



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

October 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the October newsletter. Another very busy month with lots going on, we hope you enjoy reading about it all.

P7 and P4/3 Class Assemblies

P7 led this year's class assemblies by sharing their learning around their recent topic on the history of the local community. A visit from Bill from the local Historic Society further added to the children's research into Inchinnan in the past and helped them compare and contrast Inchinnan through the years to the present time. Well done. P7 a great start to the year.

Later in the month we had P4/3 class assembly. P4/3 shared their learning, which originated from a 'pupil voice' activity undertaken by Mrs Smith in June during the 'Bump Up' day. During discussion with the class, Mrs Smith had explored with the children what they wanted to learn this in session 2023-24. Interestingly they had indicated an interest in finding out about magic, history, countries and language. Mrs Smith then managed to combine all this in the class novel 'The Magic Paintbrush', which then led onto exploring elements of China. Many thanks to all the very positive parental feedback comments from the day, highlighting how impressive the children's knowledge and understanding was. Good work P4/3

Black History - Input



Following on from the school's various self evaluation activities undertaken last year it was clear from pupil feedback that 'diversity' was not something the children had much awareness of, or as a school something we explicitly celebrated. Thus, in session 2023-24 we will be developing many opportunities to address these aspects. As part of 'Black History Month' Mrs Crawford took the opportunity to set up a special display in the library. P6 and P7 had visitors for the Pachedu charity, where they undertook some preliminary group research into black women in history and the positive impact they have made, culminating within a presentation to the class and their visitors, who were highly impressed with the work the children had undertaken. The month was rounded off with a whole school assembly exploring Scotland and the slave trade. A great start to building our awareness and understanding of 'diversity'.

Beat the Street Prizewinner - Well done – Inchinnan Primary! 🏆

With the help and support of the whole Inchinnan Primary community – I am delighted to confirm the school has finished 1st on the Average Points Leaderboard and has therefore won a certificate, trophy and voucher for £250.00 from either Decathlon or book vouchers.

As a treat for the children the Parent Council are awarding the children with some fruit, to allow for fruit tasting/smoothie type activities to be undertaken, building on the healthy/active lifestyle being promoted. Huge thank you everyone! 😊

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Mears - Grant

What a month, with even more good news that I'm delighted to share. The Mears Foundation has recently awarded us funding of £1000 to extend our educational green spaces within the school. A lot of this will be distributed through our pupil lead committees, with the mini eco committee already using some of the money to buy and then plant some spring bulbs. We will keep you updated as we further develop our outdoor spaces.

STEM event

P7 boys were invited to a recent SMART Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics event (STEM) at Anniesland College. The boys undertook 3 workshops. Workshop 1. A challenge to select fan blades to circulate air round the Clyde tunnel. They had to make sure that each blade met the customer's requirements. Workshop 2 - engineering challenge to build a free standing structure using some very simple materials. Workshop 3 - Forensic Investigation, finding physical and digital evidence in a crime scene. Great fun and lots of learning took place, a perfect combination, and a great base for the workforce of the future.

Primary 5 Trip

On Tuesday 24th October Primary 5 visited the Bannockburn Visitor Centre as part of their topic about Robert the Bruce and the Battle of Bannockburn. They learned about the different types of soldiers involved in the battle and had the opportunity to wear and use replicas of clothes and weapons from that period. The children also visited the strategy room where they had the opportunity to recreate elements of the battle as Scottish and English soldiers. An enormous map was used to see the route the armies took on the day and they learned how Bruce used his knowledge of the landscape and surrounding area to his advantage. Finally they went outside to see the monuments to Bruce and the other fallen soldiers. P5 stood in the same places Robert the Bruce and his army would have stood and could see Stirling Castle and the surrounding valleys and hills which Bruce and his army used to secure their success. It was a fantastic day out, with much learnt 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

- Layla Dean P5 – Started Kick boxing (R MB)
- Harris Cox P6 – Won “Fish of the Week” with a £150 prize
- Amelia & Olivia Dickson P7/5 – Attendance at mum’s graduation
- Ethan Hainey P5 – Attended Football tournament
- Euan Walker P5 – Bowling competition and awarded 2 2nd place trophies
- Charlotte Walker P5 – Awarded bowling trophy.
- Catherine Jeffrey P5 – Dancer of the Week- Inspire Dance
- Josh McDonald P5 – Achieved bowling club trophy
- Layla Dean P5 – Achieved front walk over and best girl trophy in Dance/Gymnastics
- Emily McArthur P6 – Appeared at Council HQ/ Chambers singing Gaelic song
- Skye Stevenson P4 – Learnt to play Old McDonald on the piano.
- Eva Mackle P4 – Learnt to do forward roll using a hoop and Aero silks
- Charlotte Hughes P4- Participated in Dance show and moved up to Juniors. Made a lovely hedgehog at Brownies.
- Emily McArthur P6 – Took part in Concert Ar Canan’s Ar Ceol with choir “Coisir Ghaidhlig Feis Phislig” and were the runners up in their class at the Royal National Mod.
- Connie Boyle P6 – Top of the leader board for Beat the Street with 14,310 points for Team Inchinnan
- Daniel Boyle P4/3 – 2nd on the leader board for Beat the Street with 14,230 points for Team Inchinnan.
- Euan Walker P5 – Walked 100km and raised £240 for Guide Dogs UK

Strikes / Holidays

As this letter goes out, we are expecting another strike day to interrupt the child's learning. As with holidays and illness during school term, these are all outwith the school's control, however we do note the impact they can have on a child's learning. We ask that whenever possible please ensure your child takes part in all school learning activities, to support your child reaching their full potential. Many thanks for your continued support in these matters.

PARENT COUNCIL

Many thanks to the Parent Council who recently donated a pack of gel pens to each class as requested by the pupils. 😊

The next Parent Council Meeting is **online on Monday 27 November**, as link will be distributed nearer the time.

Poppies are now available in school. A cash donation is welcomed to support the appeal.

Diary Dates -

Session 2023-24 - Term 2

- 1st November - New P1 - online registration goes live (all week)
- 3rd November - P7 Heath Screening
- 8th November - P6 Trip to David Livingston Centre
- 13th November - Anti-Bullying Week 2023
- 14th November - Maths is fun- Family Event 6-7pm
- 15th November & 22nd November - P6 Swimming
- 15th November P6 Class Assembly
(P6 Parents Welcome afterwards for Tea & Coffee)
- 22nd November - Football Festival @ PMHS
- 22nd November - Parents Evening & Book Fair
- 30th November - School closed for St. Andrews Day
- 1st December- Scottish Afternoon - 1.30pm at church
- 1st December- Christmas Tree service at Inchinnan Parish church - all welcome
- 22 December - P1-3 Nativity Service at Inchinnan Parish Church
- 22nd December - school closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas break
- 8th January 2024 - school re-opens for staff and pupils



For ease of reference, the school website has all diary dates for the rest of the session.

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 or, for a longer discussion, make an appointment through the school office on 0300 300 0161.

Kind regards

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