



# Inchinnan Primary School

## Small school... big aspirations

### April 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the April Newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely 'Spring Break'. The summer term is always a busy term and this year is proving to be no exception.

#### School - Values

Election fever not only grips the nation but also Inchinnan Primary. Following on from the parents and staff questionnaire and audit in relation to school values, we are now moving forward and including 'Pupil voice' to this important task. School values are the foundations on which we build the whole ethos and culture of the school.

P6 have been campaigning for a range of key values through making posters and rosettes in support of their value. They have also applied their ICT skills into making short films to explain these values, alongside activities to help other children understand these values in action. We were lucky last week to have each class outside at the playing fields with the P6's who were going around the classes (staying 2m away) and offering further explanation, as well as leading discussion on each value. This allowed every child to make an informed choice in their vote. P7 will be ensuring the smooth running and counting of the election 'values' votes. We will keep you updated with the results of the pupil choice of the school values!



We hope you like our School Values Tree, which was created from the most frequently used words by parents in the parent questionnaire to describe Inchinnan Primary School.

Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to complete this questionnaire, helping inform the review of our school values.

#### Update - Changes to Guidance for schools moving into Level 3 - 26 April

As indicated in the Coronavirus (COVID-19): timetable for easing restrictions (April 4 2021), it is anticipated that local authorities across Scotland will move to Level 3 from 26 April 2021. In that context, and to help ensure that schools continue to play their part in suppressing transmission of the virus, the protective measures and mitigations set out in the main guidance will remain in place when schools move into Level 3. Guidance continues to follow clinician advice on when mitigations might be lifted. In considering what changes to school arrangements can be made, a cautious approach has been adopted and one which is designed to maintain consistency with other equivalent mitigations across society. At this point, it is anticipated that there will be very little change during the rest of this school year.

#### Physical Education and Dance

The table overleaf sets out the physical education and dance activity for children, which aligns with wider societal guidance on sport and activity. Local authorities across Scotland have moved to Level 3 on 26 April, with further expected reductions to restrictions on 17 May. Due to building works, indoor P.E. (as permitted) can now be undertaken in the church hall, as per let agreement for 3 days a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. However, whenever possible, guidelines still emphasise the greater safety offered from outdoor activities and where possible we will still undertake activities outdoors.

#### Inchinnan Primary School – Values

Respect, Compassion, Honesty, Teamwork, Friendship

|         | Indoors  | Outdoors   |
|---------|--|--|
| Primary | <b>5 April</b><br>Not permitted  | <b>5 April</b><br>Children can participate in contact and non-contact physical activities  |
|         | <b>26 April</b><br>Children can participate in individual non-contact activities | <b>26 April</b><br>Children can participate in contact and non-contact physical activities |
|         | <b>17 May</b><br>Children can participate in group non-contact activities        | <b>17 May</b><br>Children can participate in contact and non-contact physical activities   |

## Transition

As outlined above, the covid pandemic is still affecting practice in all areas of life and although restrictions are lifting, schools are still being very cautious. Once again, we are doing all we can to minimise any impact for children and families, while offering and undertaking transition to support all learners.

Inchinnan Primary welcome back Stephanie Nugent (Transition Teacher - P7-Secondary). Mrs Nugent will work weekly with the P7's for the final term at Inchinnan Primary and will then support the children at Park Mains before rejoining us again in January, to work with the next P7 cohort. PMHS are offering each primary cluster two sessions with their Homelink team to aid transition for children currently, as well as the two planned visits to PMHS in late June. We have also arranged for P7 to have an additional input from MyExchange Counselling Service to further support P7 this year.

We look forward to welcoming our new P1 entrants, who have been offered two short sessions, to support them with the move from nursery to primary.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

*Nicola McGlynn*

Head Teacher

### Diary Dates -

#### **Wednesday 5 May**

- P1 Health screening

#### **Thursday 6 May**

- Inservice Day - pupils do not attend school

#### **Thursday 13 May**

- P5 Traditional music input continues

#### **Monday 17 May**

- Fibre installation continues

#### **Wednesday 19 May**

- P7 Transition input from PMHS (1 of 2)

#### **Thursday 20 May**

- P5 Traditional music input continues

#### **Wednesday 26 May**

- P7 Transition input from PMHS (2 of 2)

#### **Thursday 27 May**

- P5 Traditional music input continues

#### **Monday 31 May**

- HOLIDAY

#### **Week beginning 31 May**

- Health Week, including various sporting activities, undertaken in line with COVID restrictions/mitigations



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