



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

August 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents



Welcome to the first newsletter of Session 2021-22. I hope you all had a lovely summer; albeit a distant memory for many of us now.

Health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be our single biggest priority, with many of the mitigations previously in place, continuing for at least the first 6 weeks of our return. Please be assured we continue to follow all guidance issued by the Scottish Government and the Local Authority. Thank you for your continued support, wearing masks dropping off and collecting your child, distancing from others and leaving the playground as soon as you have collected your child.

The school improvement plan continues to reflect our Health and Wellbeing focus. One of our 3 priorities this session is to progress with Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationships Approach (RNRA). As well as raising attainment in writing and continuing with developing our science curriculum. More details will follow shortly on our plans.

Communication

At Inchinnan Primary, we endeavour to have an open and strong partnership with parents, based on the core school values of mutual trust and respect. Some adjustments continue this session due to COVID 19 guidance. We continue to do all we can, within the resources available to us, to keep you informed and respond to enquiries as soon as possible.

We have once again used Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to purchase the extended Seesaw Profiling App for the main purpose of sharing the children's learning with you, alongside, allowing us to share a range of information quickly with the parent body. We ask that parents direct admin. information, including notes of appointments, holidays, drop off and pick up arrangements directly through the office (phone or school email) to ensure information is seen and actioned asap. Our website is regularly updated, so, please sign up for notifications to quickly receive information as to new items added, especially our weekly additions of pupil awards.

As current guidance does still not yet allow our face to face 'Meet the Teacher' event, class teachers will post video messages/presentation on Wednesday 8 September. If you have any questions you would like the teacher to answer, just send a Seesaw message and the teacher will respond as soon as possible.

Uniform - Many thanks for your support in reinstating our full school uniform. Children are looking fantastic and so smart. As we will be outside as much as possible, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing. If for any reason you are experiencing any difficulty funding school uniforms, please speak to us, as all schools have access to funding to assist families with this. All enquires will be treated discreetly and in the strictest confidence.

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New Gym Hall - anticipation is growing as the building works related to our new gym hall draws to a close. We can't wait to start to use this wonderful new facility within the next couple of weeks. Can we please ask that at this point if children could come with a change of clothes and footwear for use in this area, many thanks.

ICT Update – I'm delighted to say that we have taken receipt of 12 new Ipads and new teacher laptops. This offers all children a number of opportunities to use ICT and digital technologies to support their learning.

School Grounds – Many thanks to Sandra Henderson (P1 parent) for organising a revamp of the front playground. It was looking amazing for the children's return to school. We continue to take as many opportunities as possible to undertake outdoor learning, including making use of the forest area at the rear of the school. Thank you to all volunteers who assisted with this.

A big thank you to the Parent Council who have once again organised for the picnic benches to be refreshed for the start of the session. The Parent Council have also purchased new football goals and basketball stands, for use when building works are completed and when have the whole rear playground area is reinstated.

Celebrating Success and Experiences outwith school - Please let us know of any awards / achievements / interesting experiences or opportunities that have been undertaken outside school, sending them to the school office or adding them to Seesaw, allowing us to celebrate and share them with peers

- Grace Ward, P5 a beautiful rendition of Halleluiah, part of Matilda production.
- Oliver Daniels, P2 Trophy and best performer for football.
- James Guinea, P5 Responsible pet owner, setting up and looking after new pet fish.
- Owen Shaw, P3 Very brave while undertaking his MRI scan, well done 👍

Diary Dates -

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions and guidance, we still do not have the normal full diary of events and activities. Whenever possible we will continue to find alternative ways to offer these and/or other experiences.

Session 2021-22 - Term 1

- 1 September - 'Walk to School' month commences.
- 8 September - 'Meet the Teacher' presentations available.
- 24 - 27 September - school closed for September weekend.
- 27 September - Scottish Maths Week commences
- 11-15 October - school closed - October week.
- 18 October - Inservice - staff only attend
- 29 November - Scottish Afternoon (tbc)
- 30 November - St. Andrews Day holiday - school closed
- 23 Dec - 5 Jan - school closed for Christmas holidays



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

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

Kind regards

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