

# Inchinnan Primary School

# Small school.... big aspirations March 2024 Newsletter

#### **Dear Parents**

Welcome to the March newsletter. Another busy month with lots of exciting activities and events having happened since the last newsletter, so much so, that it has been difficult to fit everything in, alongside keeping you informed of anything new on the horizon. Please enjoy!

# P2/3 Class Assembly



P2/3 assembly transported us back in time to the Ancient Egyptians. The class shared their knowledge about the Nile and it's importance to the Egyptians, pyramid building, hieroglyphics and the mummification process. The whole class took part in a very creative presentation of this information, through music, song and dance. It was clear to see how much the class had learnt and enjoyed finding out about these past times. Well done P2/3

# World of Work week -

Last week we celebrated the return of 'World of Work Week.' We were overwhelmed by the number of parents, friends and businesses who supported us throughout the week and provided wonderful opportunities for our pupils and inspired them to consider what their future careers could look like beyond their time at school.

We began planning the week by asking the pupils what kinds of jobs they were interested in hearing about. Whilst we were unable to find any 'gamers' to come in and speak to us, we welcomed: police officers, a make-up artist, a chimney sweep, scientists and a paediatric nurse to name but a few of our wonderful visitors. We hope that families enjoyed seeing photos on Seesaw throughout the week. Over the course of the week, our visitors commented on the enthusiasm and engagement of the children throughout the school. We would like to sincerely thank our guests who not only took the time out of their busy schedules to come in and speak to the children, but also for taking the time to plan such engaging activities and talks



Primary 1 enjoying hearing from Mrs Kilgour about her career as a nurse.



Mrs Cox taught us about DNA by helping us how to build a double helix with jelly babies



Mrs Thursby and her team from Thales helped us learn about engineering.

## Chess Club - Presentations

Congratulations to all chess club members who recently received their presentations in the internal school competition. All children in attendance receiving a certificate and gift, with Roman McPhee being awarded the champion trophy for the most points achieved during the various rounds.



Many thanks to Mr McQueen for his ongoing commitment and dedication to running this club, without which it would not be possible. Many thanks

#### Coffee and a Blether

Following discussions with some of our families with children who have additional support needs, we were delighted to welcome some parents in to school. This was a very informal opportunity for parents to meet and talk to each other, share ideas and make connections. We would like to provide another opportunity in term four to parents and their extended families on Monday 3rd of June 2.30pm (date tbc)



#### Easter Assembly

Many thanks to Ann for coming along to Assembly on Monday 25 March, which focused on Easter -the true meaning. This approach worked really well and will be something we will be considering going forward due to the many other demands on core learning and teaching time, alongside our creative aspects, promoting the 4 capacities in a 'Curriculum for Excellence' - Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.

#### Beat the Street



House Captains and Vice Captains were tasked with spending the £250 voucher from Decathlon, achieved by Inchinnan Primary's success during the 'Beat the Street' initiative. As you can see from the picture a great variety of equipment was purchased. Some for breaktimes e.g. the various balls, some for special activities e.g. Golden time - the archery sets and some for wet play activities e.g. the desk tops table tennis, and of course some to add to general P.E activities e.g. shuttlecocks and agility ladders. We will of course mix and match to make the best use of all the

equipment. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to this, outstanding achievement, we certainly did achieve the school vision of 'small school, big aspirations...'

# Renfrewshire Toy Bank

Many thanks to the Renfrewshire Toy Bank for their generous donation of Easter Eggs for all our P1-3's. I'm sure the children will really enjoy this unexpected present.



# 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) Won first place in every dance at competition in Ireland.
- Owen Shaw (P5) 10<sup>th</sup> medal awarded from SXC biking events
- Emily McArthur (P6) performed at the Piping Centre in Glasgow with the Feis Phaislig Coisir Ghaidhlig (Gaelic Choir) at a Ceilidh to mark the 162 gathering of the Glasgow Islay Assocation.
- Emily McArthur (P6) performed at Paisley Town Hall with the Feis Phaislig Coisir Ghaidhlig (Gaelic Choir) as part of the Renfrewshire Schools Spring Concert Series 2024.
- Emily Pearson (P2) Took part in Inspire Dance show.
- Olivia Dickson, Catherine Jeffrey, Orla Brownlie (P5) Took part in Inspire Dance show.
- Emily Bean (P5) has started roller skating lessons in Glasgow.

#### PARENT COUNCIL

Unfortunately, the Parent Council Race Night has had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake. The parent Council are still hoping to go ahead with the Fun Day, please contact the PC directly if you can help at all with volunteering/supporting this event.

The Parent Council still have a few bonus balls available for anybody who is interested. This helps to give the PC a constant income, with funds being used to support activities or purchase equipment for the school e.g. Presents at Christmas, Colouring pens and upcoming construction/coding resources.

The next Parent Council Meeting is **online on Tuesday 21 May 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 4

28th March- 2.30pm finish for Easter

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

15th April- Staff and Pupils return.

15<sup>th</sup> April - Young Scot Card photo's (P7)

16th April - P1 Health Screening

17<sup>th</sup> April- P7 Residential Parent's info evening (Lockerbie rep attending)

18th April- Skoobmobile (P7)

30th April - P7 SmartStem trip to UWS

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Inservice - Only staff to attend.

3rd May - Come as you Please.

6th May- May Day- School Closed

8<sup>th</sup> May - P7 PMHS visit.

10th May - P1 Class Assembly

(P1 Parent's welcome from 9am)

for Tea & Coffee)

15th May - P7 PMHS Football Festival

16th May - Sports Day



# **New Entrants – Transition dates**

- 20<sup>th</sup> May (11 am) informal "Meet and Greet" Session
- 29<sup>th</sup> May (11am) Class Intro Teambuilding/Sports Activity (children only)
- 4<sup>th</sup> June (1.30 -2.30pm) Parent and Child Visit
- 13<sup>th</sup> June (11-12pm) Parent and Child Visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> June (12 pm) Lunchtime experience (parent and child )
- 25<sup>th</sup> June drop in session for parents 9-10am or 2-3pm

# Save the Date - nearly here now!!

# 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 inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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

Have a lovely Spring break everyone.

Kind regards

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**Inchinnan Primary School – Values** 

Respect, Kindness, Trust, Teamwork, Equity, Perseverance