



# Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

September/October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the September/October newsletter. We have had many visitors to the school in the past 2 months which have added much to learning experiences. We hope you enjoy reading about all these and the other exciting activities that have taken place recently.

### Meet The Teacher

Many thanks to all those who managed to come along to our 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 3rd September. This gave parents a chance to meet their child's class teacher, hear about the main structures and class routines as well as ask staff any questions that they had. Attendance rates varied from 40% - 60%, however we fully appreciate that not all parents could make it to this event and therefore to support with this, presentations have been shared through Seesaw.

### Pupil Led Committees

This session we have 8 pupil led committees –Health/ Travel, Rights Respecting School, Eco, School Newspaper, Library, Skills, Pupil Council, alongside our P1 and P2 Mini Citizenship Groups, who over the course of the session will explore themes related to each of our main committees . 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...

### Pupil Council

Our new Pupil Council has been formed and I'm delighted to announce the following representatives voted for by their class peers:



The Pupil Council have already arranged events for throughout the year with the first, being our recent 'Harvest Collection and Assembly with Ann Knox. Many thanks for your wonderful support and very kind donations to the Harvest collection which was donated to Renfrewshire Foodbank.



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## Scottish Maths week - week beginning 22 Sept. - Wild Maths at Inchinnan Primary



The month of September saw Maths Week Scotland. This year the theme was “Wild Maths” looking at Maths in the natural world. Every class in the school took part in numeracy activities, including lots of outdoor learning, and, to start the week, we held a family event after the school day. We took this chance to show off the resources in school we use for the teaching and learning of Numeracy and Maths as well as allowing our families to take part in a variety of activities lined to the theme. Many thanks to all who made it along on the night!



### Skoobmobile

We are delighted to welcome back the visit from the skoobmobile, mobile bus library, who will be undertaking regular visits over the coming months. This will allow all children to select a book of their choosing. These will be kept in school as reading for pleasure books alongside their school reading book/s.

The skoobmobile are also offering several after school sessions with the bus open to all families from 3-4pm to visit the library and choose another book for your child/children/family to enjoy at home.



### Anti Bullying -Hope Production - visit for P4-7 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September



### P7 Bikeability

Following the postponed Bikeability input from last session, P7's have recently had the opportunity to take part in Level 2 Bikeability award. Many congratulations to all who achieved at this point. A huge thanks to the staff and trained parent helper - Mr Shaw for helping deliver this training, it is a big responsibility and we couldn't do it without all their support 😊. P6 will have the opportunity to undertake this later in the session, alongside P5 working on Level 1 Bikeability.

### New Developments across the school

As well as our School Improvement Planned developments for the session (see website for full plan)

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We will also be focusing on many other areas. You may have already noticed your child posting on seesaw their **individual targets**, which their class teacher will have discussed with them beforehand and will review and set new targets throughout the year. Please talk to your child about their targets and continue to encourage and support them as they work towards these individual and specific targets for each learner. Many thanks 😊

Another new development for this session which builds on previous excellent classroom practice is the introduction of 4 **Discovery days**. Each day will have a specific focus, and each class will visit all the stations over the course of the day. These promote an enquiry-based learning approach where pupils learn by actively investigating questions, problems, and scenarios, rather than being presented with facts. Our first Discovery Day is on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and the focus will be our committees with each committee preparing an enquiry based activity based on their focus for the year. Look out for how we get on in the next newsletter!

#### **PACE workshop –**

We had a very kind offer from PACE theatre company offering us a free taster session. One session on Tuesday 21st October for P7 and the other at 1pm on Wednesday 22nd October for P5 & P6. A very creative session was enjoyed by all, thanks PACE.



#### **Class Assembly - P7**

Our class assemblies got off to a great start with P7 leading the first one of the session. The whole presentation was based a very creative recap on their class novel study related to *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Micheal Morpurgo



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## Visible Fiction P5-7 Workshops

Visible Fictions, a Scottish charity creating theatre and learning projects for young audiences, linked to the Curriculum for Excellence. They recently visited P5-7 with 'The Impossible' — an audio drama and creative learning experience at a reduced cost due to early bird booking and school size 😊.

How it worked: In advance of our visit the school was sent a suite of creative learning resources to share with the class. These explore the science and history of flight / resilience and mindfulness, all linked to the Curriculum for Excellence. On the day we had a great workshop from visible fictions! We listened to an audio story all about Amelia Earhart and spoke to us through different strategies we can use if we are feeling anxious or nervous or even just having really big feelings and not sure what to do. We had some great involvement from everyone and definitely learned a lot!



## P7 Fun Makers input/award

Many thanks to Nicole Brown our Active Schools Coordinator for coming in and leading a couple of sessions with P7 to refresh them about 'Fun Makers' a programme where older pupils lead activities at breaktimes for the younger ones. A fantastic leadership opportunity and congratulations to all those that went on to achieve the certificate.

## New wet breaktime equipment -



Many thanks to the House Captains and Vice Captains who have recently revamped the wet breaktime boxes with £550 of new resources purchased using school funds. Although we are hoping we will not need these much over the coming months, we are certainly prepared for any eventuality.  
Good job captains! 😊



## Gentle reminders -

- Dogs should **not be** brought into the playground, even if they are on a lead/in arms.
- The school car park is for **staff and visitors only**, unless by **prior arrangement** (updated yearly) with the school.
- **Communication, any important information** e.g. child's absence, appointments, holiday notification, arranging meeting with staff member etc or urgent updates e.g. school pick ups etc. should be sent directly to the school office either by phone or enquires email to ensure a timely response, thus avoiding any disappointment or upsets.

*Many thanks with your support on these matters*

## Staffing

We welcome Mrs Hutchison to Inchinnan Primary, who has now taken up her role as Acting Principal Teacher and Mr Kirkwood Acting Head Teacher (Friday's). As Mr Johnson is expected to return next

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week, Miss Miller will be moving to a new school. Miss Miller has been with us since the start of term and we will be sorry to see her go but wish her the best of luck in her new school.

**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**

Aimee Guinea (P4) received an award for 3 years' service at Girl's Brigade

Iona Allan (P5) – awarded “Star” award from dancing and “Star” bear award from gymnastics

Daisy Kilgour (P5) achieved dance award for helping others. Trophy for excellent tap, ballet and hip hop.

Euan Walker (P7) attended a football tournament during the summer holidays awarded medal.

Aimee Guinea (P4) achieved yellow belt at Taekwondo.

Emily Pearson (P4) achieved dance trophy from summer dance camp.

Eilidh Donnelly (P4) awarded Golden Boot from Bishopton Football club.

Sophia Hanley (P3) received a trophy for dancing.

Jessica Wilson and Maia Bell (P2) achieved level 1 at gymnastics and received medals.

Liam Storie (P3) achieved yellow belt and certificate.

Orla Gill (P4) received a medal for running race and attended dog show with pet and won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place rosettes.

Theo Hainey (P2) moved up a level at Swimming from Starfish to Seals.

Congratulations to (P7) Oliver Campbell, Emily Bean, Orla Brownlie, Louisa Craig, Andrew Stewart, Euan Walker, Lewis Cox, Olivia Dickson, Catherine Jeffrey, Mark Lardner, Charlotte Walker, Ethan Hainey, Cooper McAulay, Spencer Mair, Owen Shaw, Taylor Wilson on achieving level 2 Bikeability

Jessica Wilson (P1) achieved level 1-3 STANley swimming awards.

Miss Wilson (P2/1) achieved medal on completion of half marathon.

### **Some research that I thought might be of interest to parents....**

- Long-Term Perspective: Over the course of 18 years, a child spends only about 9% of their total waking life in a classroom, emphasizing the importance of learning experiences outside of formal schooling.
- Focus on Out-of-School Learning: The large amount of time children spend outside of school presents a significant opportunity for learning at home and in the community.
- Parental Role: Research indicates that parents' engagement and the creation of a stimulating learning environment at home can be more crucial to a child's attainment than their socio-economic status.

### **Parentzone Scotland website -**

Provides information and advice for parents about education in Scotland. It includes practical ideas to support learning at home in a variety of curriculum areas, along with information on additional support needs, and tips on how parents can get involved in their child's school and education.

### **Parent Helpers**



If anyone - parents/grandparents would like to help in school in anyway e.g. to help at trips/events, bring their skills and expertise to the school (hobbies/interests) or help on a more regular basis in classrooms, please contact the school and we can apply for a PVG. As they say “*many hands make light work*” and allows the school to offer an even wider range of experiences.

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**PARENT COUNCIL**

The next Parent Council Meeting is online on Thursday 30 October 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)

**Diary Dates -****Session 2025-26 - Term 2**

2nd October - New P1 Entrants - Open afternoon  
 21<sup>st</sup> October- School re-opens for Pupils  
 26<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Council Halloween Party.  
 27<sup>th</sup> October- P7 Class Assembly (P7 parent's Welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee)  
 31<sup>st</sup> October - School photographs - (Full school uniform)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> November - P1 Registration opens - online  
 10<sup>th</sup> November - Discovery Day 1 - Committees  
 11<sup>th</sup> November - Pupil Council led Remembrance assembly and House Captains representing the school at wreath laying service at Erskine Community Gardens  
 17<sup>th</sup> November - P6 Class Assembly (P6 parent's Welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee).  
 19<sup>th</sup> November - Parents Evening  
 25<sup>th</sup> November- Scottish Afternoon 1.30pm at Inchinnan Parish Church  
 28<sup>th</sup> November - Come as you Please (no football colours)  
 1st December- School closed for St Andrew's Day.  
 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Tree Service at Inchinnan Parish Church (tbc)  
 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper/Lunch Day  
 12<sup>th</sup> December - Discovery Day 2 - Art  
 18<sup>th</sup> December- P1-3 Nativity 11am at Church (more information to follow)  
 19<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm Early Finish  
 22<sup>nd</sup> December - 5<sup>th</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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