



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

October 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the October Newsletter. I hope you all had a chance to have a lovely break during the October week's holiday. It certainly did mean that October came and went in a flash, however that has not stopped us working hard, read on to find out more...

Citizenship

To continue to increase our pupil's opportunities to lead their own learning and contribute to school improvement our Citizenship Committees are organised to begin in November. This learning creates inclusive and respectful experiences that develops our 'pupil voice'. Our Committees work towards developing knowledge, skills and confidence to enable our pupils to make their own decisions as well as setting goals and help to become Global Citizens who make an impact on the local community. Our committees this year are Pupil Council, Health / Travel Plan, Library, Nurture, Eco, School Grounds, Rights Respecting Schools, STEM / Digital Leaders and Nature.

Congratulations to

Our first House winners - team **India.**

All members of India have considered the type of party and food they would like. A Halloween themed celebration has been chosen. The House Captain and Vice-Captain were left with the responsibility of sticking to a budget for the event which is a great opportunity to put numeracy into a context. To acknowledge the hard work and effort of all the houses this term all children can come to school in either Halloween costume or their own clothes on Friday 29 October.

Out & About

P3 enjoyed a fantastic visit which they all really enjoyed to Vikingar in Largs. The trip brought together all their recent learning on Vikings, especially how Vikings lived, longhouses, society classes, weddings, Gods etc. The children were a real credit to the school and yourselves.

P6 were also out and about in the village, undertaking a survey of road traffic that goes past the village.

COVID Mitigations

Scottish Government COVID mitigations in schools: As you know, previous announcements regarding Covid mitigations in schools confirmed that there would be no further change until "at least the October holidays". The Advisory Subgroup on Education and Children's Issues has continued to review that position on an ongoing basis, and also engaged with the Chief Medical Officer. Following those discussions, ministers have confirmed that the existing mitigations should remain unchanged until a time when there is a more sustained decrease in case rates in children and young people. They have also asked that those indicators be reviewed on a weekly basis, with a view to lifting restrictions at the earliest possible time. We will continue to keep you informed of developments, and the impact this will have for your child while at school.

In light of mitigations not changing, and given time factors involved in planning for events, this means that unfortunately once again this year we will be unable to hold our wonderful 'Scottish Afternoon' in person. However, this will not stop us celebrating, as with last year, we will record each classes contribution and then share them with you. The good news is that this year we are allowed to sing! 😊 It also means that once again we will be conducting parent's evening/appointments by phone call, more details to follow.

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Save the Date - Renfrewshire Nurturing Relationships Approach (RNRA) Principles

Just a reminder that Rosalye Billing our Link Education Psychologist will be holding another parent engagement event on the 2 December from 7-8pm. Rosalye will explore Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationship Approach (RNRA) – nurture principles, one of the major school developments planned this session. The time of this event is hopefully to allow more parents to join. If at all possible, please join us online.

Many thanks to all the parents who made it along to the Dyslexia Awareness Event on the 27 October. Hopefully this gave parents a greater understanding of dyslexia, alongside the processes and support schools offer, with some helpful tips and ideas to use with your child at home.

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

- Lucas Thursby, P3 – Won two medals at a football festival.
- Lexi Troup, P5 – Has continued to successfully grow sunflowers at home.
- Emily Bean, P3 – ‘Dancer of the Week’ at Dance Excel.
- Lewis Anderson, P7 – Reading out a poem at recent naming ceremony.
- Mrs Dickson – Awarded a certificate for completion of recent training.
- Callan O’Hare, P5 – Invited to play for Rangers in a tournament against Liverpool and Aston Villa, held at Liverpool Academy grounds.
- Mrs Patton – Achieved a certificate following training on food hygiene.
- Olivia Dickson, P2 – Has learnt the front crawl.

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.

1 November	Chess club restarts
3 November	Rag Bag collection
3 November	Active Schools Fun & Games (P1-P3)
4 November	Dog Trust Workshop (whole school)
15 November	Scottish Book Week
16 November	School Photos, class photos and individual photos of P1 and P7 only
19 November	SSPCA Workshop (P4, P6 & P7)
Week beginning 22 November	Parents Evening
29 November	Scottish Afternoon (online)
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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