



St. Andrew's Primary School



April - June Newsletter 2019



Message from the Head Teacher



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the Spring break and we hope you are looking forward to the Easter Holiday weekend. The children and staff are all looking forward to the term ahead. With only 10 weeks until the summer holidays we have lots to focus on to prepare the children for the transition to their next stage. We have a full diary to keep us all busy!

Remember it's really important to have our 'St Andrews Airdrie' App downloaded to keep up with news and events. This will soon completely replace our paper newsletter communication.

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

Please pray for our Primary 4 children as they prepare for First Holy Communion on Sunday the 12th May at 11am. We also ask for your prayers and support with Primary 6 and 7 as they prepare for Confirmation on 15th May at 7pm.

While we await news of a Parish Priest we thank Deacon John and Fr Keegan for their pastoral support for these groups of children as they prepare for the sacraments.

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 **£400**. This table below shows the split agreed from our charity consultation. A huge thank you for your generosity.

MISSIO/SCIAF - £100 (on going through out the year)	Malawi Primary School Link Charity - £100
Beatson Cancer Research - £100	JDRF - £100



Parent Council.

We thank the parent council and school and church community for supporting the Race Night in March. This was a great success with a fun family atmosphere. A fantastic £1200 was raised.

We also thank children who entered into the competition for the new logo. The winner will be announced on twitter after the next Parent Council meeting.

The parent council will now go on to help organise and support the Sportathon, 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 13th May. All minutes of these meeting are posted on our school website.

How Good is Our School?



Below are the results of our recent 'How Good Is Our School' questionnaire. Below are the results of our recent 'How Good Is Our School' questionnaire. 27 questionnaire were returned from our 129 families; a 20% return rate. This is **10% lower** 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.	93%		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.	100%		
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.	100%		
4	1.4	the class teacher and staff know my child well.	97%		3%
5	1.5	the school looks welcoming with a positive environment for learning.	96%		4%
No.	QI	Learning Provision I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
5	2.1	my child is safe at school.	100%		
7	2.2	my child enjoys a variety of learning context in school.	100%		
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.	94%	3%	3%
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.	100%		
10	2.5	that the school makes efforts to work with families and communicates well.	89%	3%	8%
11	2.6	progression for children and their families is supported by transition arrangements e.g nursery-primary, class to class, primary to secondary.	93%		7%
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.	97%		3%
No.	QI	Successes & Achievements I feel:	Yes	No	Unsure
13	3.1	that positive behaviour is encouraged and rewarded.	94%		6%
14	3.2	that the school provides a wide range of after school clubs.	100%		
15	3.3	that the school creates opportunities to equip the children with skills for creativity, life and work.	97%		3%

The results have significantly improved from last year particularly in the focus area of 1.1.

Subsequently, we will focus on areas where 90% or less people have chosen 'Yes' (the most positive outcome of questioning). See highlighted 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 29th April running for 6 weeks until week ending Friday 7th 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 (Tuesday 23rd April). 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 24th 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/B Monday 29th April – W/E Friday 7th June 2019							
No.	Day	Time	Club	Staff	Primaries	No. of Pupils	Area Required
1.	Monday	12:30-1pm	Choir	Mrs Lambie	P4-7	30	Bay 2 P6/7 class
2.	Monday	3-3:45pm	Sum Dog Homework Club	Mrs. Cairney	P4-7	20	ICT area
3.	Monday	Afterschool	Football	Liam Hamill TBC	P5-7	24	Gym hall
4.	Monday	3-3:45pm	Road Safety Designing Board games club	Mrs Hamill	P1-7 Co-op groups	15	Cosy Cottage
5.	Monday	3-3:45pm	Running Club	Miss Milliken	P4-7	20	Outdoors
6.	Tuesday	8:30am	Pre school sports hall	Mr Cairns & Sports Leaders	P1-7	15	Gym
7.	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Fun fitness	Mrs. F & Sport Leaders	P1-7	Max	Outdoors or Gym
8.	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Maths Games Club	Mrs Raitt & Miss McDade	P1-3	20	P2 class
9.	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Mellow Yellow Club – Positive Mental Health	Mrs Harris	P4-7	20	P5 class bay
10.	Tuesday	3-3:45pm	Sum Dog Homework Club	Mrs. Henderson	P1-3	20	ICT area
11.	Tuesday	3-4pm	Summer Games	Mr Cairns	P5-7	30	Outdoors or Hall
12.	8:30am	Pre school sports hall	Mr Cairns & Sports Leaders	Mr Cairns	P1-7	15	Gym
13.	Wednesday	12:45-1:14	Sign Language Class	P7 leaders & ASNA support	P4-7	25	Stage
14.	Wednesday	3-4:15pm	Chess	Mrs. Bath Parent helper	P4-7	10	ICT
15.	Wednesday (Awaiting response from club leader)	3-4pm	Karate £15 payment to leader not school	Chantelle	P1-7	30	Dinner hall Karate affiliated awards available
16.	Thursday	8:30am	Pre school sports hall	Mr Cairns & Sports Leaders	P1-7	15	Gym
17.	Thursday	3-4pm	French Club	Mrs McAuley	P1-3	20	Cosy Cottage
18.	Thursday	3-4pm	Active School Fitness	Active School	P1-3	20	Gym hall
19.	Mon-Friday	3-3:40	Child and Parent Lead Homework Club	Parents	P1-7	Max	Dinner hall

We are extremely grateful to our volunteer club leaders who make this great club programme possible.



Sportathon Event

The parent council are helping us organising a fundraising 'Sportathon' on Thursday the 9th May 9:30-10:30am for P1-3 & 11:00-12:30 for P4-7.

The children will participate in different sports including, karate, fireman fitness, field games and step aerobics and dance.

On the day children can come to school in school polo shirt and appropriate sport shoes and trouser/shorts.

The children will be asked for £1 to participate given and 'Sponsored Forms' home. The class that manage to raise the most money will be treated to a pizza party and trip to the park.



Term 4 Diary Date Reminders



Date	Time	Details
18.4.19	afternoon	Big Spring Clean Up Please see App
18.4.19	3pm	School Closes for Easter Weekend
23.4.19	9am	School Returns from Easter Weekend
25.4.19	1:15pm	Fr Keegan supporting P6-7 Confirmation Preparation
26.4.19	All Day	Money dvce Scotland Education Resource Visit to all classes
29.4.19		Parent Learning Information for Term 4 Updated online
30.4.19	8:30-12:30pm	Sky Trip Children lettered
1.5.19		Report cards Sent home
2.5.19	1:15pm	Fr Keegan supporting P6-7 Confirmation Preparation
6.5.19		School May holiday
7.5.19		INSET day children not in school
8.5.19	3-9pm	Parent Evening (appointments sent home)
9.5.19		SPORTATHON – see newsletter info
9.5.19	1:15pm	Fr Keegan supporting P6-7 Confirmation Preparation
10.5.19	10am	Holy Day of Obligation: Ascension of Jesus Mass P3 lead
12.5.19	11am	First holy Communion
13.5.19	All Day	Mindset Monday activities
13.5.19	1:30pm	May Assembly- staff and children only
13.5.19	7pm	Parent Council Meeting 7pm
14.5.19	TBC	P1 Health Checks - nurse
15.5.19	7pm	Confirmation P6-7
20.5.19- 23.5.19		P7 Kilbowie Trip
23.5.19		Library Bus
24.5.19- 27.5.19		May Holiday
28.5.19	am	P1 transition Lunch and HWB lesson see letter
28.5.19		P3 trip to Kelvengrove
29.5.19- 31.5.19	All day	P7 induction days at St. Margaret's Children to make their own way to St. Margaret's H.S.
4.5.19	pm	P1 transition day Maths see letter
5.6.19	TBC	SPORTS Day weather permitting
11.6.19	am	P1 Transition day Literacy – see letter
18.6.19	10am, 1:30pm, 7pm	P7 leavers Mass, graduations and party
25.6.19		P7 treat trip
26.6.19	pm	Whole School Transition day Meet new teacher
28.6.19		Fun day Last day of term 1:30pm closure

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK APP FOR UPDATES.