



Inchinnan Primary School

October 2018 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the October Newsletter. Autumn is definitely upon us with the clocks changing at the weekend and the 'nip' in the air in the mornings and evenings, however the welcome is always warm at Inchinnan Primary.

Maths Is Fun

Many thanks to Mrs Smith who led a wonderful 'Maths is Fun' games night. It was lovely to see so many adults and children exploring the wide variety of maths games and challenges on offer. We are continuing to focus school improvement on Literacy, Numeracy, Health and Wellbeing and engaging with parents is a key aspect in this whole process to ensure we are all working together to achieve the best for our pupils.



Anti-Bullying Policy

As you will have noticed from our Improvement Plan, another main focus for the school this year is to review our school anti bullying policy in line with the new Renfrewshire Council policy (see council website). As part of this process we have enlisted the services of Brian Donnelly, former Director of Respective Scotland, to support the school with the development and implementation of this policy. One area of this will be to engage with parents through an online survey as well as meeting with yourselves before Christmas to audit your views and experience. We once again ask for your assistance with completing this survey and making yourselves available if possible to meet with Brian to ensure the school has a firm understanding of your views and opinions.

Link to the parent's survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/InchinPS>

Fair Trade

Huge congratulations to last year's Fair Trade Committee who won a highly commended John McDowell Award in Renfrewshire Council Fair Trade Schools Awards 2018.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council have been extremely busy planning a number of events and activities. Following the amazing success of the Harvest Service collection where they collected 305.70kg for Erskine Foodbank, which is 728 meals for people in crisis within our community, a cheque for £55 will be sent. Many thanks for your generosity and support with this work.

Pupil Council representatives are currently going round with the collection tin for the 2018 Poppy Appeal. We will remember those men and women who gave their lives in conflict on Monday 12th November with a 2 min silence.

On Friday 16th November we will be taking part in the 'Children in Need' appeal by bringing in a £1 donation and wearing our PJ's/Onesie. The Pupil Council are also selling 'Pudsey' badges/bands for £1 each.

Wear it Pink Day

What a great day we all had on Friday 12th October with everyone taking part in our 'wear it pink' activities. £152.85 was raised by staff and pupils wearing it pink, with another £131.05 being raised from the raffle of the pink teddy kindly donated by Mrs Johnstone.



Halloween Disco

Many thanks to all those who attended the Halloween Family Party, which was once again a great success and extremely well supported by families. The Parent Council are delighted to announce that a fantastic £415 profit was raised while everyone was having fun!

Many thanks to Mrs Colleen Hayes and the whole Parent Council team for working so hard.



Congratulations to ...

Term 1 House winners - team **India**

A house party will take place on Friday 2nd November well done and keep it up everyone!



Celebrating Success

I am delighted to share with you the following good news...

Anna Louise Heslop - won 1st place medal for Sword Dance at recent Highland Dancing competition.

Lucy Mills - received certificate for various activities undertaken during Pirates Day while on holiday.

Lauren Kirkhope - awarded Adventure and Circus Performer badges at Brownies.

Emma Mair - won doubles indoor bowling trophy at Inchinnan Bowling Club.

Zara O'Hare - won 2 x 1st place and 6 x 2nd place as well as runner up trophy from Highland Dancing at Dunoon Mod.

Molly Sneddon, Tabitha Munn and Cameron Robertson all performed in Young Stars stage school show 'Distracted Daisy'.

Zara O'Hare - won 2 x 1st place, a 2nd and 8th as well as runner up trophy from Inverness Highland Dancing competition. Also won 7 national awards - Wow!

Sophie Walker - achieved British Gymnastics award Level 6.

Abby Hayes - represented Rangers at Europa League Championship match at Ibrox, walking out with referee.

Heather Kenney - won indoor bowling beginners singles trophy.

Ava Arnott - achieved runner up indoor bowling for beginner section.

Many congratulations to all our talented Children, we are all very proud of you!



Please keep bringing in any awards/ achievements that have awarded outside school, allowing us to celebrate them and share them with the whole school community.

Staffing

I am delighted to announce that following recent interviews Mrs Margo Charker has been appointed as our new Senior Clerical Officer. Mrs Charker will cover the office on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Charker will also cover as Clerical Officer on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 12th November 2018.

All welcome

Diary Dates - November

Friday 2nd November

- Pupil progress Reports home
- House Party

Wednesday 7th November

- 12.30pm Football match against Rashielea

Friday 9th November

- 9.45am - P6/5 Assembly

Monday 12th November

- 2pm Parents invited to Book Gifting for P1
- 6pm Parent Council meeting

Thursday 15th November

- Parent Council - Movie Night tbc

Friday 16th November

- Wear a PJ/Onesies for 'Children in Need'

Tuesday 20th November

- Ian Thomson Education Manager visiting school

Wednesday 21st November

- 12.30pm Football match against Bargarran

Thursday 22nd November

- 3.15-8pm Parents Evening
- Book Fayre available for parents

Tuesday 27th November

- 2.15pm Parent Focus Group meeting

Wednesday 28th November

- 1.30pm Scottish Afternoon at Inchinnan Parish Church

School Closed

**Friday 30th November -
St. Andrews day**

As always, we value your thoughts and opinions and welcome comments you may have regarding any issues or concern no matter how small. Please feel free to drop in for a quick chat, email the school on

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or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on 0141 812 1268.

Kind regards

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