



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

December 2023/January 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the December / January newsletter. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and although the weather is 'dreich' your spirits are high. As our vision states '**Small school big aspirations**' and as we start the New Year we have big aspirations for the all your children and the school. Already we are off to a flying start to the New Year, with lots more planned for the year ahead.

December Festivities

Christmas Tree Service at Inchinnan Parish Church – once again the school was asked to participate in the Christmas Tree service, where each community group is asked to pick a Christmas carol/song and decorate a Christmas tree in a related theme. All children took part, and then I also joined the Church for their lovely service on 1st Dec. A very special way to start the Christmas session!❤



Lunchtime on the 7th Dec. saw much fun and laughter in the dinner hall as Christmas Lunch was served, amidst festive music and decorations adding to the atmosphere. Christmas Jumper wearing also added much to the fun and excitement on the day with £111 being raised for 'Save the Children'.



All classes thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties, fun, food, and laughter were had by all. P1 and P2 having a special visit from Santa. Many thanks to the Parent Council for supporting this.

In response to parents requesting more school trips/excursions, the whole school undertook the exciting adventure to the Pavilion theatre in Glasgow to watch 'Treasure Island' pantomime. All pupils and staff that attended had a wonderful time on the 14th December, definitely an adventure and experience for all!

Bubblegum and Fluff - Our P6 pupils spent the morning at Inchinnan Parish Church to work with Ann Knox the minister to explore the story of Jesus's birth. A variety of activities were undertaken, to help develop the children's understanding of Christmas.

Christmas Nativity - What a lovely way to round off the year. Seeing all our P1-3 working together, singing together about the newborn baby Jesus, reminding us how lucky we are and what the true meaning of Christmas is. It also brings together many aspects we have been focusing on this session around. £39.75 was donated for Alzheimer Scotland, all charity fundraising is match by the Local Authority up to £500.

House Party

Congratulations to

Term 2 House winners - team **Beardmore**

Beardmore's House and Vice Captains used ideas from the team to organise the reward party – which took place on Friday 19 January.



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Following parental and pupil feedback, this session has also seen us introduce a system to allow all houses to be rewarded for their efforts, by gaining a minimum number of points (set by all House and Vice Captains). All houses achieved the first target set and were rewarded with an in class Pantomime just before Christmas, well done everyone 🍷 and good luck for this term.

Partner Input

January saw the start of lots of partner input, supporting curriculum development. The National Youth Choir of Scotland (NYCOS) are undertaking an 8 week block with P1 and P2/3, while Fèis Phàislig, Youth Music Initiative (YMI) are delivering an 8 week block of Scottish Music and Culture with P4/3. P6 have started a 4 week block with Fraser Buchan (active Schools co-ordinator) focusing on leadership school through the Playleader scheme. And of course, all classes are having Right2Dance input in the lead up to February's 'Strictly Come Inchinnan' event.

We also have an afterschool family learning with music - Samba session on a Tuesday evening from 3.15-4pm or 4.15-5pm recently started from the Local Authority's Music Service team. A great opportunity for you and your child to come along and have some fun with the Samba drums/rhythm. Both sessions still have spaces, so please contact the school office if you would like to join.



Burns Supper

P7 led the Burns Supper celebrations, ably supported by P6 and together they have outdone themselves this year! I was lucky enough to have been invited to the Burns Supper led by P7 held at the Community Centre and Bowling Club. They had arranged, organised, and ran the whole event. All the invited guests commented on the high standard of the speeches and entertainment on offer as well as enjoying the traditional feast of haggis, neeps, and tatties. Definitely an afternoon to remember.

Committee Update



Congratulations to last session Rights Respecting Schools Committee, the 'Rocking Rights' whose hard work and effort has helped us achieve UNICEF's **Bronze**, Rights Respecting Schools award. Good luck to this year's committee as they continue this work on the journey to the **Silver** award. Information for Parents on Children's Rights is still available on the school website, under Parental Information section. Please find link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/public/inchinnan/uploads/sites/2553/2023/02/28114242/Parent-Club-Childrens-Rights-leaflet.pdf>

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

- Olivia Dickson (P5) has completed 19 out of 20 Munro's. 1 more to do in the spring and has raised around £750 for the Orca Charity.
- Catherine Jeffrey & Emily Bean (P5) took part in Dance XL's annual show on November 25th showing off their talents in dancing and gymnastics.
- Avneet Shergill (P4/3) passed her Taekwondo grading and successfully gained her yellow belt green tag 7th kup.
- Emily Pearson (P2) Achieved medal for taking part in dance show.
- Charlotte Hughes (P4) Awarded a medal and trophy from under 8's football team.
- Amelia Dickson (P7) Completed "Strictly Kids" activity raising £590, placed first in group dance and took part in solo as part of competition.
- Sophia Stevenson (P4) Appeared in dance show at Braehead.
- Megan McGarvey (P4) Learnt how to fall into back bend and front walkover.
- Megan McGarvey (P4) Trophy awarded for gymnastic achievements.
- Roman McPhee (P6) Achieved white belt at Kick Boxing club.

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Huge congratulations and well done to Rachel Jeffery 🏆, the first person to have achieved the **special award** for gaining all 4 Curriculum for Excellence capacities, Successful learner, Confident Individual, Responsible Citizen and Effective Contributor. 🏆



PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting is **online on Tuesday 30 January 2024**, a link below.
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 323 120 562 434

Passcode: FGKkVL

Diary Dates -

Session 2023-24 - Term 3

9th February- Come as you Please' No football colours

- Valentines Themed lunch

12th & 13th February- Holiday- **School Closed**

14th February - **Inservice day (staff only).**

28th February 2pm - P5 Class Assembly (P5 Parent's Welcome. Tea & Coffee will follow afterwards)

29th February - "Strictly Come Inchinnan" @ Inchinnan Church.

13th March- Parent's Evening

27th March - Easter Service 11am @ Inchinnan Parish Church

28th March- Come as you Please' No football colours.

29th March -12th April Easter Holiday- **School Closed**

15th April- Staff and Pupils return.



Save the Date

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Parent Event 3.30 - 5pm

A variety of stalls/presentations from staff and partners to share and answers parents and families' questions about many aspects of learning and teaching, as well as information about possible barriers to learning e.g. Supporting learning in maths, Dyslexia difficulties, Rights based Education, Our developing 'Relationship Policy'

As always, 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 on

inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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

Kind regards

Nicola McGlynn

Head Teacher just a reminder that the samba session is on today

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