



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

May/June 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the May / June newsletter. It's hard to believe we are already in June with the Summer holidays fast approaching. Many people think that this is a time when schools begin to wind down, where in fact it is one of the busiest, if not the busiest time of the year! It is also a time that brings a bit of uncertainty, as P7 begin to think about moving to high school, our new P1's start the transition process to coming to Primary school, and everyone begins to think about who might be teaching them next year! Hopefully I will be able to update everyone very soon on this matter, just waiting on the central team finalising the outstanding staffing matters.

P5-7 School Show - Kitty Whittington



A fabulous night was had by all when Primary 5, 6 and 7 presented their production of Kitty Whittington at Park Mains High School. The pupils performed to a sold-out audience, showing what amazing talents our pupils have. This was a culmination of a term of hard work for the pupils' designing sets, costumes, and

merchandise. Part of the challenge of this enterprise was for pupils to develop their understanding of budgeting. They were rewarded with a fantastic profit of £1117.34 which has been used to purchase artificial turf and parasols for our Wellbeing Garden, as well as refresh of playground toys and equipment. Congratulations to all involved an outstanding achievement.

Health & Wellbeing week - Sports Day

Our health and wellbeing week started with a whole school assembly around mental health and the importance of not only keeping our bodies healthy but also our minds.

Tuesday then saw 12 teams competed against each other during the Potted Sports event. Teams participated in several activities such as goal shoot, javelin and obstacle races. Pupils had a great day in the sunshine. Congratulations to our winning team - Team 8 Luckinsford.

Later in the week the pupils took part in the class races, enjoying having family and friends cheering them on. The races included running, skipping and the egg and spoon. After all their hard work the pupils really appreciated the ice lollies donated by the Parent Council 🍷.

School Review

I'm delighted to report that the recent Local Authority, quality assurance, school review went very well. With the team commenting in particular on how 'our shared understanding of school values contributes to a positive ethos across the school. Relationships between staff and children are positive and underpinned by the school values. Children are well-behaved, polite, well-mannered and responsible, which results in a calm learning environment. Senior leaders have created a culture of creativity, innovation and enquiry where staff feel empowered to bring forward ideas.' Especially RNRA and Write Stuff both improvement plan priorities this session and last. Also noted was 'The whole school community is involved in evaluative and reflective activity which also feeds into the

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strategic direction of the school. Digital technologies, such as interactive whiteboards, i-pads and microscopes were observed to be used well to practice skills and to support and record learning. Children have lots of opportunities to share their views across a wide range of subjects. Teachers make very good use of the school grounds and beyond to enhance and support children's learning.' Another aspect of our improvement plan. Following our own self-evaluation assessments, the team agreed with our next area for development, and ongoing process for every school who is focussed on raising attainment and achievement for all, while keeping children at the heart of all we do. Many thanks to all the parents, partners, pupils and staff who all contributed to this review, explaining and reflecting on the good practice that is well established at Inchinnan Primary. It is a team effort, and I am very proud of you all, many thanks for everyone's ongoing hard work and commitment, especially after some very challenging years.

P1's Class Assembly

You always know you are coming to the end of a session, following a P1 assembly. P1 are always last to share their learning with the whole school and invited guests, allowing them time and space to settle into their new environment. It is always amazing to see them all play their part and perform to the audience, when you consider that only a year ago, they weren't even at school. This year P1 were sharing their learning about fairy tales after a dragon had visited their classroom and left them a note. The performance included many different areas of the curriculum, drama, singing with music instruments being used to retell a well known fairy tale. Congratulations P1, well done to you all, 😊.



Wellbeing Garden



Using some of the profits made from the highly successful P5-7 School show towards resources and materials, our children have been making good use of our new Inchinnan Wellbeing Garden. This has created a 'wellbeing space', a garden, with comfortable seating, providing our pupils and staff with an additional useable multi-purpose space which will be a source of relaxation, comfort and enjoyment all hugely beneficial to our mental health. Following recent good weather 2 parasols have also been purchased to create a more comfortable experience for those that prefer a more shaded area.

Talent Show

The Pupil Council organised a fabulous School Talent Show which the whole school enjoyed. Auditions led to 13 acts performing with a variety of songs, dance, gymnastics, keyboarding, musical instruments as well as a DJ set playing beats! All our acts were amazing, and it was a difficult decision for our judges due to the high-quality performances. The winners were 1st Robyn Shand, 2nd Grace Ward and 3rd Harry Shand. Congratulations to all who took part a huge achievement, demonstrating to us their capacity of confident individuals.

P6 & P7 Stem Event

The girls from P6 & P7 attended the UWS Campus for a STEM festival event and workshops to encourage girls to pursue careers in **Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**. The event was a great success and hopefully through the host of interactive activities ignited an interest in our girls for a future career in STEM.

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Staffing

Huge congratulations to Mrs Hunter who following recent interview has secured the post of Depute Head Teacher at St. Anne's Primary in Erskine. After 6 years as Principal Teacher here at Inchinnan Primary we will really miss Mrs Hunter's caring, compassionate approach to all she does, alongside her hard work, commitment, and strong sense of fun. We wish her all the very best in her new post.

As we approach the end of session, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Dickson, who will be leaving to further her aspirations after securing a place at university to undertake further study in becoming a Primary Teacher. Mrs Blanco will also be leaving us in June and we wish them both best wishes in their future endeavours.

On a more positive note, I'm delighted to be able to confirm that Mrs de Lange (0.8 = 4 days) will be returning in the new session, and we give a warm Inchinnan welcome to Mrs Barrett (0.6 = 3 days) who will be joining us in August.

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

Charlotte Hughes P3- Moved up swimming class from "Starfish" to "Seals"

Mallie Bowes P1 – Awarded certificates and medals for passing Starlite tap and Ballet exams.

Isla Black P5 – Completed last swimming level "Sharks"

Isla Moriarty P5- Won Renfrew Jnrs football tournament winning a trophy/medal

Owen Shaw P4 – Completed 2nd level of cubs swimming award

Kingston Howie P5 and Camden Howie P6 - visited Young Drivers for a driving experience

Holly Moore P5 – Dance Excel Stunt class award

Lucas Thursby P4 – Won medal at football training event.

Josh McDonald P4 – Awarded a medal after attending his first football tournament in Ayr

Diary Dates –

Session 2022- 23 Term 4

- 1 June – SmartSTEM event P6 girls
- 2 June – P1 Class Assembly 9.30am (P1 Parents Welcome)
- 14 June – P7 Valedictory Service
- 15 & 16 June – P7 Transition to PMHS
- 16 June – P7 Parent's Evening at PMHS
- 16 June – Family BBQ – Parent Council event after school
- 19 June – 21st June – P7 Residential Trip to Lockerbie
- 22 June – P7 Leavers Dance at Inchinnan Primary
- 27 June – **School closes at 1.30pm for Summer**
- 28th June– 13th August – **School closed for Summer**
- 14th August & 15th August– Inservice – **Only Staff to attend**
- 16th August – Welcome back all Pupils'.



Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in all aspects of school life and wish you all a very hot, happy, and safe summer holiday. 😎

Kind regards

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