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Newsletter 2

29 September 2023

What a great start to our year where everyone has settled well and undertaking the wide range of activities and learning opportunities on offer. Well done to everyone who completed online learning this week - it was lovely to see all the photos of challenges and activities completed by pupils.

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Congleton to the office as the permanent replacement for Mrs Docherty who left us several months ago. We are pleased to have the office team finalised with Mrs Congleton joining Mrs Merchant and Miss Pinkett.

Newmains Success and Achievements

As reported at the end of last session we were delighted to be awarded a number of whole school areas of success and awards including Gold Sports Scotland, Gold UNCRC, Silver Reading Schools, Digital Schools and LEAF school award.

One of our school values is based on *Striving for Success* and the new Achievement Assemblies ensure all members of the school community can share in these wider achievements. Please continue to inform us of any events and activities out with school, that pupils are proud of including hobbies, sports, charitable events and activities.

SIP and SQR

The final versions of the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Standards and Quality Report (SQR) are available on the school website. The SQR documents all areas of success from last session and the SIP records all priorities for improvement this coming session.

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♥ We are caring

♥ We are kind

♥ We are fair

♥ We strive for success



Hallowe'en Costume Swap

After last years' success we are organising another Hallowe'en costume swap. Please send in any unwanted, outgrown costumes the week before Pupil Progress Meetings. On the night of the meetings all costumes will be displayed in the hall and anyone is free to take anything! We hope this will help with the increasing costs of Hallowe'en and plan to do the same for Christmas Jumpers later in the year.

Safety around NPS

I am delighted to report there has been a significant decrease in the number of cars and vehicles accessing and manoeuvring on Lang Avenue. This makes the area clearer and safer for all pedestrians. Please ensure this message is shared with everyone who collects your child and encourage parking on the outlying roads, Tesco carpark or walking/cycling/scooting to school.

A reminder that no dogs are allowed in the playground as per Renfrewshire Council policy for all schools and nurseries and only cars accessing the disabled parking spaces are permitted in the staff carpark.

Weather preparations

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school. Recently the weather has changed with increased windy and wet conditions. Pupils are outside at play and lunchtime unless the weather is particularly inclement therefore, please ensure they have a waterproof/warm coat.

The school will be opened for pupils at 8.50am on mornings of particularly bad weather or where the playground is unsafe e.g., ice and snow conditions. In this event the janitor clears a path to an entry door for everyone.

Online behaviour

Since returning from the summer break, we have had several online incidents raised by concerned parents. Whilst it is parental responsibility to issue and monitor mobile phones these incidents most commonly happen out with school time and can impact in school and on friendships. Miss Gillon issued information for parents and carers re Snapchat, TikTok and WhatsApp - please take the time to look at these. We also invited the Community Police Officer to talk P4-7 and share information about online safety during assembly.

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Important Dates

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| 26 th -29 th September 2023 | Maths week |
| 2 nd October 2023 | Flu immunisation programme |
| 11 th October 2023 | Pupil Progress Meetings |
| 13 th October 2023 | Parent Council Crazy Hair day School closes for October holiday |
| 23 rd October 2023 | Inservice day - staff only |
| 24 th October 2023 | School reopens for pupils |
| 26 th October 2023 | Parent Council Hallowe'en craft day |
| 27 th October 2023 | Class photos |
| 30 th October 2023 | Parent Council Hallowe'en Disco |
| 3 rd November 2023 | Parent Council Non uniform Day |
| 13 th - 17 th November 2023 | Anti-bullying week |
| 17 th November 2023 | Parent Council Come as YOU are day |
| 30 th November 2023 | St Andrew's Day holiday - school closed |
| 4 th December 2023 | Parent Council Christmas Movie night |
| 7 th December 2023 | Parent Council Christmas Fair |
| 13-15 th December 2023 | Christmas Concerts |
| 22 nd December 2023 | School closes for Winter holiday |
| 8 th January 2024 | School reopens for pupils |

Newmains Parent Council

The Parent Council runs many events throughout the year for pupils and their families, of the school and we are very grateful for their valuable support. If you are interested in joining the parent council or supporting their events, please contact a member via the Newmains Parent Council Facebook page or a member of office staff who can pass on your details.

Thank you for your ongoing support which is invaluable to the success of Newmains. Please contact us at school if we can be of help in any way.

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Head Teacher

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