



# Inchinnan Primary School

## Small school... big aspirations

### March 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the March Newsletter. It's wonderful to have all pupils back in school. The children have been amazing and have settled really well. We are now firmly focused on moving forward and hoping that, as restrictions ease, we will be able to offer a more normal feeling school environment, working towards fulfilling every individual's potential, 'small school...big aspirations'!

#### **Continued focus on Health & Wellbeing - Emotion Works Programme**

The school is continuing to implement Emotion Works during the Summer Term which is a programme to help children's emotional literacy and wellbeing at school. The resources and teacher training so far is purpose built to help Scottish schools take a trauma responsive and relational approach to learning and teaching. The programme helps to re-engage our pupils at school in ways that promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing. We had hoped to have a session for parents to directly share this programme with yourselves, however current circumstances do not allow for this, but we will share more information with you early in the new term.

#### **Partnership working - Grow A Little Sunshine**

A recent donation of sunflower seeds from RAMH (Recovery across Mental Health) will allow all our pupils to grow sunflowers early next term. RAMH recognises individuals' strengths and empowers individuals to find solutions and to create meaningful lives. Sunflowers, even on the darkest days stand tall and find the sunlight. The outdoor gardening activity will help our pupils develop responsibility, care for our environment and be rewarding.

#### **Expressive Art - Music**

We may not currently be allowed to sing in classes, but that has not stopped us having music in the school. Primary 3 are coming to the end of an online input from NYCOS which is the National Youth Choir of Scotland. Following on from this Primary 4 will then enjoy a five week input from the team.

Primary 5 will be experiencing traditional music input from musicians from Feis Phaislig. It really is amazing what you can achieve online.

Inchinnan Primary are delighted to welcome Erin Gilmour to the school, who has taken up the new post as music instructor. Erin works with a group of P7's and P6's on learning the xylophone, initially online and now by coming into school.

#### **Striding to School with WOW**

Well done to our families for supporting and encouraging our pupils to walk / cycle or Scoot to school. Inchinnan Primary reached the National Leaderboard last week for taking part in the Living Streets 'Scotland Spring Walk of Fame 2021' which was a fantastic effort from everyone. Thank you for your continued support. It is really important that we keep roads around schools safe from dangerous traffic and air pollution. Walking, cycling and scooting to school can help us achieve that while also helping children meet part of the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity a day, improving not only physical health but mental health and concentration levels. The next Walk to School Week will be 17-21 May.

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**Safety Reminder** - Following observations by the community around potentially dangerous situations involving bikes, we would recommend that if you are allowing your child to cycle or scoot to/from school that you discuss and remind your child about safe usage, especially around road usage, routes/paths.

### Staffing

We welcome a new link Educational Psychologist and look forward to working with Rosalye Billing who has recently joined the authority from South Africa.

We also continue to send our best wishes to Mrs Armour and hope she will be back in school soon.

### Environmental and Infrastructure (Soft Facilities)

As you may already be aware Mr MacDonald recently retired after over 10 years as Janitor at Inchinnan Primary, we wished him a long and happy retirement and the children were all asked to contribute to a book which he was presented with on his last day. Mr MacDonald was delighted and loved seeing what the children had drawn and written about him.

Moving forward, Environmental and Infrastructure, which are the service that are responsible for the janitor/cleaning/catering side of school life is currently undertaking a local authority review of services/structures. Many of the traditional roles such as cleaner and janitor have been integrated into the new post of Facilities Operative. As this new role is implemented in all schools, Inchinnan Primary will have 2 Facility Operatives who will cover different parts of the day with an overlap in the middle. You may have already noticed Cheryl McIntyre who started with us on a permanent basis this week and will move to the new hours/format when her colleague takes up post.

Have a wonderful 'Spring Break'.

*Nicola McGlynn*

Head Teacher

### Diary Dates -

#### Thursday 1 April 2021

- Spring Tea Party as lunch option
- 2.30pm School closes for Spring Break

#### Monday 19 April

- 8.50 door open for pupils return

#### Wednesday 21 April

- P3 NYCOS music input

#### Thursday 22 April

- P5 Feis Phaislig traditional music input

#### Monday 26 April

- 6pm Parent Council meeting

#### Wednesday 28 April

- P3 NYCOS music input

#### Monday 3 May

- HOLIDAY

#### Thursday 6 May

- Inservice Day - pupils do not attend school

#### Monday 31 May

- HOLIDAY



School contact details -

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### Parent Council

Next meeting of the Parent Council is **Monday 26 April**. If you would like to join the meeting please contact the Parent Council at [info@inchinnanpc.co.uk](mailto:info@inchinnanpc.co.uk)

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