 - Wednesday & Friday

P6 - Tuesday & Wednesday

P5 - Tuesday and Wednesday

P4 - Monday & Thursday

P3/4 - Tuesday and Thursday

P2/3 - Wednesday & Thursday

P1/2 - Tuesday and Friday

P1 - Thursday and Friday

P1A & P1B LCSC - Thursday and Friday

P1/2A LCSC - Tuesday & Friday

P2B LCSC - Wednesday & Thursday

P2/3A LCSC - Tuesday & Friday

P3A & P3B LCSC - Tuesday & Thursday



GOOD TO BE GREEN

Our Good to Be Green positive behaviour system has resumed and we will send the chart home on Fridays. PLEASE SIGN and return for Monday.

If your child is not following the class rules/being disruptive you will be contacted by a member of the Management Team to discuss.



Please read the following information very carefully so that you are up to date with our procedures.

- Parents are NOT permitted to enter the yard in the mornings.
- P4-7 parents can collect from the bottom yard **at 3.00pm**
- P1 -P3 parents can collect from the top yard **at 3.00pm**

- Breakfast Club 8.15 start. Children can enter via the safe walkway.
- Cashless - For the last 4 years we have been encouraging parents/carers to sign up to utilise the IpayImpact online system. Our new pupils will receive their information letter later this week.

Resources

All children have been given a pencil case with everything they need so no need to buy any stationery.

Personal Belongings

Children are NOT permitted to bring any TOYS/GAMES from home.

Communication

It is vitally important that we have clear and effective communication systems with parents.

We have our X feed (formerly known as Twitter) which is updated on a daily basis. We share learning and experiences with you via photographs etc.

Please follow us [@SMOSPrimary](#)



We would strongly recommend that you follow your child's class.

We also have our school website <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/smos/>

Water Bottles

We encourage children to bring a water bottle to school each day to keep them hydrated during lessons. Please note that **only** water is permitted.



Children should take them home each night to be washed. It is recommended that bottles be 'BPA Free' and that they are washed with soapy water each night.

The re-use of disposable water bottles is not recommended.

Children can bring metal water bottles or flasks but glass bottles are not permitted.

Fizzy Drinks

Cans/bottles of carbonated drinks, including energy drinks are **NOT** permitted.



Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are **not encouraged**. If your child needs to bring their mobile phone, then they must drop it off at the office at 9.00am for safe keeping and it will be returned at 3.00pm.

If you need to be in contact with your child in the course of the school day for any reason, you should proceed through the usual channel, which is through the school office. We are always very happy to pass on a message or let your child know of any unexpected change of arrangements for home time.



Sickness and Diahorrea

Please note that children experiencing these symptoms should not return to school for **48 hours** following the last period of sickness/diahorrea



Nut Free Zone

Within St Margaret of Scotland Primary School we have several children who are extremely allergic to any kind of nuts, so I would ask you to be particularly vigilant with snacks and packed lunches.



Head Lice

Be extra vigilant and check your child's hair regularly.



Make Up /Nail Varnish

There has been an increase in the number of children wearing false nails which are not suitable when participating in PE and playing in the playground as they are too long and sharp.

The wearing of 'make up' is NOT permitted. Any child wearing 'make up' to school will be asked to remove it immediately.



Jewellery

For reasons of health and safety jewellery should **not** be worn to school.

For those children with ears pierced, please note that small studs only are permitted. Children will be asked to remove all other jewellery.

NB. Stud earrings should be removed on PE days and in the case of recently pierced ears then these should be covered with tape.

What's On

Meet the Teacher

You are all invited to come into school on Wednesday 6th September between 3.15 and 4.15 to meet your child's teacher and find out our plan for improvement.

Please come to the school hall for 3.15 for a short meeting with Miss Love and Mr Duffy then you can visit the class around 3.45pm.

The Voice Project

We are delighted that Jenny Cheung (The Voice Project Scotland) will be in school every Tuesday.

She will work with classes in the morning and the choir in the afternoon. The school choir is open to P4-P7 pupils.

Parent Council

As you will be aware we are looking for more office bearers in the Parent Council. Nicola and Jenna stepped down in June.

There will be an AGM on Tuesday 19th September and you are all welcome to attend. The Parent Council are fabulous and benefit all children by running events and fund raising, so please pop along and join if you can.

CLD

Our CLD (Community Learning Development) Worker Lesley Davidson will be offering the following parent workshops -

Monday 28th August 1.45-2.45 **Bookbug 1** - Pre-school Nursery & P1 (held in nursery)
Monday 30th Oct 1.45 - 2.45 **Bookbug 2** - Pre-school Nursery & P1 (held in nursery)
Monday 27th Nov 1.45 - 2.45 **Bookbug 3** - Pre-school Nursery & P1 (held in nursery)

Wed 30th Aug 1.45 - 2.45 **Home Learning Workshop 1** - P1 & P2 (held in church hall)
Wed 6th Sept 1.45 - 2.45 **Home Learning Workshop 2** - P1 & P2 (held in church hall)

Parent & Child Learning - Parent & Child 1.45-2.45 (held in church hall)

Wed 13 th Sept	Wed 20 th Sept,	Wed 27 th Sept	Wed 4 th Oct
Wed 11 th Oct	Wed 25 th Oct	Wed 1 st Nov	Wed 8 th Nov
Wed 15 th Nov	Wed 22 nd Nov	Wed 29 th Nov	

Primary 7 - Special Assembly

I am delighted to invite you to our special Assembly being held in school **Friday 8th September** at 2.15 to present badges to our school monitors. A letter will follow.

New Parish Priest

Father McKay (Parish Priest of St Joseph's) retired at the end of July. We wish him a healthy and happy retirement and thank him for all his support over the years. Our new Parish Priest is Father McGrath - we are very much looking forward to working in close partnership with him.

Class Masses

Every Friday - a different class throughout the school will help lead 10am Mass in St Joseph's Parish. Class dates are as follows -

1 st September - Primary 7	15 th September - Primary 6/7	29 th September - Primary 6
6 th October - Primary 5	13 th October - Primary 4	27 th October - Primary 3/4
3 rd November - Primary 2/3	10 th November - 1/2	24 th November - Primary 1
1 st December - Primary 7	8 th December - Primary 6/7	15 th December - Primary 6

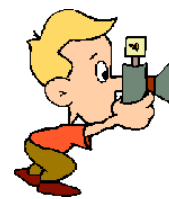


Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be visiting the school on:-

Monday 4th September for Class Photographs

Monday 18th September for individual and family group photographs.



School Improvement

This year our priorities are:-



Priority 1 Literacy

Attainment in literacy across mainstream will continue to improve and align with NLC local authority averages as evidenced in P1, 4, 7 combined Literacy ACEL data.



Priority 2 - Numeracy

Attainment in numeracy across mainstream will continue to improve and align with NLC local authority averages as evidenced in P1, 4, 7 combined Numeracy ACEL data

Priority 3 - To develop a refreshed Curriculum Rationale, with a focus of Health & Wellbeing

To further embed a Rights Respecting approach and extend partnership working to improve learner Health & Wellbeing at all stages.

Thinking Thursday's

All Children will be involved in a monthly "Thinking Thursday" Group. The Committee's this year will be -

Pupil Council	Reading Schools	ECO	Fairtrade	Enterprise
Rights Respecting	Digital Learning			

Dates to Remember

Monday 28 th August	1.45 - 2.45	Bookbug 1 - Pre-school Nursery & P1
Wed 30 th August	1.45 - 2.45	Home Learning Workshop 1 - P1 & P2
Monday 4 th Sept		Tempest Photography (Class Groups)
Wed 6 th Sept	1.45 - 2.45	Home Learning Workshop 2
Wed 6 th Sept	3.15 - 4.15	Meet the Teacher
Fri 8 th Sept	2.15	Monitoring Pledge Assembly (P7)
Wed 13 th Sept	1.45 - 2.45	Parent & Child Learning
Monday 18 th Sept		Tempest Photography (Individual & Family Groups)
Wed 20 th Sept,	1.45 - 2.45	Parent & Child Learning
Fri 22 nd & Monday 25 th		September Weekend (School Closed)
Wed 27 th Sept	1.45 - 2.45	Parent & Child Learning



With kind regards and best wishes for another successful year in St Margaret of
Scotland Primary

M Love

Head Teacher