



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

## September / October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the September / October newsletter.

September got off to a great start with a visit to Assembly from M & M productions delivering a performance of Jungle Book. The children really enjoyed this performance, and the 'Stars of the week' got a special treat of their photo with a couple of the character. A very beneficial way to use funds raised through school activities, such as 'Come As You Please' days.



### **Pupil Led Committees**

This session we have 8 pupil led committees – Dream\*makers, Health, Rights Respecting School, Eco, Travel/School Grounds, Library, Skills, Pupil Council, alongside our P1 and P2 Mini Eco Groups. On feedback from both pupils and staff this approach is so popular that we are now undertaking our committees on a fortnightly basis, which allows for even more activities to be undertaken. All committees are either working towards an external award and/or planning assemblies to share their work with the rest of the school. Keep reading to find out what has already happened...

### **Health Committee**

Monday 2 September was the start of 'Scottish Health Week' and the Health Committee took full advantage of this to focus the whole school on many different aspects of health through a daily activity for each class. Activities focused on Be active, Be brave, Be calm, Be happy, Be friendly, Be kind, Be helpful, Be happy. Many thanks to the Health Committee and Mrs Retson, a great start to the session. The Health Committee have also arranged for the whole school to join in with 'Save a Life' Scotland, Restart a Heart Event on Thursday 10 October. Which encourages everyone to learn how to carry out CPR and use a defibrillator. Pupils watched a live stream in school. Save a Life Scotland are aiming to break a world record in training as many people as possible in CPR. We will keep you updated to see how they get on.

### **Pupil Council**

Meet the Pupil Council, the children that have been elected by their peers to represent the class views and offer suggestions to help improve and develop, many aspects of the ethos and life of the school.

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P3 PUPIL COUNCIL



P4 PUPIL COUNCIL



P5 PUPIL COUNCIL



P6 PUPIL COUNCIL



P7 PUPIL COUNCIL



PUPIL COUNCIL - Mrs McGlynn

The Pupil Council have already arranged events for throughout the year with the first, 2 being our recent 'Harvest Collection and 'Come As You Please' – themed day, featuring 'Crazy' hair. Many thanks for your wonderful support and very kind donations to both these activities.



Crazy hair day



Harvest collection!



### Poppy Scotland - bus visit

The 1<sup>st</sup> of October saw the 'Bud' visit, that is mobile museum run by Poppy Scotland. Primary 3-7 enjoyed hearing about the story of the Poppy. It was a great experience; pupils could interact with screens and artifacts. Through these they learned of people's experiences of war and the significance of the poppy. They even got to make their own poppy and time how quickly they could do it by clocking in and out.



### Maths Tales at Inchinnan Primary

As part of Maths Week Scotland, we held a parent and child event in the school to celebrate all things Maths (and stories too!). We were delighted to see so many pupils come along with their family to enjoy the evening. The Maths skills we focussed on were symmetry, length, pattern and even some times tables.

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### **Extra Curricular Activities**

We welcome Nicole Brown our new active school coordinator who is part of the ONE REN team. Nicole has already arranged our first after school clubs. We are starting on Monday afterschool with Dodgeball for the P4-7, Tuesday afterschool football for P5-7 and Thursday Lunchtime Playclub for P2-4. There are still places available on all clubs, so please go online and join up if your child is interested. Please also remember about the ONE REN clubs available at Park Mains HS on Fridays from 3.45 -5.45pm.

On Wednesday 18 September, Lauren from the music service was in school to demonstrate the samba drums before offering an afterschool club for children and families, unfortunately with only 1 signing up to this class, this has had to be cancelled due to lack of support/uptake.

We welcome back Mr McQueen a volunteer who for several years has been running our highly successful Chess Club. This is available for P4 and above and takes place during Thursday lunchtimes. Many thanks to Mr McQueen for his ongoing support.

### **Staffing**

We welcome Mrs MacInnes to Inchinnan Primary, who is covering P4/3 until Mrs Smith returns. Mrs Ross has now taken up her role as Acting Head Teacher on a Friday.

## **Parent Information Afternoon**

**Save the date - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 3.30pm – 5pm**



Your feedback is really important to us and following on from the questionnaires you completed at Parents' Night last session, we will be showcasing elements of teaching and learning, pupil wellbeing as well as providing information about potential barriers to learning.

We know it can be difficult to arrange childcare, so we will have staff available for your school age children if you require it. We hope that this helps you to be able to come along and enjoy some of these fun and engaging sessions.

### **PARENT COUNCIL**

It was lovely to welcome 3 new people to the recent Parent Council AGM. The next Parent Council Meeting is online on Monday 4 November 2024, a link will be distributed nearer the time.

If you would like to contact the Parent Council please email: - [inchinnan@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk](mailto:inchinnan@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk)

**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**

Skye Stevenson & Shanzay Kamran (P5) – Joined new gymnastics club, learning new moves.

Helena Malavin (P5) – Landed turn on scooter off steps.

Emily Bean (P6) - Achieved 3 dancing awards for freestyle, ballet and tap.

Lilah Davis (P5) – Did Backflip on trim trail ropes at the weekend.

Ethan Hainey and Oliver Campbell (P6) – Both scored hat-tricks in recent club (St Mirren) football match.

Harper Muir (P4) – Special Head Teacher award in recognition of her 5 year cancer free.

**Diary Dates -**

**Session 2023-24 - Term 2**

- 1<sup>st</sup> October - Poppy Scotland Mobile Museum visiting.  
11<sup>th</sup> October - Inservice day (staff only).  
14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> October - School closed for October week  
21<sup>st</sup> October- School re-opens for Staff & Pupils  
23<sup>rd</sup> October - 3.30pm PARENT INFORMATION EVENT  
27<sup>th</sup> October- Parent Council- Halloween Party  
28<sup>th</sup> October- P7 Class Assembly (P7 parent's Welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee).  
11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance  
13<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening  
15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need -PJ / Onesie Day  
18<sup>th</sup> November- Scottish Book Week  
28<sup>th</sup> November - Scottish Afternoon - 1.30pm at Inchinnan Parish Church  
2<sup>nd</sup> December- School closed for St Andrew's Day.  
12<sup>th</sup> December - P5 Class Assembly (P5 parent's Welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee).  
20<sup>th</sup> December- P1-3 Nativity 11am at Church (more information to follow)  
- 2.30pm Early Finish  
23<sup>rd</sup> December - 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2025 - School closed for Christmas.  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025- School re-opens for Staff & 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](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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