



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations
December/January 2020-21 Newsletter

Dear Parents



Welcome back to a rather unexpected and not particularly welcome start to 2021!

This Newsletter has an interesting slant, it lets us reflect upon the wonderful time in the lead up to Christmas, as well as looking ahead to the changes that are occurring due to the current circumstances and ever changing national and local environments which directly affect us all.

December 2020

Scottish Afternoon Video

We hope you enjoyed our school's celebration of Scottish Culture and Traditions presented through the Scottish film. Thank you to the parents who left wonderful compliments on Seesaw as feedback which was shared with your children. Here is the link again if you haven't yet watched it.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2dluq8k>

Christmas Parties

December is definitely a time of celebration. Every class held a Christmas party, all be it not necessarily traditional, with some classes instead choosing to go down a film treat route. No matter which, they were thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff. P1-2 had a very special treat, with an online audience with Santa and we thank the Parent Council for their helping fund this venture.

Christmas Nativity

Again, not the traditional Christmas Nativity, however P1 and P7 undertook a collaboration to ensure that the year was rounded off in a lovely way with the Christmas Nativity being shared by the whole Inchinnan Primary community. P1 acted out the traditional Christmas Nativity and P7 added the voiceover aspects once P1 had completed their filming.

Christmas Pantomime

The children enjoyed the Digital Pantomime of Cinderella and snacks on the last day of term. Oh no they didn't! Oh yes, they did! Thanks to the Parent Council for providing the snacks.

From speaking with many of you about staff gifts, I know that you would also like to join me in thanking staff for all their effort and hard work, especially in the current circumstances. All staff have and will continue to explore creative approaches to offering your children a variety of learning and teaching experiences, no matter what the situation.



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Scotland Walk of Fame Winter 2020

A great effort from the whole school community in working together to reach the Regional and National Leaderboard every day that we took part in the 'Walk to School' challenge. Badges will be given out on return to school.

Staffing

I'm delighted to announce that following recent interview Mrs Claire Dickson has been appointed as our permanent part time Classroom Assistant and Mrs Michelle Stevenson as the permanent Supervisory Assistant in the lunch hall. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them many happy and successful years working at Inchinnan Primary School.

Foodbank Collection

House Captains organised the 'overwhelming' school community donations to the local foodbank. Thank you to Mr Shaw for collection and delivery of all the items donated. The generosity of all our school community during tough times is amazing. The donations mean the foodbank staff are able to supply essential items to families facing significant financial difficulty.

January 2021

I would like to take some time now to outline what will be happening for our pupils as we move to a period of remote learning.

As you will be aware, we currently have remote learning in place until the 1 Feb. 2021, this will be reviewed by Scottish Government on the 18 Jan. Children of key workers and vulnerable children could have applied for places at the hub.

This lockdown, like the national picture, has seen a significant demand for attendance at the hub. As a result of this we have had to set up and staff 2 hub classes. One for P1-3 in room 1 the other for P4-7 in the modular classroom. For most children attending the hub, it will not be their class teacher. Most class teachers are currently focusing on their own class's remote learning, but I think we have all learnt in recent months to expect change at short notice!

Remote / Home Learning - what to expect?

Remote learning, is learning that is directed by practitioners and undertaken by children. From the outset of the pandemic, we have adapted learning and teaching to ensure a strong focus on children's mental health and well-being, and engagement, this continues to apply.

At Inchinnan Primary our remote learning aims to offer a combination of 'live' interactions between teacher and learners, through a mix and match, depending on age and stage, of Seesaw, Google Classroom and Microsoft Teams digital platforms, as well as, learning which takes place away from the direct presence of the class teacher.

It will involve a range of learning experiences which take place in a variety of learning spaces, including outdoors and includes active and physical learning.

Learning will be delivered in a variety of ways. It may include reading, doing, creating and inventing, playing, problem solving, observing and investigating with some of the best learning examples not requiring technology at all, although in the current context, digital and online approaches will be commonly used. Although we have already contacted all our families directly about resources including digital ones, if any family has any difficulties/change in circumstances going forward, please get in touch and we will do all we can to support. It is definitely easier this lockdown, in respect of the school building being open and we can access school resources.

We do not expect learners to engage in online learning for the entirety of the school day. Learning may include activities such as research tasks, project work, practical opportunities, discussions and other activities that can be carried out away from a digital device.

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We will also be including a variety of opportunities to consolidate, extend and enhance learning, previously taught.

We will have daily registration/check in for every learner, recognising that the format for this may vary depending on the age and stage of learners.

Scottish Government have clearly indicated a change and increase of expectations on schools, for parents in remote learning situations you might notice this increase, we will do our best to balance what is reasonable and possible. We fully appreciate the varying circumstances of individual families and the fact that no two family situations are the same. Parents want the very best for their children and it is important to stress that, in a period of remote learning, parents are not expected to be teachers. We understand that many of you will be juggling work and childcare. This is one reason why there will be variations in delivery between stages and while why no two schools will be doing the same things in the same way, we know this is not a 'one size fits all' situation.

As always learning is partnership between home and school and by working together we will achieve the best outcomes for our children, no matter where that learning is taking place.

If you have any questions or issues, no matter how small. You can contact class teachers directly through Seesaw if your question or query is regarding learning. Mrs Hunter and I can be contacted through the school office on

0300 300 0161

or

email the school on inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Take care 🌈

Nicola McGlynn

Head Teacher

Diary Dates -

Wednesday 6 January 2021

- School resumes after Christmas holidays

Monday 18 January

- 6pm Parent Council meeting

Monday 8 -10 February

- School closed (8 & 9, Inservice 10)

Friday 26 February

- Pupil Progress reports - home (tbc)

Week beginning 8 March

- Parental Appointments (tbc)

Thursday 1 April

- 2.30pm finish for Spring Break



Parent Council

Next meeting of the Parent Council is **Monday 18 January**. If you would like to join the meeting please contact the Parent Council at info@inchinnanpc.co.uk

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