



# Inchinnan Primary School

## Small school... big aspirations

### January 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents



Welcome to the January Newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about the ongoing activities, events and of course learning which has happened within Inchinnan Primary this month.

#### P1-3 Nativity

Congratulations to P1-3 for their wonderful retelling of the Christmas story at the very end of last term. The hard work, effort and commitment by all was clearly evident in this very enthusiastic interpretation, well done to all involved!

#### House Party

Beardmore and Luckinsford, thoroughly enjoyed their House treat on the Playbus, which was only possible as it was a double House Winner's celebration.

We realise that some Houses have not had a party in a considerable amount of time, but we try to be very fair and consistent about giving out points and the winner is the team with the most points achieved. We often use the analogy with the children of a football league where it has been known for a team to win a league for a number of years in a row. We also highlight to the children that we have many other awards and achievements where their hard work and effort are acknowledged.

#### Burns Supper

A huge well done and thank you to P7 & 6 for arranging, organising and running their wonderful Burns Supper. All the invited guests commented on the high standard of speeches and entertainment on offer as well as enjoying the traditional feast of haggis, neeps and tatties. Definitely an afternoon to remember.



#### Sharing our learning with you!

##### Whole School Assemblies

As you will be aware every Monday morning starts with a whole school assembly. During these assemblies we try to cover overarching themes which are applicable to all, for example, the school values or what the wellbeing indicators mean (links with Health & Wellbeing curriculum and booklets) This month we have looked at the 3 secrets to happiness, highlighted in the work of Fred Rodgers, recently played by Tom Hanks in the film 'A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood'. Ask your child and see if they can tell you what they are?

This was followed up a couple of weeks later with an assembly which explored the Zoroastrian religion phrase of 'good thoughts, good words, good deeds.'

Sometimes our assemblies link in to what is happening in the wider world or our local community. Recently Ann Knox led an assembly where the children were involved in starting a Cairn (see pictures on website) to remember those who have laid down their lives for our freedom but also for our hope for the future. This will be added to the Cairn being erected in the village to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE day

##### Transition Activities

As part of the Scottish Governments 1+2 approach to languages. Primary 5 visited Park Mains High school recently to take part in a L3 German event. This involved P5 learning about many different aspects of the life and culture in modern Germany. P5 really enjoyed this event in which all schools in the cluster joined together for this specially funded event. Many thanks to all at PMHS involved in organising this.

Mrs Nugent the cluster transition teacher has just started her 6 month direct input with the cluster primaries, following on from working with last year's P7 now S1. She will visit P7 regularly in the coming months and support them as they prepare for their move to Secondary.

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## School Dress

Please help the school by making sure that pupils do not bring valuable or expensive items of clothing to school. To ensure easy identification of similar items, please place your child's name on them or mark the item in some way. The Council has no insurance to cover the loss of valuable items.

## Celebrating Success and Experiences outwith school

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

**Rhys Wynne-Jones** - completed all aspects of Dolphin swimming and now moved up to Swordfish.

**Callum Chalk** - attended a Taekwondo tournament and achieved a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and a trophy.

**Connie Boyle** - achieved the Fruit & Veg badge at Rainbows.

**Lewis Anderson** - Certificate of thanks for donation at Christmas to the Toy Bank.

**Daisy Davis & Erin O'Brien** - took part in a dance show before Christmas.

**Louis Johnstone** - football trophy and medal from Erskine Football Club.

**Oscar Donnelly** - football trophy from Erskine Football Club.

**Rhys McKenzie** - football trophy from Erskine Football Club.

**Myles Linden** - football trophy from Erskine Football Club.

**Myles Linden** - Strikerz 'Star of the Week'.

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



*Please keep bringing in any awards / achievements / interesting experiences or opportunities that have been undertaken outside school, allowing us to celebrate them and share them with the whole school community.*

## Parent Council

*Following a recent meeting, Mrs Fiona Walker has been elected as the new Chairperson and Mr Kevin Ward as Vice Chairperson.*

*The next meeting will be held  
at 6pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.*

*As always all parents are very welcome*

## Diary Dates - February 2020

### **Monday 3 February**

- Children's Mental Health Week

### **Wednesday 5 February**

- P7 Heart start training A McNeil

### **Thursday 6 February**

- Brian Donnelly working with P1-3 - Values

### **Friday 7 February**

- Inservice Day (staff only)

### **Monday 10 & Tuesday 11 February**

- Holiday

### **Wednesday 12 February**

- Inservice Day (staff only)

### **Thursday 13 February**

- Pupils return to school
- RSPB committee - Bird Watching focus

### **Friday 14 February**

- 9.45 am - P4 Assembly

### **Monday 17 February**

- P7 visiting West College

### **Tuesday 18 February**

- P6 and P7 BBC 10 pieces creative input
- 2-3pm Parent Event : Behaviours in a Values based education (Brian Donnelly)

### **Wednesday 19 February**

- P6 and P7 BBC 10 pieces creative input

### **Thursday 20 February**

- P6 and P7 BBC 10 pieces creative input
- Parent Council Movie Night

### **Monday 24 February**

- 6pm Parent Council Meeting

### **School Closed**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Pupils resume Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

We really do value your thoughts, opinions and welcome comments you may have regarding any issues or concerns, no matter how small.

Please feel free to email the school on

[inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on **0300 300 0161**.

Kind regards

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