



St. Andrew's Primary School



April - May Newsletter 2018



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the Easter break. The children and staff are all looking forward to the term ahead. We have a full diary to keep us all busy!

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)



Home, School, Parish Links

Fr. Taylor will be working with Primary 4, as they prepare for First Holy Communion on Sunday the 6th May and Sunday 13th May at 11am Mass.

We offer great thanks to the generosity of our families and staff when giving to the children's chosen Lenten Charities. Through a number of fun activities we managed to raise approximately **£1000**. This table below shows the split agreed from our charity consultation. A huge thank you for your generosity.

MISSIO - £200 (on going throughout the year)
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Malawi Charity - £800

Matilda Show

Our P5/6-7 children amazed a packed audience with their excellent performance of Matilda. A mixture of song, dance and lots of laughs. Thank you for the positive Twitter and verbal feedback. This made our children deservedly proud. We are so pleased with our confident performers. We also thank our hard working staff team who ensured the show was such a success.

Safety & Security

As outlined in the January newsletter we planned to review our gate entry and parental pick up at 3pm.

The decision has been made to reduce our 3 gate entry system to 2. We have decided to keep the main Laggan Road gate and side lane gate entry and exit open and close the gate entry from Ballochney Street. This bottom gate will remain permanently closed as of Monday the 25th of April. This information has been both text and tweeted to parents. Please pass on to any child minders or family members collecting children. Parents are reminded that only P1-3 parents should come into the play yard at 3pm. If collecting older children you should wait by the gate or agreed meeting point.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

How Good is Our School?



Below are the results of our recent 'How Good Is Our School' questionnaire. 44 questionnaires were returned from our 146 families; a 30% return rate. This is **7% higher** than last year. We can only assume those parents and guardians who did not return the forms are happy with our school. One lucky respondent was drawn and won £20 voucher. Thanks to all those who did respond. Next year we will look at ways to encourage more returns so that we can get a better picture of all our parents' opinions. The results and comments will be used to directly inform change and improvements to our school.

No.	QI	Leadership and Management I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
1	1.1	comfortable approaching the school and feel my opinions and views are valued.	35	2	7
2	1.2	the school look for opportunities to make learning relevant and in real life context eg trips, topics and world of work week.	39	0	5
3	1.3	The school is well led; that there is a shared vision, values and aims relevant to St. Andrew's that ensure continuous improvement.	38	0	6
4	1.4	the class teacher and staff know my child well.	37	0	7
5	1.5	the school looks welcoming with a positive environment for learning.	41	0	3
No.	QI	Learning Provision I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
5	2.1	my child is safe at school.	38	0	6
7	2.2	my child enjoys a variety of learning context in school.	38	0	6
8	2.3	I am kept well informed about my child's progress and attainment via, parent evenings, curriculum nights, jotters, report cards, diaries, learning overviews, twitter etc.	38	1	5
9	2.4	my child's learning is progressing well and they are encouraged and stretched to work to the best of his/her ability.	37	0	7
10	2.5	that the school makes efforts to work with families and communicates well.	37	1	6
11	2.6	progression for children and their families is supported by transition arrangements e.g nursery-primary, class to class, primary to secondary.	38	1	5
12	2.7	the school has a good profile in the community and strong partnership links are fostered with the community that impacts on learning.	37	0	7
No.	QI	Successes & Achievements I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
13	3.1	that positive behaviour is encouraged and rewarded.	37	0	7
14	3.2	that the school provides a wide range of after school clubs.	36	1	7
15	3.3	that the school creates opportunities to equip the children with skills for creativity, life and work.	37	0	7

As we did last year, we have decided to focus on areas where 80% or less people have chosen 'Yes' (the most positive outcome of questioning). See highlighted areas.

These results highlight that since last year parents are happier with the school but a minority are still seeking improvements to 1.1. We will continue to target this area.

A summary of some of the additional general comments made have been posted to our website as well as some of the improvements made. You can also see our response on our 'We Asked, You Said, We Did' wall display in our "Parent Partnership" board. Your opinion matters to us and we are doing all we can to make St. Andrew's Primary and Nursery an excellent place to work, learn and achieve.



After School Clubs



Our excellent after school club programme will begin again, week beginning 30th April running for 6 weeks until week ending 8th June.

We will be sending a copy of clubs and asking parents to choose suitable clubs with their child and return information on which club they would like their child to attend. As well as this the children will be asked in class. Numbers are restricted for clubs, therefore, to make it as fair as possible, consideration will be given to children who have not attended clubs previously. Where activities are over prescribed, names will be balloted and a waiting list created.

Good attendance is encouraged and registers are taken. Please alert the school if for any reason your child is unable to be present at the club.

Children who have gained a space on an after school club will have come home with a letter. This should be returned to school by **Wednesday the 25th April**. If your child is unable to attend please let Mrs Wood in the school office know as soon as possible so the place can be reallocated.

St. Andrew's Primary School Clubs W/Beginning 30th April – W/Ending 8th June

No.	Day	Time	Club	Staff	Primaries	No. of Pupils	Area Required
1	Monday	3-3:45pm	Homework Club	Mrs. Cairney	P4-7	Max	ICT
2	Monday	3-4pm	Football	Mr. Wood Parental support	P4-7	20	Outdoors
3	Monday	3-3:45pm	Cosy Cottage Club	Mrs Hamill	P1-3	Teacher selection	Cosy Cottage
4	Monday	3-3:45pm	Running Club	Miss Milliken	P4-7		Outdoors
5	Tuesday	3-3:45pm	Hub Club	Mrs Hamill	P1-3	Teacher selection	Cosy Costtage
6	Tuesday	3-3:45pm	Homework Club	Mrs. Wardrope	P1-3	Max	ICT
7	Tuesday	3-3:45pm	EAL family club	Mrs Parwoski	Nursery –P7	Max	Staffroom
8	Tuesday	3-4pm	Active Sports	Active Sports Paid club	P4-7	25	Gym hall
9	Wednesday	3-4pm	French club	Mrs. McAuley	P1-3	15	bases
10	Wednesday	3-4pm	Chess	Mrs Bath Parent Council	P4-7	10	Room 3
11	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Greatest Showman – Singing Club	Mrs. Martin & Mrs Henderson	P3-7	Max	Gymhall
12	Last Wednesday of the month	1:30-2pm	10 different Committees	All Staff	P1-7	All children	See overview
13	Thursday	3-4pm	Active Sports	Active Sports Paid Club	P1-3	25	
14	Friday	3-4pm	Karate	Karate Club N.B £18 outside agency	P1-7	25	Gym hall
15	Monday-Friday	3-3:30pm	Homework Club (to encourage later nursery pick up)	Parents with children	P1-7	unlimited	ICT base

We are extremely grateful to our active schools co-ordinator Emma Lafferty and our volunteer club leaders who make this great club programme possible.



Parent Council.

We thank the parent council and school and church community for supporting the Bingo night in March. This was the first family event in many years and was a great success. A fantastic £560 was raised.

The Parent Council will now go on discuss the P7 leaver's party, the School Improvement Report and placing orders for playground equipment to support outdoor learning.

Our final Parent Council Meeting will be on Monday 21st May. All minutes of these meetings are posted on our school website.

Please contact our Parent Council Chair; Mr. McAllister on Anthony.McAllister@firescotland.gov.uk if you would like further information.

Toys In School

Children are strongly discouraged to bring toys to school. Bringing toys can often cause upset if they get lost or damaged and then affect learning and teaching time. The school and parent council have invested in toys for the children to play with at break times and Golden Time.

Roof Repairs

Roof repairs continue and expect to continue this whole term. We look forward to having our school roof repaired and scaffolding off site.

Term 4 Diary Date Reminders

Date	Time	Details
23.4, 30.4, 7.5 & 14.5	9.00am – 10.30am	Family Sports P1-P3
25.4.18	9.15am – 2.45pm	P1 & P1/2 Trip
27.4.18	9.15am – 2.15pm	Handball Tournament Ravenscraig P6-P7 Lettered children
4.5.18		Assembly for P1 & P2 Parents
7.5.18		Bank Holiday – School Closed
8.5.18		Inservice Day – School Closed to children
10.5.18	10.00am	Mass P6/7 Holy Day of Obligation
16.5.18	10.00am – 11.30am	Junior Cross Country Festival P3-4
16.5.18		Parents Evening
21.5.18	7.00pm – 8.00pm	PC Meeting
22.5, 29.5, 5.6, 12.6	See letter	P1 Transition visits to school
23.5.18	9.30am – 2.30pm	Sportshall Athletics P2-3 Airdrie Academy
25.5.18 28.5.18		Bank Holiday Weekend. School Closed
30.5./31.5/1.6	Whole Days	P7 Induction to St. Margaret's
6.6.18	9.15 – 12.30	Yellow Walk – Strathclyde Park for St. Andrew's Hospice
8.6.18		Assembly for P4 & P5 Parents
15.6.18		P7 Trip TBC
19.6.18	10.00am	P7 Leavers Mass
19.6.18	Afternoon	P7 Graduation
19.6.18	7.00pm	P7 Leavers Disco
20.6.18	10.00am	Nursery Graduation
22.6.18		Reports Home
28.6.18	1pm	School Closes for Summer