



Dear Parents and Carers,

Upcoming Events

We are so pleased to see that restrictions are easing and that we can *hopefully* enjoy a term full of exciting events and opportunities! I want to share our plans with you, but it may be that some events are cancelled, reorganised if there are additional pressures on the school due to COVID infections. If further changes are required, we will inform parents/carers as soon as we have the information.

Parents Night Phone Calls

Our clerical staff have been calling parents/carers to organise a suitable time for anyone who missed Parents' Night. Our teachers are really looking forward to speaking with you all!

Litter Picking

We were absolutely delighted with the enthusiasm and effort shown by all classes who took part in the Big Spring Clean Litter pick on **Friday 23 and Monday 25 April**. Our pupils co-created the risk assessment and took their jobs on the day, very seriously. I am sure you will all agree that their community spirit has helped to make our village a much more pleasant place to be!

EuroQuiz

A number of schools across Renfrewshire took part in the EuroQuiz today. This was held at Arkleston Primary School with four of our Primary 6 pupils: Isla McKenzie, John Slaven, Finlay Gardner and Noah Wylie, representing the school. We are delighted to announce that our team won and will now be representing Renfrewshire at the finals in Edinburgh at the Scottish Parliament! We are so very proud of our pupils, their demonstration of our school values and the way in which they tackled some really challenging questions! I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very final best at the final!

Health and Wellbeing

- Primary 1 Height and Weight checks took place on **Monday 25 April**
- Primary 6 pupils have started their swimming lessons at the On-X. We feel very strongly that learning to swim and being safe around water is an important life lesson and so are very grateful that these lessons have restarted.
- Young Scot photographs to accompany their cards are being taken on **Wednesday 27 April**
- Primary 1 Dental Inspections will take place on **Thursday 19 May**
- The final set of cluster football matches has been postponed from the 11 May and will now take place on the **Wednesday 25 May**

Active Schools Clubs

There will be 10 clubs running this term, 6 lunchtime clubs and 4 after school. Sign up will be via the online booking system, for which parents/carers have been sent a link. Clubs will **start on 2 May and finish on 10 June**, apart from running which will finish on **16 June**.

Lunchtime

- Monday Football
- Tuesday Run, Jump and Throw (P1)
- Wednesday ASN club (invite only)
- Thursday Mini Kickers (P2/3)
 Running Club (P6/7)
- Friday Dodgeball (P5/4)

After school

- Monday Upper Active Learning (invite only)
- Tuesday Volleyball (P4-7)
- Wednesday Netball (P5-7)
- Thursday Active Learning (invite only)

Community Clubs will run at JHS

- Basketball for P4-7
- Football/Mini Kickers for P1-3
- Football for P4-7
- These will all run 1645 – 1745

Community Eco Work

I will be meeting with the Kilbarchan Church Eco Committee on **Wednesday 4 May at 7pm**. At this event we will scope out ways in which we can work together. As we move out of restrictions and into the new academic year, we will be able to reinstate our pupil Eco Committee who will work with our community partners to have a positive impact on the world around us.

Rainbow Day

Our LGBTQ Committee will be running a Rainbow Day on **Wednesday 4 May**. The team will be putting together more information on what this will look like, so watch this space!

Parent Council Meeting and info

Our next Parent Council Meeting will be on Thursday 19 May, 7-8pm on Teams. Please contact the office for a link to the meeting.

Primary 3 Trip

Our Primary 3 pupils will be heading to the Glasgow Science Centre on **Wednesday 25 May**. We know how excited they are about this excursion, as they have not only had 2 years of COVID to contend with, but their Primary 1 trip the year before restrictions came into force was cancelled due to high numbers of illness across the classes. We all hope you have a wonderful time; you very much deserve it!

Sports Day

We will be holding our potted sports Sports Day on **Friday 10 June**, with Primaries 1-3 in the morning, and Primaries 4-7 in the afternoon. Weather depending, this will take place on the Blaize Pitch and ask that **no more than 2 adults attend per family**. If the weather is inclement, this event will take place indoors and no adults would be able to attend.

Lilias Day

We are so excited at the prospect of getting involved in Lilias Day again this year! If you can pop along on **Saturday 11 June**, you will see our football team taking to the pitch and our Primary 4 pupils performing some songs from the Summer Concert. It is a chance to get a sneaky peak at what's to come! Miss Lynas will discuss this event in more detail with her class and we will gather names and numbers of those able to attend.

We are also really proud to be able to announce that Lucy Preiss and Archie Martin have been voted Queen and King for Lilias Day. This was a vote based on their ongoing demonstration of our school values in their every day lives. I know that many members of staff have also commented on the way in which these two pupils conduct themselves, their manners, respect for others, dedication to their work and ability to have fun!

Open Afternoons

Each class will hold an open afternoon in June, and all will run 2-3pm. Parents/carers will be assigned one of three slots: 1400 – 1420; 1420 – 1440; or 1440 – 1500 for attendance, thereby limiting numbers of adults in the space. Our office staff will be in touch regarding which slot you have been assigned.

We ask that no more than 2 adults attend per family.

Once you have finished you are welcome to leave with your child or allow them to remain until the end of the day, whichever one is most suitable for you.

Class(es)	Date
Primary 1	Wednesday 1 June
Primary 2/1	Wednesday 1 June
Primary 2	Wednesday 8 June
Primary 3	Thursday 16 June
Primary 4	Tuesday 14 June
Primary 5/4	Thursday 16 June
Primary 5	Tuesday 14 June
Primary 6	Wednesday 8 June
Primary 7/6	Thursday 9 June
Primary 7	Thursday 9 June

Class Sway

We listened to your request for more information about what pupils have been learning recently and so will be putting out our next Class Sway presentation in June. Our last Sway has currently amassed over 500 views, so we know you have enjoyed seeing the photographs and reading a bit about all the learning taking place.

Transition Events

- New Primary 1 Intake – we will shortly be making contact with the parents/carers of our new Primary 1 intake. They will be invited into the school in the mornings of **Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 June**, allowing the children to familiarise themselves with the building and for parents/carers to find out more about the school.
- Johnstone High School. Those pupils going to Johnstone High, will be going for a Modern Foreign languages lesson on **Tuesday 10 May**. If any parent is able to accompany our pupils, please call the school office. Their transition days are **Wednesday 15, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 June**.
- St Benedict's – Pupils are invited to see around the school at **3pm on Wednesday 4 May**. Please feel free to collect our child for this event from 2pm onwards. Their transition days are **Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 June** with the Parents' Meeting at 6pm in the evening of the 8 June.
- Gryffe High School – Those pupils going to Gryffe have their transition days on **Monday 13, Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 June**. There will be a Parents' Meeting in the evening of Monday 13 June.
- Active Schools – All primary 7 Pupils are invited to participate in an Active Schools transition event at Johnstone High School on **Wednesday 18 May (proposed)**. If any parent/carer could accompany the children to this event, please contact the school

Primary 7 Plans

Our Primary 7 pupils, in addition to all the learning that is taking place and the many activities already listed are also working with their teachers on the creation of their Year Books. More information regarding content, photographs etc will come out shortly.

The pupils have expressed a wish for a party afternoon and a trip to the cinema. We are currently costing these activities, working out suitable days and times etc to ensure all children can participate. More information will follow once these decisions have been taken. It is planned that all activities will take place during the school day.

The company providing the Hoodies have informed the school that we may have to wait another couple of weeks for their delivery. As soon as we have them, they will be given out to pupils.

We will be inviting Primary 7 parents and carers to their Valedictory Service on **Monday 27 June**. Invites will follow with timings.

End of Term Reports

The reports will come out to parents/carers on **Monday 13 June**.

Summer Concert

Our Summer Concert for Primaries 4 – 7 will be held on **Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 June 1330 – 1430**.

There will be a strict **maximum of 2 tickets per family** for this event.

As I am sure you can see, there is a tremendous amount of work going on in the school this term and we are taking every opportunity to move on from the restrictions previously in place. Where circumstances dictate, we may have to change days/times in order to accommodate people, pupils, resources. We will give you as much notice as possible and ask for your understanding.

If, having read this newsletter, you feel able to help out with the events in any way please get in touch as we would be most grateful!

Yours faithfully,

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