



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

## August 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the first newsletter of Session 2023-24. I hope you all had a lovely summer; albeit a distant memory for many of us now.

A special welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils and families. The children have all settled and learning is well underway. Everyone at Inchinnan Primary is excited about the year ahead and looking forward to offering a wide variety of learning opportunities for all.



### Uniform -

Children are looking very smart, many thanks for your support with full school uniform. We will be continuing to promote learning and being outdoors as much as possible, and as we are all too aware, Scottish weather can be very unpredictable, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing to accommodate changing weather conditions.

If for any reason you are experiencing any difficulty funding school uniforms, including PE kits, please speak to us, as all schools have access to funding to assist families with this. All enquires will be treated discreetly and in the strictest confidence.

### Communication

At Inchinnan Primary, we endeavour to have an open and strong partnership with parents, based on the core school values especially mutual trust and respect. We continue to do all we can, to keep you informed and respond to enquiries as soon as possible.

Like every household the school is noticing the difference in general cost of supplies/equipment. In response feedback, from the parent survey, the effectiveness of the Seesaw Profiling App. (which has more the doubled in cost) the main purpose of which is sharing the children's learning with you, alongside, allowing us to share a range of information quickly with the parent body, we have allocated funds from the school budget to continue using this app. ***We ask that parents direct administration information, including notes of appointments, holidays, drop off and pick up arrangements directly through the office (phone or school email) to ensure information is seen and actioned asap.*** Our website is regularly updated, so, please check to quickly confirm dates of main events, staff work patterns and gym days and especially our weekly additions of pupil awards.

It was wonderful welcoming so many parents for our 'Meet the Teacher' event. If you were unable to attend, then class teachers will post video messages/presentation onto Seesaw as soon as possible for your information. If you have any questions, you would like the teacher to answer, just send a Seesaw message and the teacher will respond as soon as possible.

### Children's Safety

A gentle reminder at drop off and pick up, please do not park at the front of the school or block our neighbours (care home) entrance/exit. Drop off points can be found at the parking area of the playing fields, the car park at the Community Centre, or the Church. The school car park is for staff and visitors only. Disabled space allocation, please see school office. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

### Inchinnan Primary School – Values

Respect, Kindness, Trust, Teamwork, Equity, Perseverance

### School Improvement Plan

The school improvement plan continues to reflect our Health and Wellbeing priorities with a focus on children's readiness to learn through further developments of Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationships Approach (RNRA), further exploration of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and use of Child Inclusion Research into Curriculum Learning and Education (CIRCLE)

Our other improvement plan focus is around the development of raising attainment in literacy and numeracy – introducing new maths programmes of work and assessment from the local authority and a joint focus on skills development between Park Mains High School and all the linked primary schools

The full Improvement Plan for session 2023-24 and the Standard and Quality Report for last session will be published on the school website by October.

**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**

- Isla Black P6 did a Church reading on her own.
- Ethan Hainey P5, Leathan Nicolson P4/3, Layla Dean P5, Lucas Nicolson P5 – all awarded certificate of achievement from Twister Gymnastics
- Rylee McAulay P2/3 Won 2<sup>nd</sup> place medal at Church event races
- Connie Boyle P6 Played with Renfrew Girls Under 9's at Football tournament. Connie scored a goal and team captain for final match.
- Amelia Dickson P7 & Olivia Dickson P5 have now climbed 23 Munros.
- Layla Dean P5 Trophy for taking part in dancing competition.
- Emily McArthur P5 Appeared at Reeling Music Festival as part of Paisley Festival Gaelic Choir (Coisir Feis Phaislig)

### Diary Dates -

#### Session 2023-24 - Term 1

- 30 August - 'Meet the Teacher' event after school.
- 22- 25 September - School closed for September weekend
- 25 September - Scottish Maths Week commences.
- 5 October - School Photos- Class & Individual
- 16-20 October - School closed - October week.
- 23 October - Inservice - staff only attend.
- 29 November - Scottish Afternoon (tbc)
- 30 November - St. Andrews Day holiday - school closed.
- 25 Dec - 5 Jan 2023 - school closed for Christmas holidays.



Please find below dates for all the class assemblies for this session. **Tea and coffee will be available in the dinner hall 20 minutes before assemblies start.**

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| P7 - Friday 29 September 2023 at 9.45am              | P6 - Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 2pm |
| P5 - Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2pm | P4/3 - Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 2pm  |
| P2/3 - Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2pm  | P1 - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 9.45am      |

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 [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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