

ST AIDAN'S PRIMARY, LSCS AND NURSERY

" Growing in faith, learning for life"



Core Values

Nurture, Respect, Achievement, Love and Inclusion

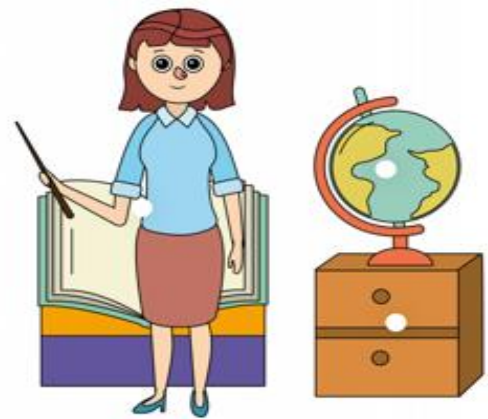
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

1963 - 2023

Head Teachers throughout St Aidan's Primary History

2023 – 1963

- ❖ Mrs. S McLean 2018- Present
- ❖ Mrs. M McGhee 2009 – 2016
- ❖ Mrs. M Ness 1989 – 2009
- ❖ Mrs. P O'Neil 1972 – 1988
- ❖ Mr. J Moynagh 1963 – 1972



Birthdays throughout November, our Anniversary month.
Congratulations!!



L-R: Charlotte McLelland 12.11.23, Reuben Blair 12.11.23, Gerarde McCorron 13.11.23, Bella & Alfie Meechan 13.11.23, Callum Yorke 16.11.23, Eden Laird 18.11.23, Peter Hoey 20.11.23, Amelia Murphy 22.11.23, Olivia Kerrigan 24.11.23, Demi-Leigh Purdie 24.11.23 and Aden Meechan 27.11.23

INTERVIEWS



Mrs S McLean

Head Teacher

'Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love' - Mother Teresa.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

"I decided to become a teacher so that I could help make a positive difference to young people's lives. Teaching is exciting, challenging and rewarding. I love that I am helping to shape children's futures."

What Primary School did you attend?

"I attended St Bernard's Primary in Shawhead, Coatbridge".

Do you have a favourite memory of primary school?

"Some of my most cherished memories at primary school include learning to play the clarinet and expressing myself through school plays and musicals. However, I need to say that I have been very lucky to have met my best friends in primary and that we have remained best friends until today".

How is St. Aidan's different now to when you joined?

"St Aidan's has changed, not only in appearance but also in size. Our school family has grown, and we are now at full capacity. I am very proud that over the past few years we have established our Language and Communication Support Centre, welcoming 33 children from all over the South locality to our school. We have also welcomed more children into our 2-3-year nursery as well as our 3-5 years nursery.

I am also very proud of our many achievements over the past 7 years. To name but a few; achieving Gold Rights Respecting status which highlights the importance of our pupil voice in the school. Our gold Sports Scotland Award demonstrates our commitment to an active healthy school. Our 9th Eco flag and work of the Laudato Si' committee highlights our

commitment to work with our community to create a better world and help make necessary changes so that we are building a socially just, sustainable, and equitable society.

We also have established our outdoor learning areas and have created a polytunnel, Green Hands Together hub, a beautiful sensory playground and a new MUGA for the children to play and learn together.”

What would you change about St Aidan’s if you could?

“Of course, I wouldn’t change St Aidan’s for the world, but I believe there is always room for improvement. If I could improve anything, I would like to create more open brighter spaces inside the building and revamp the classrooms to reflect a more nurture base classroom, with every class having the space to be creative and space to relax.”

Did you take part in any school activities?

“I took part in school musical shows, was a reader during school mass, and I went swimming with my school.”

What was the afterschool programme?

“When I was at school there were not many opportunities for after school clubs within my school. However, I was part of the Legion of Mary within St. Bernard’s Parish and I also enjoyed attending the play bus throughout the week... that kept me very busy!”

What was your school day like?

“I would walk to school at 8:45am every day and would never be late as I was always up sharp. During the morning we would normally be taught literacy and numeracy. I loved being with my friends at playtime, St. Bernard’s had a very large playground, and we were allowed to play ball or with skipping ropes. I lived very close to the school, so I was able to go home for lunch every day!! During the afternoon we would take part in arts and crafts or topic work. The school day ended at 3pm and I remember having homework most evenings... which I loved.”

What are your future goals for the school?

“My goals for the school are to ensure that each child feels loved, included, and has access to a rich and stimulating curriculum. To ensure that we keep the children at the heart of all we do and to ensure high quality teaching and learning experiences, which reflect the rights of the child, is happening across the school, nursery and LCSC. I think it’s very important that we continue to work closely with parents, parish and the community, ensuring our children continue to grow in faith and learn important skills for their life.”

Is there a phrase or quote that is important to you as a Head teacher?

“I have quotes scattered all over my office however the one I value the most is: **“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.” – Mother Teresa.**”

Interviewers- Anna Hudson and Eleanor Kirkwood

Our school stars



Mrs. Kathleen George – Former School Office Manager (1993-2021)

Q: When did you start working at St Aidan's?

A: I started working at St Aidan's in August 1993.

Q: What was your job title and role?

A: When I started in St. Aidan's I was a Classroom Assistant and later got offered a job in the office which I took and had until I retired.

Q: Who was the headteacher?

A: When I started in St Aidan's, Mrs. Ness was the Headteacher then Mrs. McGhee. Mrs. Toolen was Acting Headteacher for a very short time and finally when I left it was Mrs. McLean.

Q: Who did you work with in the school Office?

A: Mrs. McNorton, Mrs. McCole, Mrs. McLeod, and Mrs. McKenna all worked in the office with me at some point.

Q: What was your school day like?

A: My day was extremely busy with lots of phone calls, office, and secretarial tasks, dealing with children who were late and phone calls to parents for children who were ill or had hurt themselves outside.

Q: How long did you work at St Aidan's?

A: I worked at St Aidan's for almost 28 years.

Q: How did your job change over the years?

A: My job changed a lot over the years with there being more and more to do.

Q: When did you leave St Aidan's?

A: I left St Aidan's on 1st April 2021, right before the Easter holidays.

Q: What is your favourite memory of your time at St. Aidan's?

A: My favourite memories were working with the children, the fabulous school shows and all of the lovely teachers.

Interviewers: Eleanor Fox (P7) & Sophia Campbell (P5) - Wednesday 8th 2023

Our school stars



Miss Clare McCrory – former pupil

**Daughter of Mrs Florence McCrory, Infant Head
Mistress 1973-1988**

Q: When did you attend St Aidan's Primary as a pupil?

A: I started in 1973

Q: Who was your Headteacher?

A: Mr. Joseph Moynagh

Q: Who was your P7 teacher?

A: Mr. Wilson (not the Janitor!)

Q: What was your favourite part of primary school?

A: I loved both English and Art classes

Q: Did you take part in any extracurricular activities or clubs?

A: I took part in the Shape of Nature Club. Its main purpose was looking more closely at nature and then sketching and painting our findings.

Q: What was the after-school programme like?

A: There wasn't a lot really. There was only a boy's football club, a chess society, and a choir.

Q: What was your school day like?

**A: I rode the bus from Cambusnethan with my mum, Mrs Florence McCrory, as she was Head of the Infant Department in St. Aidan's at that time.
We did English, Arithmetic, Geography, and history.**

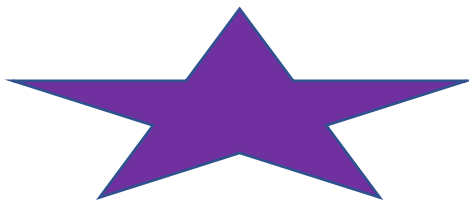
Q: What is your job now?

A: I work as a Heraldic Artist at the Lion's Court in Edinburgh. I paint designs on Shields for people who apply to the Lord Lyon King of Arms for real 'Coats of Arms', a legal document in Scotland. Some symbols are taken from existing designs used by the oldest families, the Clans of Scotland e.g., holly leaves for Irvine/Irving, plus new symbols to mark someone's profession or interests. I paint a lot of lion ramparts and crowns!!

Q: What is your favourite memory of your time at St Aidan's as a pupil?

A: Making friends. I loved all the nature and plants at this school. The pupils and teachers were all so nice. The school dinners were nice too.

Interviewers: Anna Hudson (P7) and Rachel Slavin (P5)



Anna Hudson- Present Primary 7 Pupil

Q – When did you start at St Aidan’s?

A - “I started at St Aidan’s in August 2017.”

Q – Who is your head teacher?

A - “My head teacher is Mrs. Sandra McLean.”

Q – Who were your Primary 1 and Primary 7 teachers?

A - “My Primary 1 and Primary 7 teacher is Mrs. Quinn.”

Q – What's your favourite part of school?

A - “My favourite parts of school are taught writing; school shows and cross country.”

Q – Do you take part in any after school clubs?

A - “I take part in cross country running, Pope Francis Faith Award and netball.”

Q – What after school clubs are on offer?

A - “There are lots of after school clubs on offer such as cross country, Pope Francis Faith Award, basketball, glee club, boys' football, enterprise and netball.”

Q – What is your school day like?

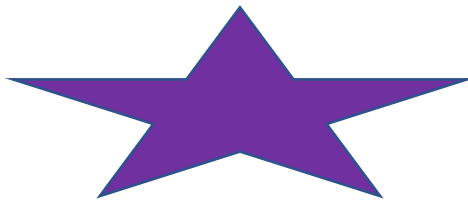
A - “We start school at 9 and finish at 3, we get a 15-minute break, a 45-minute lunch and we do lots of hard work.”

Q – As you are going to secondary school soon, what are you most excited about for your future?

A - “I am excited for new classmates and more responsibility.”

Q – What is your favourite memory of primary school?

A - “My favourite memories are being Ursula in the school show, Primary 3, Primary 5, Primary 6, the Christmas choir competition and 2020 lockdown.”



Eleanor Kirkwood – Present Primary 7 Pupil

Q-When did you start attending St. Aidan's Primary School?

A- August 2017-June 2024

Q-Who is your headteacher?

A- Mrs. Sandra McLean

Q-Who was your P1 teacher and who is your P7 teacher?

A- I had Mrs. Rosalind Quinn for both my P1 and P7 years.

Q-What is your favourite part of primary school?

A- My favourite part of Primary school is definitely P.E or Cross Country.

Q-Do you participate in any after school clubs/Societies?

A- I participate in both the Pope Francis Faith Award Group and the Cross-Country Club?

Q-What is the afterschool program like?

A-There are lots of after school clubs on offer such as: Cross Country, Glee club, Boys football, Basketball, Pope Francis faith award group and netball.

Q-What is your school day like?

A-I love my school day. We have a nice break time and lunch time and two lessons before break, two lessons after break and two lessons after lunch.

Q-You will be going to secondary school soon what are you excited for?

A- I am looking forward to learning more about Geography, History and the Sciences.

Q-What are your favourite memories so far from your time of St. Aidan's?

A- My favourite memories so far are being taught by all my lovely teachers and participating in the school show the Little Mermaid as Atina the Mersister last year.

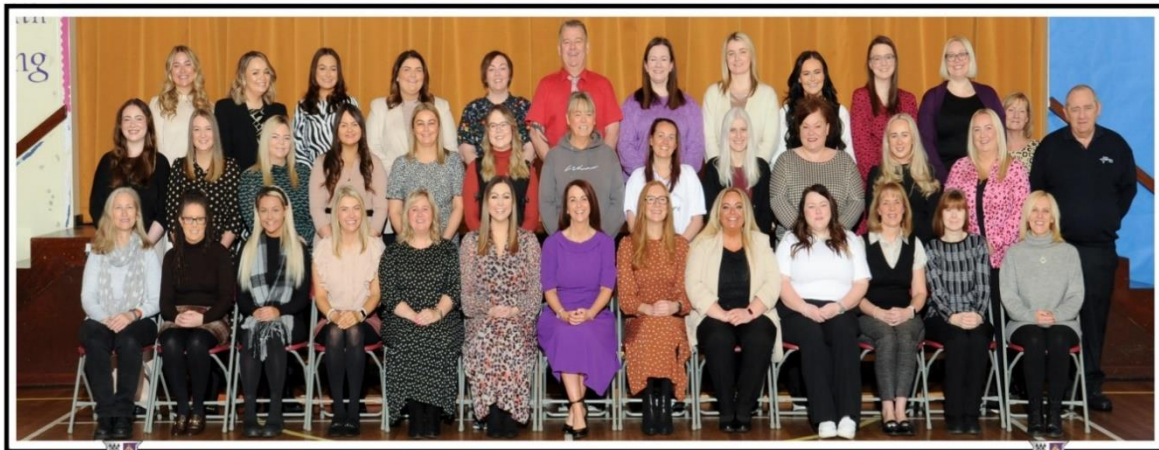
Staff Photos

1988



Back row– L-R: Mr E Mechan, Mrs Moulds, Mrs McKenna, Miss McKendrick, Mrs McIndoe, Miss Flaherty, Miss Mays, Mrs O’Dowe,
Front row: Mrs Hughes Mrs McLean, Mrs Carey, Mrs McCrory, Mrs Dickson, Mrs Cruikshank, Mrs Hinds

2023



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St Aidan’s Primary LCSC & Nursery Class 2023-2024

Back row L-R: Miss A Kane, Miss D McGinn, Miss S Harbison, Miss D McIntosh, Mrs L Nelson, Mr G Kerr, Mrs C Hamilton, Miss K McGillvray, Miss N Garrity, Miss M Bruce, Mrs C Kirkwood, Mrs R Quinn.

Middle Row L-R: Miss R Hughes, Mrs J Airth, Mrs L McArthur, Mrs M Wright, Mrs S Hoey, Miss M Kay, Mrs L Brown, Mrs A Love, Mrs L Peppiatt, Mrs C Hamilton, Miss D Bennett, Mrs M McMahan, Mr T Wilson.

Front row L-R: Miss L Travers, Miss M Musgrave, Miss L Baillie, Mrs C Anderson, Mrs J Jaconelli, Mrs D Keen, Mrs S McLean, Mrs N Donnelly, Mrs C McGeough, Mrs S Dornan, Mrs P McKenna, Miss A Glen, Mrs J Rankin.

Teaching staff not in photograph: Mrs G Lynch, Mrs M Duffy, Mrs G McCafferty, Mrs S Jankauskiene, Mrs M Pena, Mrs L Duff, Mrs M Smith, Mr J McGregor. Additional Support Assistants: Miss R Flynn, Mrs A Hoey. Office: Miss C Marshall. Nursery Mrs H Devlin, Mrs L Peters, Miss I Murray, Miss N McLean, Mrs K McCart.

PUPIL PHOTOS 2023

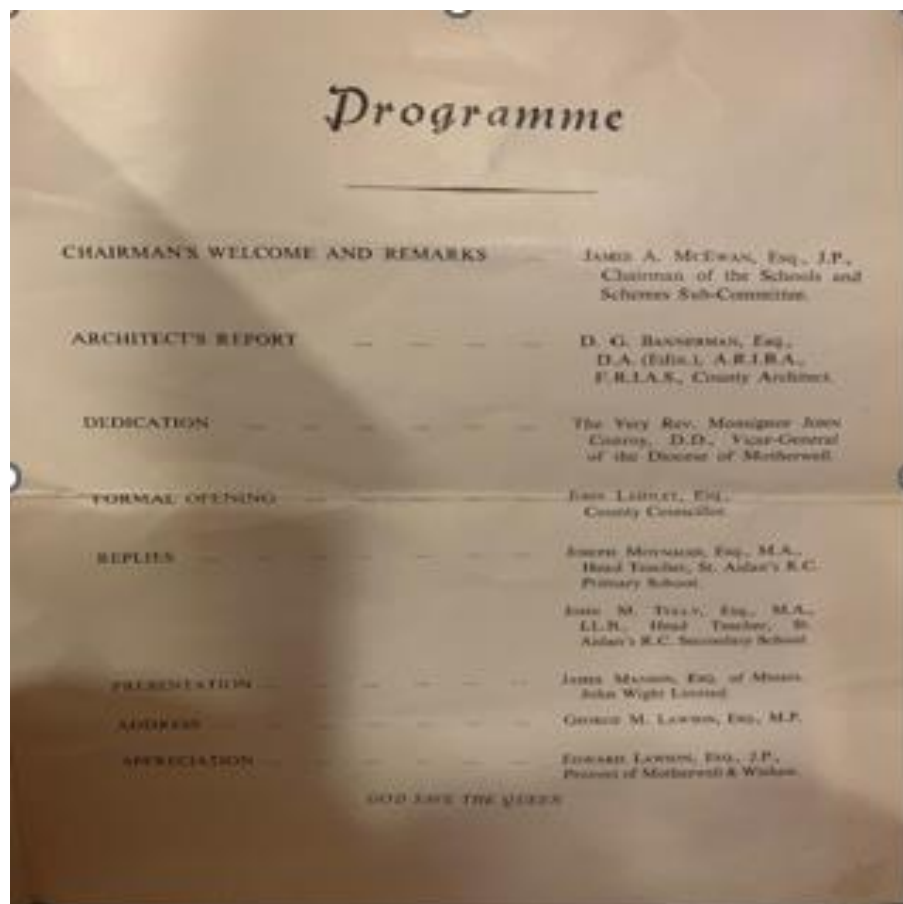
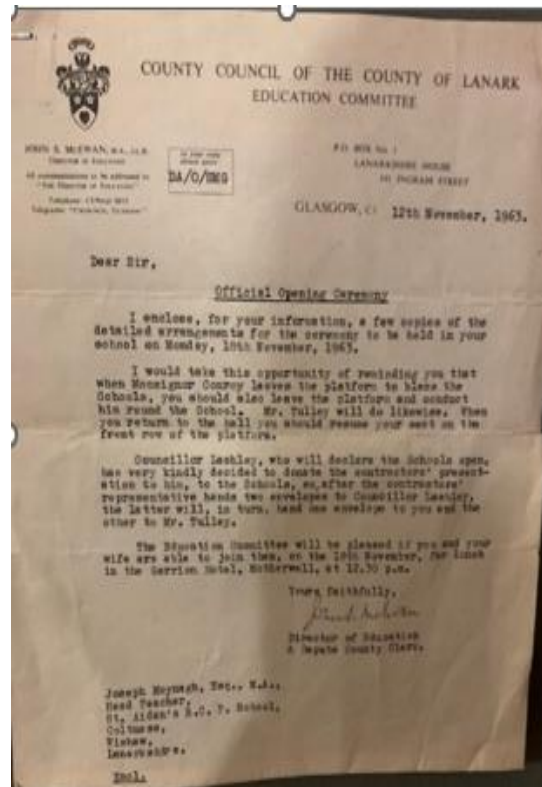
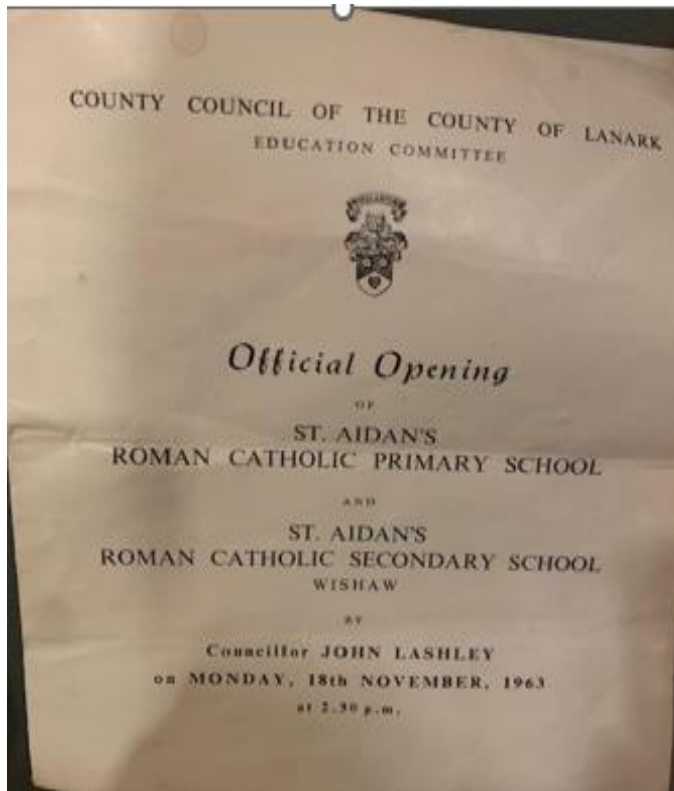


Primary 1



Primary 7

Official Opening 1963



Growth of our School



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- ❖ The footprint of the school has not changed since it was originally built. However, internally it has been redesigned and adapted as our school has grown.
- ❖ **August 2009 - Nursery** established for 3–5-year-olds with 30 children in morning session and 30 children in afternoon session.
- ❖ **April 2016 – Nursery** 2-year-old room established with capacity for 20 children -10 in morning & 10 in afternoon.
- ❖ **August 2018 – Language & Communication Support Centre (LCSC) P1-3** established with 12 x P1 pupils, an acting PT (Miss Donnelly), 2 teachers (Mrs Zonfrillo and Miss Sherry-now Mrs Hamilton) and 2 ASNAs (Mrs. MacDermid and Miss Glen).
- ❖ **August 2019 – Nursery** capacity changes to 40 all day children with introduction of 1140 hours for every child.
- ❖ **October 2019- Sensory Playground** created and funded by LCSC parent charity **The Shooting Stars**.
- ❖ **August 2023 – LCSC** now has 33 pupils from P1-P6 with 6 of our original pupils still with us. Mrs Jaconelli (0.6) & Mrs McGeough (0.4) share PT role, 6 class teachers and 6 ASNAs. The LCSC is due to expand further to P1-7 as the Edward Lawson centre is redesigned to house St. Aidan’s LCSC P4-7.

Comparison

1960s

2020s



- ❖ In 1969 Neil Armstrong became the first human to walk on the moon
- ❖ Mary Quant shocked the world with her miniskirts and revolutionised makeup with the first ever waterproof mascara
- ❖ The television became more popular
- ❖ The Cuban missile crisis had the world waiting with bated breath in 1962
- ❖ The Soviet Union ends and lots of country's gain their independence
- ❖ President John F Kennedy was assassinated.
- ❖ The Beatles were formed and changed music
- ❖ Martin Luther King makes his world changing speech "I have a dream"
- ❖ Martin Luther King Jr is assassinated by James Earl Ray
- ❖ The BBC broadcasts the first ever episode of Doctor Who
- ❖ Celtic Football Club were the first British side to become **European Cup** winners in 1967

- ❖ Mary Quant dies
- ❖ Disney and Warner Bros 100- year anniversary
- ❖ The new Little Mermaid Movie makes a dazzling debut
- ❖ HRH Queen Elizabeth II passed away at the age of 96 years old at Balmoral in Scotland
- ❖ We celebrate the coronation of HRH King Charles III
- ❖ We mark the one-year anniversary of Russia invading Ukraine
- ❖ The cost-of-living crisis hits Britain hard
- ❖ All covid-19 restrictions are now lifted following the pandemic of 2020
- ❖ Turkey and Syria encounter a catastrophic 7.8 magnitude earthquake that kills over 59,000 people



Congratulations St Aidan's!!

