



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations  
March/April 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the March/April Newsletter. We have had a very busy couple of months and plans for the final term are shaping up to be even busier. The whole school team are focused on doing everything we can to help and support our children and families as we continue this journey and recovery from the pandemic.

## Covid Update

As you will be aware the legal requirement to wear a face covering in most indoor places and on public transport has been replaced as of 18 April with general safety guidance for people. From that point schools should apply the approach within the workplace guidance to the use of face coverings by staff in indoor communal areas in schools. In practice this means that the wearing of face coverings will not be mandatory, but it will remain encouraged in indoor communal areas in line with the workplace guidance. The framework also sets out that a small number of routine protective measures will remain,

Children and staff must stay at home and self-isolate if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19, whether they feel unwell or not
- have tested positive, even if asymptomatic
- are required to self-isolate for any other reason in line with the requirements set out on NHS Inform
- are identified as a close contact and are over 18 years and 4 months and not fully vaccinated.

There is no longer a requirement for schools to issue individual information (“warn and inform”) letters to low risk contacts when positive cases are identified, or for them to test prior to returning to the school environment provided they remain without symptoms.

Schools should continue to support staff and children to follow advice on good hand hygiene, and to ensure regular surface cleaning in schools.

## Citizenship Committee Groups Update

Our pupils have been working hard at their committee meetings and we have 3 more meetings planned this term. Being a good citizen, participating in projects that help others as well as working successfully with others creates a positive school culture.

The Dream ★ Makers Committee thank you for your lovely comments about their introductory video and are looking forward to spreading happiness, positivity and kindness through various activities this term.

Well done to the Travel Plan / Health committee for organising the ‘Big Walk and Wheel’ to school. We achieved a daily score of 77.81% and achieved position 117 out of 667 in the overall small school leaderboard.

Our Eco-Committee have made rain catchers in the playground and encouraged the children to recycle paper.

School Grounds Committee have spent time weeding the front playground and litter picking within the forest area.

The Digital Leaders/Stem committee had a visit from Renfrewshire’s STEM Development officer ‘Kirsty Johnson’ and they took part in some science activities. Mrs Johnson complimented our school on how engaged and behaved our children were on the day.

The Nature Committee have been busy building a ‘Bug’ Hotel and fed the birds over the autumn and winter.

Rights Respecting School Committee are working hard in preparing a video to explain their rights as children in Scotland.

**The Library Committee** – undertook many activities around World Book Week. P7 library committee visited every class to show the books available to buy with their book token. (All 12 were donated to the

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school by a parent, thank you 🙏). Mr Johnston read 'The Book With No Pictures' by BJ Novak to the whole school. Mrs Dickson kept staff on their toes with 'Riddle a day'.

Book Week started with a whole school assembly focusing on World Book Day, and the week was rounded off with 'dress as an adjective', this led to much discussion around what an adjective is and how that might look. The school decided to explore this approach this year as we are very mindful of the commercial aspect around these theme days and the additional cost to families this might incur. We were hoping that 'dress as an adjective' offered more scope to limit costs for our families, especially in the current financial climate.

Every class also took part in a book hunt personalised for every class, with all classes having clues to different areas around the school. P7/6 completed a word search with their final clue, to find the name of their book. P5 worked out an anagram as their final clue to find their book. P1-4 found their book hidden within the school at the end of their hunt. The whole week was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children, with a real buzz and engagement by all.

### Easter Assembly

Amazing, just one first time in 2 years that felt wonderful at being Easter Story with all We are now back to morning assemblies



the whole school together and celebrate our pupils achievements, successes and offer the children the experiences of celebrating the life and ethos of the school which we have so missed in the last 2 years.

word needed to describe the whole event 🙏. It was the the whole school have been together inside, and everyone gathered together. P3-5 put on a great re-enactment of the the children having a key role to play.

having our weekly Monday and it is wonderful to have



### Staffing

I am delighted to announce that following discussions, The Local Authority has agreed to an additional 1fte staffing allocation to the school for the coming session, resulting in us being able to run 7 straight classes for session 2022-23.

We offer a warm welcome to Sacha Cawley who following recent interview will join us as of 29 April as our new Lunchtime Supervisor.

### Renfrewshire Nurturing Relationships Approach

We hope you found our recent parent 'Nurturing School' leaflet, which your child brought home, useful. As a school community we recognise that a nurturing approach, with its focus on developing positive relationships and moving away from a traditional, punitive approach is an effective way to support the needs of children in our school. Primary 5 -7 pupils will undertake an online survey to help with gathering views on school nurturing approaches.

Please can all parents take a few minutes to answer a few questions about our school behaviour management. Your comments will help us develop our new 'Positive Relationships Policy'. The link is also available through SEESAW. <https://forms.office.com/r/Px2hjBtZka>. In addition, we are looking for some parent volunteers to attend an informal 'juice and chat' session with our Dream ☆ Makers committee and Mrs Hunter on Monday 9th May at 2.00pm to talk together, discuss and share ideas. If you are able to support the committee and attend, please contact the school office to confirm attendance.

### Parent Council

Many thanks to the Parent Council for once again organising the Easter Stone competition and the very generous 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for each class. Congratulations to all those who took part.

1st Prize – Iona Allan, Lilah Davies, Orla Brownlie, Emily McArthur, Amelia Dickson, Ava Emmerson and Matilda McLelland

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize -Rachel Jeffrey, Ava Gill, Lucas Thursby, Isla Black, Sophia Malik, Rebecca Lardner and Maria Shambrook

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Charlie Dufton, Megan McGarvey, Euan Walker, Noah Russell, Ben Stevenson, Darcy Boyle, Matthew Lardner

*The next Parent Council meeting will be at 6pm on (date to be confirmed)*

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**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**

- Cameron Robertson, P5 – Passed first piano grading (certificate of merit).
- Euan Walker, P3 – Football medal, Star of the Week.
- Myles Linden, P4 – Received a football medal for winter tournament.
- Oscar Donnelly, P4 – Received a football medal for winter tournament.
- Rhys McKenzie, P4 – Received a football medal for winter tournament.
- Charlotte Kirkhope, P2 – Achieved Family Tree badge from Rainbows.
- Layla Dean, P3 – Dancer of the Week at Dance Excel.
- Spencer Mair, P3 – Making and selling loom band bracelets and raised £200 for the Ukraine Emergency Disasters Committee.
- Layla Dean, P3 – Completed Brownie Promise and badge.
- Louisa Craig, P3 – Took part in first Renfrew Juniors football match and scored.
- Emily Bean, P3 – Gymnast of the Week from Dance Excel.
- Oscar Donnelly, P4 – Moved up a level at Strizker football.
- Charlotte Kirkhope, P2 – Stage 1 Camp Badge awarded from Rainbows.
- Camden Howie, P5 – Wonderful chalk pictures from own sketchbook.

**Diary Dates -**

Friday 29 April	"Come as you please" Day / Talent Show 2pm
Monday 2 May	<b>Holiday - School closed</b>
Thursday 5 May	<b>In-service day - school closed</b>
Friday 6 May	Den day
	Football festival (tbc)
Wednesday 11 May	P7 - first transition to PMHS
	P6 swimming (am)
	P1 - dental inspection
Monday 16 May	Health and Wellbeing Week
	P7 trip to FlipOut
Wednesday 18 May	P6 swimming (am)
Thursday 19 May	Sports Day
Friday 20 May	Taekwondo sessions (tbc)
Tuesday 24 May	P7 to PMHS for sports activities
Wednesday 25 May	P6 swimming (am)
Friday 27 May	<b>Holiday - School closed</b>
Wednesday 1 June	Jubilee Tea Party
Thursday 2 June	<b>Holiday - School closed</b>
Friday 3 June	<b>The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - School closed</b>
Wednesday 15 June	10am P7 - Valedictory Service - Inchinnan Parish
Thursday 16 June	P7- PMHS Transition day
Monday 20 June	P7 residential trip to PGL, Dalguise
Thursday 23 June	7-9pm P7 leavers dance - In school
Tuesday 28 June	<b>Last day of session - 1pm finish</b>

**New Entrants  
P1 Session 2022-23  
Transition Dates**

- 11 May (11am) - (parent & child)
- 24 May (1.45 - 2.30pm)
- 1 June (pm/tbc) - Jubilee Tea Party
- 8 June (12pm) – Lunchtime experience (parent & child)
- 16 June (1.30- 2.30pm) - (parent & child)
- 17 June – drop in sessions for parents – 9-10am or 2-3pm

Please feel free to email the school on [inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on 0300 300 0161.

Kind regards

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