



# Inchinnan Primary School

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## December 2022-January 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter of the New Year. I hope you are all well and had an enjoyable Christmas break, albeit feels like a long time ago now. Please relax and take a few minutes to catch up and enjoy reading about the various activities and events that have been taking place over the last couple of months.

### **P6 - Bubblegum and Fluff at the Church**

Right at the beginning of December, Primary 6 visited Inchinnan Parish Church to attend the Bubblegum and Fluff workshop. They had a great morning learning about the importance of the Christmas story and all the 'fluff' that happens during the festive season. During the morning they also had fun creating Christmas gifts and decorations, which were later brought back and shared with the rest of the school. Many thanks to Ann at the church for this input.

### **Partnership working - Christmas Tree Service/Lunch Club singing**

On 2 December Inchinnan Parish Church held their Christmas Tree Service. The school had once again proudly contributed to this event with a tree depicting the song 'Rocking Around the Christmas Tree'. A number of pupils attended the service and joined in singing the song before the tree lights were switched on alongside the other trees from other local community groups.

Later that week the Choir went along to the Church Lunch Club to spread some Christmas spirit by singing a medley of Christmas songs to all those in attendance. Many thanks to Mrs Robertson and Mrs Russell for their continued commitment to running the singing club.

### **Emergency Response Workshops P4-7**

We are seeing more and more children being diagnosed with an intolerance or allergy to certain food stuffs and some so severe they carry an EpiPen. Along with Asthma being one of the most common long-term conditions in children. Children can die from asthma attacks, however 90% of these deaths are preventable through good education and awareness. As a result of all these factors we felt it vital that these emergency response workshops for P4-7 were delivered, informing and offering children skills for life.

### **Christmas Lunch**



Thursday 8 December was Christmas Lunch day in school. The atmosphere was set, with the log fire roaring on the screen, Christmas music playing in the background, and all sorts of accessories demonstrating the fun of the festive season. Many thanks to the kitchen staff for delivering a lovely Christmas lunch for all those that wished it. 🍽️



### **Science Day**

Many thanks to the STEM/Digital Leaders committee who organised 2 exciting Science challenges for every class to take part in. It gave the committee a wonderful opportunity to practice their leadership and encourage everyone's love and enjoyment of the joys of science.



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### **P7 Open Afternoon**

P7 were delighted to welcome family and friends into their class on Thursday 15 December to discuss and share all their learning around their recent World War 2 studies. This topic covered all aspects of the curriculum, for example, literacy around the novel study 'Boy in the Striped Pyjamas', numeracy linked with measuring and baking, expressive arts etc. One of the most interesting areas for the children was around the PMHS German student teacher's perspective of this event from someone who comes from Germany. The children were fascinated by her input and the views of the German people. Many thanks for this.

### **Christmas Nativity**

The Christmas Nativity service was wonderful and a lovely way to round off the year. It was so nice to be able to have a full audience and to see all our P1-3 working together, singing and dancing reminding us in a very contemporary way what Christmas is really about. The church collection raised £54 which will be price matched by the Local Authority before being donated to Marie Curie Nurses Scotland.



### **Nativity Christmas Parties**



December is definitely a time of celebration. Every class held a Christmas party which was thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff. P1-2 had a very special visitor, and we thank the Parent Council for their help in funding this venture. Children also had the opportunity to participate in an online Panto performance of Aladdin, again very much enjoyed by all.

**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**

- Andrew Stewart, Owen Shaw, Josh McDonald and Lucas Thursby (P4) Enjoyed cub's movie night.
- Louisa Craig P4 Watched ice hockey match, Paisley Pirates won!
- Cameron Robertson P6 Received a trophy and medal for football.
- Rachel Jeffrey P2 and Catherine Jeffrey P4 both received a medal for taking part in Jingle Bell run.
- Myles Linden P5 Player of the Year from Erskine Football Club.
- Layla Dean P4 Learned how to do a back walk over.
- Joshua McDonald P4 Received a medal on last training day at football, first ever medal!
- Jamie McDonald P5 Was on Saturday Mash Live as part of the live audience
- Ewan Walker P4 Medal received from football club for participation and a trophy for season 2022
- Harper Muir P2, Ariana Donnelly P1, Robyn Shand P2, Skye Stevenson P3, Amelia Dickson P6, Rosie Walker P6, Darcy Boyle P7, Aimee Guinea P1, Harry Shand P5, Daisy Kilgour P2, Alma Guinea P1, Isla Black P5, Mallie Bowes P1, Rylee McAulay P1, Avneet Shergill P2, Iona Allan P2 and Vincent Stewart P2- All made a lot of folks very happy with their brilliant performance at Inchinnan Parish Church.
- Avneet Shergill P2 Passed her Taekwondo grading Yellow Tag 9<sup>th</sup> Kup
- Skye Stevenson and Abbie McDonald P3 both learned how to do a back bend.
- Oscar Donnelly P5 Medal and trophy received from Erskine Football Club at end of season.
- Layla Dean P4 Completed grading for Taekwondo red belt award.
- Cameron Robertson P6 Sang at Braehead to raise money for the Beatson
- Megan McGarvey P3 Helped with Brownie Bag packing at Morrisons

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### Book Exchange

Huge thank you to the library committee for setting up and running this event on the lead up to Christmas. Every child had the chance to come along and take away at least one book for them to keep and read at home. A great idea, well done to them all! 🍌

### Website updates

For a long time now, we have been working on adding a calendar to the front page of our website and I'm delighted to announce that we have finally managed to put this in place. All major events for the rest of the session are now indicated on it. We hope you find this useful.

### Staffing

Welcome to Mrs Blanco who has taken over responsibility for P5 as Mrs Kay has now started her maternity leave. Good luck Mrs Kay and we will keep you updated of any news re the new arrival. Mrs Patton (Classroom Assistant) and Mrs Cawley (Lunchtime Supervisor) continue to be off, and we wish them both a speedy recovery.

### House Party

Congratulations to **Old Greenock**, our House team winners for term 2 of session 2022-23 🥳. Old Greenock had their party on Friday 20 January, 'fun games mashup', which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. As always at the start of each term we reset and every team once again works hard to achieve points for their team, good luck everyone.

### Diary Dates -

#### Session 2022- 23 Term 3

- 24 January - Parent Council meeting at 6pm
- 25 January - P7 & 6 Burns Supper 1.30pm
- 27 January - **Strike day - school closed**
- 3 February - P4 Class Assembly 9.30 (P4 Parents Welcome)
- 7 February - P5 Park Mains High School - Modern Foreign Language event
- 10 February - 'Come As You Please' No football colours
- 13 February & 14 February - **School Closed**
- 15 February - **Inservice - staff only attend**
- 17 February - Golden Choices
- 23 February - Citizenship groups
- 24 February - P5 Class Assembly 9.30 (P5 Parents Welcome)
- 2 March - World Book Day
- 15 March - 3-8.30pm Parents evening (more details to follow)
- 17 March - 'Come As You Please' - Red Nose Day
  - Golden Choices
- 23 March - P3 Class Assembly 9.30 (P3 Parents Welcome)
- 29 March - P5-7 School Show 'Kitty Whittington' at PMHS
- 30 April - 11am Easter Service - more details to follow
- 31 March - 'Come As You Please' No football colours
  - **School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break**
- 3 April- 14 April - **School Closed for Spring Break**
- 17<sup>th</sup> April- Pupils and Staff return.

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

Kind regard

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