



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

## December 2024/January 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the December/ January Newsletter. Christmas is always a magical time in school. We hope you enjoy hearing all about the exciting activities we have been undertaking during December and during the first month of 2025.

### **Bubblegum and Fluff**

On Thursday 5 December, 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, including making a Christmas tile. Many thanks to Ann Knox for her continuing support of the school.

### **Choir**

The Choir (a short-term lunchtime club, ran on a voluntary basis by Mrs Retson) went along to sing at the lunch club at Inchinnan Church on 18th December. The choir also went on a visit to Inchinnan Care Home to spread some festive cheer to all the residents. Many thanks to Mrs Retson for giving up her own time to offer these amazing experiences to both the choir and the audiences.



### **Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch**

Lunchtime on the 12th of December 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 £104.52 being raised for 'Save the Children'.



### **Primary 5 Class Assembly -Endangered Animals**

Primary 5 delivered a fantastic and thought-provoking assembly on Endangered Animals. Through engaging presentations, poetry recitals, a fun and educational comedy sketch on food chains, and a lively debate, they explored the threats facing wildlife, including hunting, climate change, deforestation, and pollution. The assembly featured powerful performances, including a dramatic role-play and inspiring songs like Circle of Life. Pupils also discussed ways we can all help protect endangered species, leaving everyone with an important message—small actions can make a big difference!

Well done to all our P5 pupils for their hard work, sharing their skills, knowledge and passion in raising awareness for these important issues!

### **Christmas Parties**

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.

### **Nativity**

On the last day of term, we came together at Inchinnan Parish Church for our Christmas Nativity Service. We were treated to performances from our choir, led by Mrs Retson's lunch time club who sang "Love Shone Down". Next was our Christmas Nativity "Baarmy Bethlehem" these performances require a tremendous amount of work from our pupils and staff. Sincere thanks for all of their hard work to put this service together. Finally, we were treated to Mrs Hamill's British Sign Language (BSL) singers who performed "Merry Christmas Everyone", another short term, voluntary lunch time club which is very much appreciated by the young people who eagerly come along. We were delighted that so many friends and families could come and join us to provide a wonderful atmosphere for our pupils to perform.



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## New Library resources

Please see below our new library resources which were chosen by pupils to top up current favourites or through their recommendations. This was jointly funded through our use of rewards from hosting the book fayre in November and by the Parent Council. Many thanks to all the parents that have supported



## Young Leaders of Learning - (part of the School Improvement Plan)

Young Leaders of Learning is an initiative which is supported by Education Scotland. Its purpose is to: "Help children and young people to be more actively involved in helping to improve their schools by:

- Taking part in reciprocal visits to other schools to identify what is working well, areas for improvement and effective practice.
- Promoting ways that children and young people can be involved in school improvement activities in their own school." (Education Scotland 2019)



As part of our journey this year, the 6 Young Leaders of Learning visited Bridge of Weir primary to hear about their school and to develop relationships which will support our visits later in the session.

What have we done?	What will we do?	What happens next?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Received training from Education Scotland</li> <li>- Visited each other's schools</li> <li>- Evaluated our own school to highlight an area we want to improve</li> <li>- Planned a visit for Bridge of Weir to come and see all the wonderful things we do at Inchinnan Primary School.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff development and training.</li> <li>- Learning walks to visit classes around the school.</li> <li>- Interview staff and children about how we learn.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Children's views and experiences collected on their journey will help inform the next steps in our School Improvement Plan 2025-2026.</li> <li>- A new set of young leaders will be given the opportunity to get involved next session.</li> </ul>

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## School Uniform

We have noted a growing trend in the wearing of black leggings or non uniform jumpers/colours to school. We ask for your continued support in ensuring children adhere to school uniform which both the school and the local authority strongly encourage, alongside the ongoing preparation and expectations for secondary education. The school has funds available if any family requires assistance with this.

***'The suggested uniform for Inchinnan Primary School is: Grey trousers or skirt, Blue or grey pullover, cardigan, white shirt, school tie, school blazer, fleece, or jacket black / dark shoes. In the interests of safety/hygiene children should have suitable clothing for P.E. We would suggest - shorts, cotton t-shirt and sandshoes - not outdoor training shoes. For convenience P.E. clothing should be kept in a suitable bag. On class gym days a school sweatshirt and or polo shirt maybe worn for ease of changing.'***



After clearing our lost property trolley in November, attached is a picture of how it currently looks. If your child has any missing items, please speak with the class teacher at the end of the day about coming in to have a look through the vast selection we are storing. As always I would advise all parents to label all items of clothing to help distinguish between items.

I am also continuing to seek parents support in line with Children Services 'Health & Safety in Physical Education' around general precautions such as ....

***'Watches, rings, chains and belts with metal buckles and other body jewellery must all be removed before the physical education lesson. As these may cause injury to the wearer and others. However parents wishing children to wear body jewellery during physical education should write to the school expressing their request. Children will be expected to provide tape and cover any such items of jewellery during the activity. Pupils will be responsible for the safekeeping of jewellery.'***

## PARENT COUNCIL

Unfortunately, the Parent Council meeting scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, had to be cancelled. We will update you as soon as possible as to when this meeting will be rescheduled.

*The next scheduled Parent Council Meeting is online on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025, 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)

## Staffing.

As many of you will be aware Mrs Derrick has had to take some personal leave for the next few months, we are still awaiting on this vacancy being filled. We will keep those directly affected updated as soon as we have anything confirmed.

We say goodbye to Mrs Jose soon as she commences her maternity leave. We wish her well and can't wait to meet the new member of the Jose household. However this does leave us short of support staff for the upcoming future.

**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**

Daisy Kilgour (P4) Can now do a back handspring.

Mallie Bowes (P3) Auditioning for part in Matilda stage show/

Avneet Shergill (P4) passed her Taewondo grading in December and has now achieved a green belt.

Charlotte Kirkhope (P5) Achieved Brownie Bronze award, following achieving 2 theme awards.

## Parent / Family Volunteers - WE NEED YOU!



As we continue to try and develop many different areas and aspects of the curriculum, we are looking for any volunteers that could offer short or long term help with various aspects in and around the school. For example, if you have an interest in gardening, our school grounds committee could do with extra pairs of hands to weed and plant within school grounds.

We are also looking for a few volunteers to help glue and relay our artificial grass to complete the free flow play area at the front of the school. Only an hour or two is required. Please contact the school office if you have availability.

## School Photographs

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 we will welcome Graeme from Monument Photos to take our class, family (in school) and individual photos. Graeme comes well recommended and has won Scottish Master Photographer of the year 5 times in a row.

## Diary Dates -

### **Session 2024-25 - Term 3**

5<sup>th</sup> February - P7 visit PMHS > Modern Language event.

7<sup>th</sup> February - House Party for last term winners Old Greenock & Beardmore

13<sup>th</sup> February - Come as you Please "Odd socks theme" (Fundraising on ParentPay)

14<sup>th</sup> February - Inservice Day - **Only staff to attend.**

17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February - School closed.

24<sup>th</sup> February - P2/3 Class Assembly

26<sup>th</sup> February - Class and individual school photos.

3<sup>rd</sup> March - P4/3 Class Assembly

12<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening & Bookfayre

12<sup>th</sup> March - P1/2 Trip to Science Centre

27<sup>th</sup> March - P5-7 School Show (tbc)

1<sup>st</sup> April - P7 Parent residential info evening - 5pm

4<sup>th</sup> April - Come as you Please (Fundraising on ParentPay)

7<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> April - Closed for Easter break.

22<sup>nd</sup> April - 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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