

Arkleston Advertiser

Edition 2 Session 2022 -23



Message from the Head Teacher

We had an amazing start to the term with our Open Afternoon for our 50th Anniversary. It was lovely to see parents/carers and ex-pupils and staff, visit the school and share in our celebrations. We had several pupils from the very first P1 class in 1972 who took some time to share their memories with us and it made us think about the part that school life plays in shaping a child. Almost every visitor had nothing but happy memories to share about the experiences and opportunities they had had and the staff who played a key role in supporting them on their educational journey. We are aware of the responsibility that we all have within Arkleston to do our very best for each child. Every member of Team Arky is devoted to their jobs and we work together to ensure the best for the children of our community. Staff at Arkleston regularly go above and beyond, working way beyond their contracted hours to ensure our school provides a **safe, happy and healthy, inclusive, nurturing and equitable** environment for children to play and learn and I am grateful for all that they do.

It would be lovely to think that when the school celebrates its 100th Anniversary, that our current pupils return with fond memories of their time with us. We hope that we play a positive part in your child's life and although we might not always get it right, you know that we strive to do our best. It is a privilege to be the head teacher of Arkleston Primary School and to have held this role for 10 years. I have seen many changes in my 29 years teaching and in my 10 years as head teacher. Children face far more challenges today, than they did even 5 years ago, but one thing that hasn't changed is the community spirit of Arkleston. When we all work together for a common goal, we shine brightly and together we can help our children to develop the skills needed to be the citizens of today, ready to be the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for being part of our community and for helping us to help our children be their best selves.

Dates for your Diary



Fri 18 Nov	Sparky Arky Day – Safe Citizens – Own Clothes
Fri 25 Nov	Safe Citizens Assembly – Base 6 - postponed
Wed 30 Nov	School Closed – St Andrew's Day Holiday
Sat 3 Dec	Parent Council Christmas Fayre in school 10-12
Fri 9 Dec	Christmas Lunch
Mon 10/Tue 11	P1-3 Nativity Performance 2pm
Thur 15/Fri 16 Dec	P4-7 Sing Along from 1.30pm
Mon 19 Dec	Class Parties P2-7
Tue 20 Dec	P7 Pizza afternoon
Wed 21 Dec	Base 7 Christmas Assembly 9.30am (P7 parents welcome)
Wed 21 Dec	School closes 2.30pm for the break
Thur 5 Jan	Children return

Parent Council



The Parent Council would like to thank all the Arky Stars who attended the Halloween disco. We raised almost £800.00. Thank you to all the volunteers on the night who were able to help and hope the kids had a great time! We are now busy organising the Christmas Fayre which will be held at the school on Saturday 3rd December 2022, from 10am - 12 noon. More details will be shared nearer the time.

We thank you all supporting our events and if you would like to know more or get involved, then please contact us on facebook page 'Arkleston Parent Council', Twitter @ArkyPC, or email us arkleston@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk



Staffing Updates

Mrs Campbell had her baby on October 18th. Little Murray and mum are both doing well and settling into a new routine. We can't wait to meet him for cuddles. Miss Jeffrey has taken over the role of class teacher in P3 to cover Mrs Campbell's absence.

Mrs Reid will now be stopping for her maternity leave on Friday 25 November. We await confirmation from headquarters in relation to who will be taking over in P1 until June.

Miss Gilbert will be leaving education at the end of this term and we wish her all of the best in her new job.

Mrs Briskham has joined our additional support needs staff, working on a Mon, Thur and Fri. We are about to advertise for another ASNA post this term and hope to have that filled soon.

Miss Lister has taken on responsibility for the Breakfast Club until we can fill the post externally. We hope to have staff in place for the new year. Mrs Liddle will be supporting the breakfast club from 8.30am each day.

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This term we will be thinking about skills children require to be safe citizens within their community. There are many occasions where your child may feel unsafe because of their own actions or the actions of others. Over their years in Arkleston we hope to empower them with the skills and knowledge to make wise choices when faced with any sort of danger.

Being Safe in my Community

Primary one have been learning about the people who can help them in their community when they are faced with danger.



The children were lucky to receive a visit from the local fire brigade, who showed the children their equipment and they even got to use the hose. We are fortunate to have the fire station located close to the school and the children took some time to find out where the station is on walk to the local library.

Safe Citizens

We have been fortunate enough to provide a safe learning space for some of the Ukrainian children who are temporarily housed at Glasgow Airport. As a Gold Rights Respecting School, we want to make sure that the children's right to an education is respected and have been proud of the way that our school community has come together to support these families. Many have now moved on to more permanent accommodation and those who remain with us have participated in school events, allowing us to get to know the families better.

Article 38 of the UNCRC states that children should be protected during a war. We want Arkleston to be a safe place for our children.

We know that the war in Ukraine continues and that many families are affected. Wars over the generations have been fought to ensure the safety of countries and their citizens.

Every year on November 11th, we remember those who have fought for their country and those who have died or been injured in war. Next week, our P7 pupils will be selling poppies to the children in the school. For a donation of e.g. 50p children can buy a poppy to wear in remembrance of those who have kept us safe over the years. Thank you to them all.



Safe Citizens – Anti Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week takes place each year and this year it will be from 14-18 Nov. We will discuss this at our weekly assembly and children may participate in some activities in their classes.

Bullying is an emotive word as nobody wants their child to be bullied or to be accused of being a bully. At Arkleston we focus on actions and the consequences of all behaviours and support our children to understand their impact on others. When a behaviour has a negative impact on another, we discuss this with the child who displayed the behaviour and the child experiencing the behaviour and use this information to support learning. When appropriate, we contact parents to discuss actions further and know that we are very lucky to have such a supportive school community and that you support these difficult conversations with children at home.

It would be wonderful if we lived in a world where nobody did anything mean or nasty to another and nobody got hurt, but we live in a world where negative actions can stem from children being unable to manage their own emotions. This can sometimes be because of an additional support need, a change to family circumstances, external influencing factors, or can be because of a child's perception of events. It can be upsetting for parents to hear that something has happened to their child at school and we want to ensure that we do what we can to educate children in developing their sense of self and awareness of others. We always listen to and act upon the information we are given. As you can imagine this can sometimes be complex and complicated, with 270 children of various ages all trying to navigate their way in the world.

Ultimately, we want to empower children to use their voice when something happens that they don't like or feel uncomfortable with. To seek the support of an adult or take themselves to a safe place. Safe places in Renfrew are marked with the Keep Safe logo. When in their community we want children to know what to do if they feel unsafe, so please take some time to highlight the logo to them if you are out and about.

We previously worked with Renfrewshire Council and I Am Me to assist in the development of the Keep Safe App. Children can download and use this to alert us to anything that is worrying them. It also provides links to information and websites for children and parents.

What do we do as a school?

- We use the PATHS Programme in class to support children with their emotional literacy, giving them the vocabulary to describe emotions and the strategies to cope with emotions in a variety of contexts.
- We use our Good to be Green system to support children in understanding consequences. Only children who stay on green each day earn points for their house and the extra playtime at the end of each month. Information regarding children's behaviour is always shared at the end of each month with parents, so that you can monitor your child's story.
- Children colour their emotion stars booklets each day and we monitor this to find out how they are feeling and to discuss any difficult emotions with them.
- We work with partners who support small group and individual learning including: School Health, Calm Minds, The Exchange Counselling, ACE Base, Headstrong, Draw and Talk Therapy, Therapet and Brian Donnelly (Orbis).
- We teach children how to be safe citizens through our curriculum and empower them to use their rights to be safe at home, at play and in their community.

We can't guarantee that your child will never experience difficulties, but we can guarantee that we will support you and your child when they do. Together we can help our children to be the safe citizens of today, ready to be the leaders of tomorrow.



Healthy and Active Citizens

Article 15 – Right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Article 31 – Right to relax and play

Article 29 – The right to become the best that you can be

Mr Dougan our Active Schools Coordinator organised and ran several lunchtime and after school clubs last term, which were well attended. He sent a questionnaire out to parents to find out which clubs children attend out with school and this information has helped our P7 children to develop a plan with Renfrew High School Senior Pupils and our P7 pupils, who will be running lunch clubs for our children. We will initially offer the opportunities to children who do not participate in any clubs with active schools, or out with school. By doing so, we have the chance of increasing the engagement of all of our young people. Any spaces left will be offered to any children who wish to attend. All P7 children are qualified Play Leaders, having taken part in training with Active Schools whilst in P6. P7 children will use this experience to evidence their learning, which they will use as their submission for their Dynamic Youth Awards. These awards will be shown on their SQA Certification once they are at high school.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch 12:30-1:00pm	P7 Basketball	P7 Gymnastics and Dance	P7 Multi Sports	P7 Arts and Crafts	P7 Football and Coding
Afterschool Clubs run by Active Schools 3:00-4:00pm	P6-7 Football	P4-5 Dodgeball	P3-4 Dance	P1-2 Multi-Sport	

New Toilets

Article 24: You have the right to good food, quality health care and clean water

To support our children in being healthy citizens, we are delighted that the refurbishment of our pupil toilets has finally begun, starting with the P5-7 toilets. This will make a big difference to the experience that the children have. As you can imagine, this has been an expensive exercise and we are hoping that our pupils respect their new environment once the work is completed. Prior to the refurbishment, we had a few incidents where pupils' behaviour led to damage to school property. We have had pupils standing on the toilets and breaking the toilet lids, standing on the cisterns, which have then come away from the wall, swinging on the doors which have then come off the hinges, putting toilet paper in the sinks and filling them with water which causes a flood and the favourite, wetting toilet paper and throwing it at the ceiling so that it sticks. All behaviours, which I know children would not do at home, but within our school environment children can behave very differently. I would really appreciate it if you could take some time to chat to your child about the new toilets and the need for these to be used properly.






Respectful and Responsible Citizens - Recycling

As an Eco School, we are keen to find ways of encouraging our children to recycle. Renfrewshire Council has provided all schools with new recycling bins, which have gone out in the dining hall and in classrooms this term. We can now recycle plastic, paper and food waste. We are training the children in the dining hall to put their items into the correct recycling containers. Maybe they can practise their skills at home too! Renfrewshire Council hope that this initiative will improve the amount and quality of recycling they are collecting and will support Renfrewshire's drive towards net zero emissions by 2030.



How do pupils have a say in the life and work of the school?

<p>Nurtured and Included 1</p> <p>Focusing on our work towards becoming a nurturing school</p>	<p>Cambden Robertson P1A Lily Dumbreck P1B Ayat Saeed P1C Olivia Brown P2 Ronnie Robinson P3 Amber Middleton P3 Poppy Kerr P4 Ruby David P5 Phawak Dandoval P6A Sophie Fitton P6B Zak Mohammad P7 Mrs McManus</p>	<p>Nurtured and Included 2</p> <p>Focusing on diversity and equality across the school</p> 	<p>Maleya Oates P1A Kane Campbell P1B Isaac Nazir P1C Avaya Mack P2 Darcy McLaren P3 Anaya Ahmed P3 Maisie Feeney P4 Taylor Hodgkinson P5 Abdulrehman Aziz P6A Amber Lavery P6B Humza Razzaq P7 Miss Clark</p>
<p>Health and Active Citizens</p> <p>Focusing on our Sports Scotland activities and health promotion</p>	<p>Brodie Valentine P1A Robyn Wallace P1B Christopher Brown P1C Daisy Evans P2 Jace Connell P3 Harley-Jay Wilson P3 Struan Paterson P4 Jennifer McGuire P5 Tyler McMeekin P6A Sam Myles P6B Lois Campbell P7 Ms Orr/Miss Simpson</p>	<p>Safe Citizens 1</p> <p>Focusing on developing digital skills across the school</p>	<p>Aaiza Talhah P1A Rory Fraser P1B Logan Poad P1C Haadi Fahim P2 Cooper Robertson Pw Dylan Johnston P3 Zak Feen and Safa Saeed P4 Ben Worsley P5 Harry McNair P6A Finlay Reid P6B Cameron Nesbitt P7 Miss Miller</p>
<p>Safe Citizens 2</p> <p>Focusing on science, technology, engineering and maths</p>	<p>Coen Marsh P1A Sarah Burns P1B Kayden Goudie P1C Theo Quigley P2 Maya Ganowska and Antonia Murgoci P3 Lexie Dickinson and Ayla Zino P4 Jamie Lynch P5 Harry Ellis P6A Cameron Nesbitt P6B Martin Muldoon P7 Mrs A Sinclair</p>	<p>Responsible and Respectful Citizens 1</p> <p>Focusing on our Eco Schools and Fairtrade work</p> 	<p>Freddie Halsall and Keara Kerr P1A Raehn Main and Evie Fulton P1B Emma Hutchison and Aria Richmond P1C Isabella Fordham and Ella McInnes P2 Corran Munro and Zoeya Talhah P3 Dylan Jones and Rehan Liaqat P3 Max Hamilton and Jude O'Neill P4 Willow McColl and Quinn Boyd P5 Nicola Johnstone and Nieve Girvan P6A Chloe Moffat and Riley McCrone P6B Anaya Ahmed P7 Mrs Mitchell Mrs de Pellette</p>
<p>Responsible and Respectful Citizens 2</p> <p>Focusing on being a rights respecting school</p>	<p>Seerat Sidhu P1A Aela Simpson P1B Frankie Kenny P1C Lucy Armstrong P2 Olly Evans P3 Ruby Muir P3 Jonathan Drysdal and Miley Quigley P4 Abbie Myles P5 Lacey Ball and Jaxon Moore P6A Katie Blair and Mirrin Pateron P6B Leah McMeekin P7 Miss Rainey</p> 	<p>Each committee has had the opportunity to meet and decide on their priorities for the session. They each have a wall in the corridor of the school and we look forward to seeing their ideas being shared. The Healthy and Active Committee have already met with our active schools coordinator, Aaron Dougan to discuss what they would like to happen in our school this session.</p>	

Children not in a committee have met in the hall with SMT to discuss the work of the school using How Good Is Our School – Children’s Version. We had a few technical glitches with this but children were able to have their say on what we do to ensure their safety and wellbeing at school. This information allows the children an opportunity to use their voice (Article 14) and for us to make changes based on the opinions of our pupils. Our Time to Talk sessions will continue throughout the session, with committees and children working together to make our school a better place to play and learn.

Your Thoughts Matter and Make a Difference

If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve the work that we do please email arklestoneenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and put Family Feedback in the sub-heading

What have we been up to?

Base 2 –

In **Primary 1**, we enjoyed our October Week holiday and we have once again confidently settled back into our routines. Since we've been back we have established a community connection with Renfrew Care Home, and had a lovely visit to spend time with the residents on Halloween. This term in Literacy, we will be continuing to learn our alphabet single sounds and blending these sounds together to make words. We will use our magnetic boards and our five-finger strategy to help us do this well.

In reading, we are starting to look more at tricky words and we are now beginning to spot these words in the books we read. We are learning about strategies such as 'Sharp Eye' and 'Slide the Snake' to help us read books independently.

This term our writing will focus on letter formation and beginning to write a sentence by ourselves. In Talk4Writing, we have started learning the story of The Sleepy Bumblebee. In Numeracy, this term we will be focusing on the concept of addition and learning addition facts up to 5. We will use lots of concrete materials such as cubes, compare bears, Numicon, and ten frames to help us do this confidently. We will focus on learning the names and order of the days of the week, what money is and what it's used for, as well as recognising the different coins that we use and their values. These concepts will help us to grow into responsible citizens of Renfrew. We will also learn about measuring using everyday objects (non-standard units) and symmetry this term.

Alongside this, we will be focusing on rehearsing and putting on our Nativity performance in December. In doing this, we will learn about the Christmas story and why this is so important to Christians. Wow, what a busy term ahead! 😊



Base 3

Primary 3 and Miss Jeffrey have enjoyed getting to know each other over the last few weeks! We were excited to hear all about Mrs Campbell's new baby Murray, and we made Murray some 'welcome to the world' cards that we posted to her this week. We hope Mrs Campbell enjoys reading them 😊 We are continuing to learn all about 'talk for writing' and we have created our own story maps and have been recording each other reciting the story of The Three Little Pigs. We are beginning to innovate our own stories and some of us can't wait to start the writing process! We are continuing to practise our spelling sounds and have been using a spelling grid to complete our tasks independently. In numeracy we have been learning different strategies for addition and subtraction. Alongside having 'maths' day on a Friday where we have been exploring measure and what jobs in the world require skills in measuring!

We have started a safety topic and have been learning all about how our body keeps us safe. We are using a 'wonder wall' in the classroom to display our questions and explore the answers to all of our wonderings! We have created some firework art with oil pastels and will be creating some more art for Remembrance Day. We are using Charanga to help us learn about music, which we are enjoying very much! Dancing along and using our bodies to find the beat.

In Health and Wellbeing we have been talking a lot about respect and how to treat adults and our classmates, alongside the school building and peoples belongings. We are complementing our peers during pupil of the day time and have explored some emotions and if they make us feel comfortable or uncomfortable. The PATHS pals, Twiggle and Henrietta, have been helping us throughout our lessons. We have a class pug, called Rex the Respectful and Responsible pug, and Rex is given to a different child each day who has shown respect and who has behaved responsibly. Everyone can't wait for their turn to have Rex. We are looking forward to starting our nativity practise and can't wait for you to see us in action! 😊

Base 4 –

Primary 4/3 - It has been an encouraging start to term with lots of very happy children enjoying being back at school. We have been celebrating Black History Month. We have looked at Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks. Several of our children have been inspired by this work. Children will be exploring number processes, using their knowledge of times tables for multiplication and division. In addition, we will be learning about the general concepts of time. P.E will continue to be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Homework will be active on a Tuesday morning at 9.00 am. Homework jotters and reading books should be returned on a Monday morning. This will help us to prepare for the week ahead. We all have much to celebrate with Christmas quickly approaching. We are looking forward to preparing for the Nativity with the P3's and the Christmas Sing-along for the P4's. We would also like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you for your overwhelming support last term.



What have we been up to?

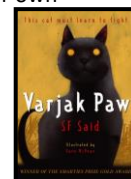
Primary 4 have had another busy term. We finished our 90s topic which was a lot of fun. One of our favourite bands we found out about were the Spice Girls. We learned all about the different genres of music too. We have moved onto looking at role models within society and were given the chance to learn about Mary Seacole. We linked this into learning of persuasive writing. We looked at how important being persuasive is when you have important roles within society. We are hoping to write Miss Clark a letter to convince us to get a class pet but we're not sure if she will say yes! In Numeracy we have learned the 6 and 7 times table and moved on to learning the 8 and 9 times table. Our favourite game is Last Man Standing. Sometimes working under pressure makes us panic so we play different games to help us learn the tables. We have also learned about why clocks spring forward and fall back alongside digital and analogue time. We used different concrete materials to learn about fractions. In particular, we looked at tenths and fifths.

In Literacy we have written our own warning story. If you haven't asked us to recite "The Canal" to you, please do! We learned to write instructions which had a step by step and method section. We have loved changing our class library so that it is comfy for us to sit and read with our friends. We visited the local library too and signed out our chosen book.

P4 enjoyed performing our Harvest assembly and worked hard to create posters for our local community to encourage them to donate food. This was successful and we would like to thank everyone for donating. We are looking forward to the remainder of the term and lead up to Christmas.

Base 5

Base 5 have been very busy this term! In Numeracy, we have been using our 'Blueprint' boards to help us learn different mental strategies for addition and subtraction. Some children can use the blank number line to add and subtract 3- and 4-digit numbers! We are using weekly maths grids which help us work independently and allow us to choose the order in which we complete our maths activities throughout the week. We have also been practising our times tables (some of us can multiply 3- and 4-digit numbers by a single digit) In Literacy we have been learning to develop our writing skills through a new programme called 'Talk for Writing'. We learned a story called 'The Canal' where two children were warned not to go and play near a canal. We then adapted the story and wrote our own 'Warning Stories'. Some of us wrote stories warning against going to a river, cliffs, deep cave and an abandoned hospital! We are continuing to read The Wizard of Oz and hope to start a new novel soon called 'Varjak Paw'. We have a new reading area in our class and have written book reviews to encourage children to read the books that we have enjoyed from the library. In PE, we really enjoyed progressing our Basketball skills and are looking forward to orienteering outdoors. As we get closer to December, we will be thinking about the songs we will sing for you all at our Primary 4-7 singalong!



Base 6 are planning on using our blueprint boards to help us learn different mental maths strategies to help us with our multiplying. We have been working independently using our maths grids and getting ready to move on to division in maths. The maths grids allow us to choose different tasks that we want to work throughout the week.

In literacy base 6 have recently completed their first talk for writing block, which was suspense writing. The children used their writing toolkit and magpie ideas from our model text "The Manor House" to support them in writing their own suspense stories. The children had the chance to plan and discuss their ideas before getting started which allowed for some peer assessment. Base 6 are now getting ready to move onto their next talk for writing unit which will be a warning story and our model story will be "Keep off the Tracks".

Our talk for writing unit will link in nicely with our next Sparky Arky Day, which will have a focus on keeping safe. Base 6 have also started planning for their assembly which will be near the end of the month. The children have been thinking of ways to stay safe in the world, how to keep ourselves safe and how to be safe in our community.

Base 6 have enjoyed reading the class novel "Rooftoppers" and are getting ready to move onto our next class novel called "The Last Firefox" by Lee Newbery.

Base 7

We have had a great start to term 2 with a trip to the Science Centre to explore all things science! This will also be part of our learning this term. We loved exploring the impact of an oil spill on our oceans and animals and we were able to learn lots of new skills. We will be focussing on fractions, decimals and percentages in Numeracy – a big part of our numeracy skills required for high school. This term will also be our Christmas Assembly. In preparation for this we will be exploring our music programme Charanga and working on our drama skills. Lots to look forward to in Base 7!





What do the pupils have to say?



Teachers and classroom assistants help me to feel safe in school. **Camden P1A**
 My friends help me to feel safe at school. **Joshua P1A**
 My mummy keeps me safe, she send me to places she knows I will be safe in. **Maleya P1A**
 My friends keep me safe when I fall. **Cali P1B**
 Mrs Reid keeps us safe and tells us if we are doing something which could be unsafe. **Raehn P1B**
 Our class charter keeps us safe. We know what we are allowed to do and what we are not. **Frankie P1C**
 My buddy helps me, especially on my first day. **Emma P1C**
 The dinner staff help us to stay safe in the lunch hall. **Ayaat P1C**

I like that we stay inside during wet play/lunch to keep dry and safe from the rain. **Olivia P2**
 The teacher makes me feel safe. **Carly P2**
 All adults in the school make me feel safe because they look out for you. **Lucy P2**
 My friends make me feel safe because they are very kind. **Ella P2**

I feel safe when there is no fighting, kicking or punching. **Rizan P3**
 The teachers help us to feel safe, they are always there if you get hurt. **Cooper P3**
 Your friends and teachers keep you safe. I love my classmates. **Maya P3**
 The classroom assistants keep you safe in the playground if you get hurt in the playground they well see and help you. **Corran P3**

I feel safe not going in the bushes. **Rayan P3**
 Coming to school and doing my work, makes me feel safe. **Dylan J P4/3**
 I feel safe in school when I am sitting at my desk doing mindfulness. **Ruby P4/3**
 I feel safe when I play with my friends in the playground. **Daanish P4/3**
 I am safe when I am around teachers, adults and friends. **Sara P4/3**

Question

What helps you to feel safe at school?
Ms Crawford

Article 13: Your right to express your thoughts and opinions



I am safe when I play with my friends. **Ava P4/3**
 My teacher keeps me safe in the classroom and I can tell them if I am feeling unsafe. **Rhys P4**
 My friends make me feel safe by comforting me. **Ella P4**
 There are adults outside to protect me. **Ruairidh P4**

The staff and children make me feel safe. **Ryan P P7**
 My teacher always listens and makes me feel safe. **Caleb P7**
 Our rights are always talked about openly. These keep us safe. **Anaya P7**
 I feel secure in the building. **Ryan P7**
 We are a gold rights respecting school and we show this with our actions. **Martin P7**
 I feel safe out in the playground as we are always looked after if we get hurt. **Rory P7**

I feel safe in school because we have regular fire drills so that we know what to do if there is a real fire. **Ben P5**
 The teachers all have a radio and phone so they can phone the police if there is an emergency. **Robbie P5**
 Our PATHS lessons help us to learn how to calm down so that there are fewer incidents in the playground. **Willow P5**
 My friends and teachers help me to feel safe when I am in school and outside playing. **Quinn P5**
 There is always an adult available to make sure we are safe. **Ted P6**
 I have friends that support me. **Cameron P6**
 I keep myself safe by getting an adult when I need help or support. **Jack and Finlay P6**
 We are kept safe by having a gate at the front of and around the school. **Ashton P6**
 Having cameras round the school help me to feel safe. **Mirrin P6**

I feel safe when the teacher gives me a cuddle **Miley P4**
 There are so many adults outside at break time and lunch time who help to look after us and make us feel safe. **Tamim P5**
 There is a code that staff need to get into school so that no strangers can get in. **Carly P5**
 All of the doors are kept closed so that no strangers can get in. That makes me feel safe. **Evie P5**

Arky Stars: Article 29 – Your right to be the best you can be

- Aria and Frankie in P1C have both moved up swimming classes and Aurora P1B has also moved up a class#. Zoeya P3 is getting better at swimming. Ayla P4 has moved up to 7th Level in swimming. Bonnie and Carly P5 have moved up to the Seals class in swimming
- Sarah and Evie P1B have both moved up in dancing and Abbie P5 can do a front handspring at dancing class. Abbie M P5 has moved up a dance class
- Liam P3 took part in a football tournament and had great fun. Cooper in P3 got a football trophy for his team and Kaleb O P3 has improved his skills. Freddie P3 got man of the match at a game of football. Dylan P4/3 got top goal scorer trophy. Zak, Rhys and Zach F P4 won medals at football. Connor P5 scored 7 goals in a football match and his team won! Kai Somerville P5 has been invited to train with Greenock Morton FC. Allie P5 is now training with an Under 12s football team. Ryan D P5 went on a trial and was accepted into a new football team. Rory P7 scored a goal in his first game of eleven aside. Chloe M P6 scored a goal in every match she has played in for football. Logan P6 scored a goal in football against a difficult team.
- Maya P3 can now do a handstand and a flip in the air. Millie P4/3 can do a front handspring. Miley P4/3 can land a cartwheel on the beam. Aria P4/3 got a gold medal at gymnastics. Ellie P4/3 can do an ariel. Jennifer P5 has been invited to a gymnastics training camp with older children. Callum P6 competed in his first gymnastics competition.
- Mason P3 has received a white belt in karate. Max in P4/3 has upgraded his martial arts belt to blue. Safa P4 is improving at boxing and Ruairidh P4 won a trophy at boxing class. Libbi P5 moved up a level in Tae-Kwon Do
- Darcy P3 got a certificate at PACE
- Kaleb T P3 was in a race and won a medal and Kyle P6 completed a fun run to help raise money for his football team.
- Amber P4/3 won first place in Jam Fest in a cheer competition
- Ava P4/3 earned a badge at Brownies. Evie P5 made her Brownie Promise
- Harry P4/3 got a badge at Beavers for building, friendship and kindness
- Jacob P4/3 got a badge at Beavers for camping, building a fire, tying knots and friendships
- Harley P4/3 won an award for bowling, batting and fielding
- Asher P4 is improving his skills in skateboarding and Ethan P4 can do tricks on his scooter
- Jonathan P4 is working on frame pacing for his animations
- Willow P5 played a snare drum in her first concert
- Lois in P7 got a certificate for Heart Start
- Well done to the chair of our parent council for gaining her degree
- Well done to Ms Watson for gaining her HNC in Early Childhood Studies

We are very proud of all of the achievements of our pupils, staff and school community. Well done Arky Stars!

