



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the February newsletter. Although a short month, we have packed lots into it. I hope you enjoy reading all about it.

P5 Class Assembly

What a great afternoon the whole school and P5 family and friends enjoyed listening to P5's class assembly based on their class novel 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio about a 10 year old boy 'August' with facial differences, going to a traditional school for the first time. At school it charts August's experience of making friends and dealing with conflicts/bullying behaviour. The experiences help August see that he is capable of being independent. It was clear from the children's interpretation and presentation; they had gained much insight and empathy for the character and reflected his resilience and perseverance. Really interesting P5, well done 🍌.

'Strictly Come Inchinnan'

Wow, what an afternoon, the children were amazing. After working so hard to learn and preform their dances in front of the large audience. Many thanks to Right2Dance who have been coming in one day a week to offer their expertise in this area and give the children this wonderful opportunity. Many thanks to our 3 Judges, Ann Knox, Mrs Patton and Heather Morrison for making all the hard decisions in a very close competition. Congratulations to P4/3 for winning their category and Primary 7 for winning theirs, but for all those there, you will know that there was very little difference between them all and they all did an amazing job, well done to you all, we are extremely proud of you. 😊.

Health and Wellbeing Day

Many thanks to the Health/Travel pupil committee for arranging a variety of activities for all classes on Thursday 8 February to mark 'Health and Wellbeing Day'. The committee's activities had a specific focus on mental health.

Chess Club - Chess Tournament



Roman McPhee, Tristan Grassie-Maturana, Noah Russell and Jamie McDonald represented the school in the recent Scottish Primary Chess Team and did themselves and the school proud! They played against teams from other parts of Scotland, who proved to be really stiff opposition and included pupils who have represented the national team at junior level. Notwithstanding the quality of the opposition all the boys scored individual points, enjoyed themselves and I'm sure picked up more knowledge and insight about chess. They fully deserved their certificates

Quality Assurance Visit

We were delighted to welcome Julie Colquhoun our link Education Manager (EM), Clair McCrossan EM and Mhairi McDonald a Head Teacher from another school, to Inchinnan Primary on Friday 9 February, as part of the local authority standard quality assurance process for all schools. Their visit consisted of a pupil lead tour of the school, professional dialogue with the Senior Leadership Team, visit to classes and meeting a pupil focus group to gather children's views of the school. Their feedback was extremely positive with relationships, amongst all identified as a strength of the school, resulting in a positive, nurturing ethos

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where children feel involved, consulted, and cared for. Almost all children were engaged and motivated by the tasks and activities on offer in observed classes. Children were observed to be extremely well-behaved, fully participating and enjoying their learning. All teachers observed delivered lessons which were well-structured and had clear explanations and instructions, lessons were appropriately challenging and met the needs of almost all children. Support staff provided effective help to children who require additional support for their learning. Well done 'Team Inchinnan' 🍌.

Staffing

We welcomed back Mrs Kay this month for a couple of 'keeping in touch' days before her full return on Thursday 21 March. Mrs Kay will be returning on a part time basis of 2 days a week, with Mrs de Lange moving to 3 days a week. This in effect will mean that Mrs Kay will take over from Mrs de Lange's all day Friday in P2/3 and most of Thursday in P4/3.

I am delighted to say that following interview and recent training, Mrs Ross is now 'The Promise Keeper' for the school 🍌. The Promise is the outcome of Scotland's three-year Independent Care Review, where more than 5,500 care experienced children and adults took part, to transform the wellbeing of infants, children, young people, and adults. 'The Promise' is the Scottish Government's commitment to listen to the voices and needs of the care experienced community so that Scotland is "the best place in the world to grow up in" where all children are "loved, safe, and respected and realise their full potential". As part of our commitment to keeping The Promise in Renfrewshire, every school should have a Promise Keeper, who acts as local champion, helping to educate and improve services for care experienced people.

Physical Education (P.E.)

A gentle reminder re gym kits - for children to safely participate in all PE activities, children should be wearing suitable clothing which allows freedom of movement and reduces risk of catching. Please ensure your child has, a change for gym activities of shorts, t-shirt and a change of shoes suitable for indoor PE activities, if laced, children should be able to tie these. Watches, rings, chains etc. must all be removed before P.E. Unfortunately, adults cannot assist with removal of earrings. We would suggest, if a child cannot remove jewellery themselves then these should be removed before coming to school. As always, the school is not liable for any loss or damage to items brought in. Long hair that could be a hazard must be secured.

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) Learned a new skill at gymnastics – front walkover (1 handed)
- Daisy Kilgour (P3) Gymnast of the Week at Dance CL for all her hard work and has moved up class.
- Megan McGarvey (P4) Learned how to stand up from a back bend.
- Eva Mackle (P4) Learned how to do a Grezel on the ariel hoop and trapeze.
- Joshua McDonald (P5) Got his first ever driving lesson at Braehead Shopping Centre Car Park. Got great feedback on steering and gear changing.
- Harris Cox (P6) Learned to ride a uni-cycle at home.
- Layla Dean and Emily Bean (P5) now leaders of Brownie group “Sixers”
- Lucas Thursby (P5) Took part in a football tournament and scored 8 goals, 5 of which in one game!
- Emily McArthur (P6) performed in the Coisir Gaidhlig Feis Phaislig Choir at a Ceilidh at the Community Circus Paisley, also ceilidh danced and learned new circus styles
- Lucas Thursby (P5) joined Elderslie Golf Club Junior section.

Upcoming events - World of Work Week : 18th - 22nd March

Inchinnan Primary are delighted to be offering a world of work week for our pupils. There will be a range of opportunities for classes to explore a variety of different jobs from across the workforce,

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as well as being given the opportunity to ask questions and take part in workshops delivered by some local businesses.

Sincere thanks to those family and friends who have offered to come in and speak to our classes, it is very much appreciated.

Coffee and a Blether - Monday 25 March 2.30-3pm in school - Supporting children and their families with additional support needs

Following discussion with some of our families with children who have additional support needs, we would like to offer an opportunity to connect with other families in the school. Please feel free to bring along extended family members.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting is **online on Monday 18 March 2024**, a link will be sent out nearer the time. Please come along and join the conversation, related to many aspects of your child's educational journey, alongside the amazing activities/fundraising events that the Parent Council undertake.

Diary Dates -

Session 2023-24 - Term 3

- 6th March - Skoobmobile visiting
- 6th March - Football Festival at PMHS (P7 footballers)
- 7th March - World Book Day - 'Comfy Clothes & Cushions'
- 8th March- P4/3 trip to Vikingar
- 13th March - PMHS Maths staff visiting P7
- 13th March- Parent's Evening
- 18th March - World of Work week commences
- 18th March- Parent Council meeting
- 20th March - P2/3 Assembly. P2/3 Parent's welcome from 2pm with Tea & Coffee afterwards
- 21st March - Skoobmobile visiting
- 22nd March - Golden Choices
- 25th March - Whole school assembly - Easter focus
- 25th March - P1 and P7, Dental Inspections in school
- 28th March- Come as you Please' No football colours.
- 28th March- 2.30pm finish for Easter
- 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 answer 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'

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

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

Kind regards

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