



February -March Newsletter 2018



Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The children and staff have all been working incredibly hard and remain focused and driven as we enter into Lent and prepare for Easter.

Assembly focus will be looking at the SHANARRI Health and Well Being indicators as well as focusing on the season of Lent.

Please keep up to date with all school events by following us on twitter @saintandrews3 and by visiting our school website: glowscotland.org.uk/nl/standrewsairdrie/

Mrs. J. Flanagan (Head Teacher)



Sacraments

We thank parents, staff and Fr. Taylor for hosting the Parent Sacrament Information Evening for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. The dependency on the strong tripartite relationship with home, school and church was discussed as well as the programme of preparation and practical arrangements.

We remind you that our Primary 3 children will celebrate First Reconciliation on Wednesday the 7th of March at 7pm. Our Primary 4 children look forward to their First Holy Communion on either Sunday the 6th May at 11am or Sunday 13th May at 11am.

Please keep our children in your prayers as they prepare for these important Sacraments.

Parent Council



The Parent Council met at the beginning of February to discuss further fundraising opportunities and the focus of their fundraising. It was agreed that the parent council would direct funding towards the organisation of the P7 leavers party and further improvement to school grounds for learning. You are encouraged to contact the parent council chair if you have an ideas or wish to support their ventures. Please find all meeting minutes on our website.

The parent council disco will be held on Wednesday 21st of February 6:30-8pm. It will be £2 entry and tuck-shop available. P7 can opt to go to the disco or come to a Movie night on the same night in our 'cozy cottage'. They will choose the movie and there will be pizza and snacks available to purchase.

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday 5th March. All minutes of these meetings are posted on our school website.



Lenten Arrangements



Our children are learning to observe Lent and prepare for Easter through, prayer, abstinence and giving to charity. Our pupil council have discussed and decided on several Lenten Charity fundraisers to support their chosen Lenten charities. All details are below.

St. Andrew's Primary Lenten Arrangements 2017		
Event	Date & Time	Involved
Morning Mass In St. Andrew's Church	Friday 23 rd February @ 8:15am Tuesday 27 th February @ 8:15am Friday 2 nd March @ 8:15am Tuesday 6 th March @ 8:15am Friday 9 th March @ 8:15am Tuesday 13 th March @ 8:15am Friday 16 th March @ 8:15am Friday 23 rd March @ 8:15am Tuesday 27 th March @ 8:15am	Whole School, Parents & Community Please note Mass will be finished by 8:30am to allow children to walk to breakfast club. Children that attend over 7 of morning masses will celebrate on Thursday 29 th of March with a special Lenten breakfast.
Morning Rosary	Every Monday in Lent in gym hall 8:45am	Whole school prayer circle
Lenten Charity Fundraiser: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own clothes – Black red and green – Malawi flag theme P7, P6/7 & P5 tuck shop throughout the week at playtime – bought donations appreciated. No home baking please.	Fri 2 nd March P7, P6/7 & P5 organising Tuck Shop throughout the week	Whole School Suggested Donation £1 for Lenten Charities Money for tuck shop (cards wont work)
Lenten Charity Fundraiser: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wacky hair day £1 	Friday 9 th March	Whole School Suggested Donation £1 for Lenten Charities
Lenten Charity Fundraiser: Sponsored Zumba with 'Wannabee Fit' Club Leaders Children in white polo shirts, sport bottoms waterproof jackets and trainers	Friday 16 th March P3/4 and P4 organising fitness	Whole School Sponsored Forms Sent Home
Lenten Charity Fundraiser: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African theme Clothes Day e.g bright colours and patterns please do not buy anything new P1, P1/2 & P2/3 leading raffles throughout the week (raffle donations appreciated) 	Thursday 29 th March P1, P1/2 & P2/3 organising - raffles	Whole School Suggested Donation £1 for Lenten Charities Money for raffles

After School Clubs

Our after school club programme is now well underway. Please note spaces are available on most clubs. If your child is interested in joining please contact Mrs Wood in our office to discuss. Once again we thank all our volunteer club leaders for their time and dedication.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h2>St. Andrew's Primary School Clubs</h2> <h3>W/Beginning 29th January –</h3> <h3>W/Ending 12th March</h3> </div>  </div>							
No.	Day	Time	Club	Staff	Primaries	No. of Pupils	Area Required
1	Monday	3-4pm	Homework Club	Mrs. Cairney	P4-7	Max	ICT
2	Monday	3-4pm	Football	Mr. Wood Parental support	P4-7	20	Outdoors
4	Monday 19.2.18- 19.3.18	3-4pm	English as a Second Language Club	Mrs Lambie	P1-7	20	Nurture room – EAL children only
3	Monday	3-4pm	Dance Club	Miss Mina	P1-3	20	Dinnerhall
5	Tuesday	3-4pm	Homework Club	Mrs. Wardrope	P1-3	Max	ICT
6	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Flanagan Fitness	Mrs Flanagan	P1-3	Max	Gymhall
7	Tuesday	3-4pm	Multi Sports	St. Margaret Sport Leaders Mrs Flanagan	P1-3		Gymhall
8	Tuesday	3-4pm	Dance	Mrs. Mina	P4-7	20	Dinnerhall
9	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Gruffalo Book Club	Mrs Moore	P1-3	15	Room 2
10	Wednesday	3-4pm	French club	Mrs. McAuley	P1-3	15	bases
11	Wednesday	3-4pm	Chess	Mrs Bath Parent Council	P4-7	10	Room 3
12	Wednesday	3-4pm	Handball	Mr Cairns	P5-7	24	Gymhall
13	Last Wednesday of the month	1:30-2pm	10 different Committees	All Staff	P1-7	All children	See overview
14	Thursday	3-4pm	Netball	Mrs Lane	P4-7	20	
15	Friday	3-4pm	Karate	Karate Club N.B £18 outside agency	P1-7	25	Gym hall
16	Monday- Friday	3-3:30pm	Homework Club (to encourage later nursery pick up)	Parents with children (staff rota)	P1-7	unlimited	ICT base



Questionnaire

Our annual 'How Good Is Our School Questionnaire will be issued 19th February. We value your feedback and thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. Remember if you wish to discuss any of your comments made please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Recent School Improvements



This month we have focused school budget on improving our stage curtains, seating and light system within our gymhall. We have also purchased 3 new interactive whiteboard panels for classrooms and an interactive electronic games table for our nursery and infants. We are also looking forward to setting up a podcaster to create a TV studio similar to our radio station where children can improve their talking and listening and ICT skills. Thanks to parent volunteers, staff and children our school garden is looking great. This is an ideal area to support our Outdoor Learning focus days.



P5-P7 Show - Matilda

Our Senior Show this year is Matilda. The children are already beginning to practise some very difficult songs and routines. Please note our show dates are Tuesday afternoon 27th March and Wednesday evening 28th March. Tickets, allocated at 2 per family, per performance will be on sale soon.

Monthly Diary Date Reminders



In the months of February to March we look forward to:

February - March Diary Dates



Date	Time	Details
20.2.18	10am	Cross Country Qualifier – selection lettered
21.2.18	6:30-8pm	Parent Council Disco P1-6 P7 – Movie Night In the Cosy Cottage
2.3.18 6.3.18 16.3.18 29.3.18		School Charity fundraisers See Lenten Calendar
5.3.18	7pm	Parent Council Meeting
7.3.18	2:30-4pm	P5-7 Football League
7.3.18	7pm	P3 First Reconciliation
13.3.18	10am	Cross Country Finals
20.3.18	3:15-4:45	Details to follow – see Parent Partnership newsletter
27.3.18	1:30pm	P5-7 School Show
28.3.18	6pm	P5-7 School Show
29.3.18	2:30pm	School Closes for Easter Holiday
16.4.18		School re opens

Reminder: Outdoor Learning every Friday 1:15pm-2:30pm. Please contact the school if you are able to help.