



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

September 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the September newsletter. The school feels much more like it did before the pandemic with us having a number of visiting specialists in working directly with our pupils. I hope you enjoy reading about the ongoing activities, events and of course learning which has happened within Inchinnan Primary this month.

Music input

We are delighted to once again be receiving a specialist music input from the National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCoS), Primary 1 and 2 are currently undertaking a 6 week input focusing on rhyme and beat. P5 have just started a block of traditional music and culture input from Feis Phaislig. All the children seem to be enjoying their experiences and gaining much from the input.

Relationship Policy

You may have read in the draft Relationship Policy (Seesaw post 15/9) about the changes in the way staff are working with children to manage their emotions and relationships. You may also have noticed that we no longer use Golden Time at the end of each week, instead we are trialling the use of Golden Choices once a month where every child will have the chance to choose which activity they would like to participate in, P1-3 together and P4-7 grouped together. This also has the additional benefit of allowing children to work with children in other classes and develop their relationship/social skills in a wider circle. We will keep you informed of the impact of these changes.

Park Mains High School (PMHS)

We continue to build our links with PMHS, especially around Modern Foreign Languages. At the moment we are facilitating an S6 Ambassador and a Student teacher in our upper school classes to support French at P5 & 6 and a block of German input for P7. Inchinnan Primary currently have 2 languages at each stage i.e. English and French, with a third language experience, normally cultural based for the upper stages. PMHS have also informed us of an upcoming Parent Information evening for P7 parents on 27 October at Park Mains, we are awaiting more information.

Communication

Many thanks to all those who managed to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' event. Presentations for each class teacher are now all on Seesaw for those who didn't manage, or as an 'aide memoir' for all. As this newsletter goes out you should also have received your first short written individual feedback from your child's class teacher, which is quite a unique feature of Inchinnan Primary School. Although this is quite a time-consuming activity for staff to undertake, we feel that it is a worth while one to keep families informed about their child's progress. Please take a few minutes to comment, sign and return this report as quickly as possible to allow staff to complete October's report in plenty of time. Many thanks 😊.

Citizenship Committees

All pupils are a member of one of this year's 9 Citizenship committees, they are – Nurture, Library, Rights Respecting, Health/Travel, Pupil Council, School Grounds, Stem/digital Leaders, Eco and mini Eco. Over the coming months we will keep you updated about what and how our pupil led committees are getting on.

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St. Mirren

P3 have been enjoying the talents of St. Mirren football coaches who has been coming into school and working with P3 developing their coordinating and ball skills. The coaches have also been supporting our P7/6 football team during Wednesday lunchtimes and we hope to have some success in our upcoming matches Good luck everyone 🍀. Following St. Mirren donating 4 season tickets to their home matches, we have already had some families benefiting from and thoroughly enjoying the experience. Please contact the school office if you would like the tickets for an upcoming game (Availability for early next year, at this point).

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

- Rhys McKenzie & Oscar Donnelly P5 – Both received medals from football tournament with East Dumbartonshire F.C
- Charlie Dufton P2 – Highly commended in Highland dancing exams
- Amelia Dickson P6- undertook first horse riding lesson.
- Rachael Jeffrey P2 – Moving up swimming groups after achieving all of Starfish
- Lilah Davis P3 – Doing amazing at Starfish swimming group.
- Euan Walker P4 – Strikerz Star of the week at football
- Emily Bean P4 -Awarded ‘Star of the week’ bear from Dance Excel
- Connie Boyle P5 – Captain at football game for Renfrew girls under 10’s team.
- Isla Black P5- Swan 800M non-stop and received a swimming badge.

Diary Dates -

- 30 September - Pupil progress reports - home
- 3 October - Parent Council AGM - in school
- 5 October - Football match Inchinnan v Rashielea
- 6 October - Pupil Citizenship meetings
- 7 October - P7- Class Assembly (P7 parents welcome)
- 7 October - Golden Choices
- 11 October - Education Psychologist (Catriona May) in school
- 14 October - 'Come as you please' day (no football colours)
- 25 October - Education Manager (Susan Bell) visiting school
- 26 October - Football match St. Annes v Inchinnan
- 27 October - Parents Information Event at Parks Mains High for P7 parents
- 28 October - Flu vaccinations
- 28 October - Pupil progress reports - home
- 1 November - New P1 - online registration goes live (all week)
- 11 November - P6 Class Assembly (P6 parents welcome)
- 23 November - Parents Evening - in school (details to follow)
- 29 November - Scottish Afternoon (1.30pm Inchinnan Parish Church)

Session 2022-23 - Term 2 Holidays

- 17-21 October - school closed - October week
- 24 October - Inservice - staff only attend
- 30 November - St. Andrews Day holiday - school closed
- 22 Dec - 4 Jan 2023 - 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 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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