



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

November/December 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the November/December newsletter. I'm aware that as you read about all our exciting adventures at the end of the year, we will already be into 2026. "Happy New Year everyone!" 🎉. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to continuing our excellent partnership working with parents in the year ahead.

Discovery Days

November saw the first of our 4 discovery days being introduced. Discovery Days are an enquiry-based learning approach, where learning is more opened ended, takes account of children's interests and builds on their skills and knowledge. Encouraging children to ask questions and work together. Discovery Day 1 focused on the opportunity to plan an activity which every class would have a turn at undertaking. Discovery Day 2 focused on developing the Expressive Arts area of the curriculum with every class teacher planning an activity around one of the 4 Expressive Arts (Music, Dance, Drama and Art). Although challenging, children have responded very well to this approach. We will do a full evaluation of the impact of this approach after all 4 days are completed.



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Scottish Afternoon

The end of November saw us celebrate another fantastic Scottish Afternoon. It is always a wonderful afternoon where the extended 'Inchinnan family' of family, friends, staff and pupils can come together to celebrate our heritage and culture. Many thanks for your continued support we raised just over £1000 for school funds, which will be spent on various activities for the children, including our upcoming 90th Anniversary celebrations in June (more information to follow).



Children in Need

The Pupil Council organised a very successful day to raise money for Children in Need. They sold merchandise – such as badges and wristbands, in the lead up to the event. Everyone was encouraged to wear their own clothes on the day itself and bring in a donation. Several classes worked out along with Joe Wicks online as well as other activities on the day. Altogether we raised £305.90! A big thank you to everyone for the generous donations.

Young Leaders of Learning

Our 6 Young Leaders of Learning from Primary 5 visited our partner school (St Mary's in Paisley) for the first time in November. They spent the morning in team building activities (including STEM and Arts and Crafts) and had time to have a play in the playground. Both groups are looking forward to visits to each other's schools early in the new year.

Scottish Book Week



Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading, aimed at encouraging and fostering a lifelong love of reading. P1 received the last of the 'Bookbug' bags, while P2 and P3 received their 'Read, Write and Count' bags all donated by Scottish Book Trust. Many thanks to the Library committee who organised many interesting reading related activities throughout the week.

Inchinnan Development Trust visit

Inchinnan Development Trust and Imagine If (a team working with to develop their Local Plan) came to work with both Primary 5 and the Pupil Council. They wanted to get our views on Inchinnan – the best bits, things we thought needed changed, as well as helping us imagine and draw about what Inchinnan might be like in the future. They've taken lots of our ideas away with them so we cannot wait to see things that are put in place.

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Remembrance

To commemorate Remembrance Day, our House Captains, accompanied by Mrs McGlynn, represented our school at the local Remembrance Wreath-laying service.

In school, our Pupil Council led our school assembly, including a two-minute silence – which helped us learn more about Remembrance Day and what it means, including the meaning behind the wearing of poppies.



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. It is always lovely to see how well our children are progressing in the 4 capacities of Successful Learner, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors, which was clearly evident in P7's class assembly, well done everyone! 🙌



Primary 6 visit to Inchinnan Community Nursery

Our P6 class visited Inchinnan Community Nursery to share some festive cheer. The children worked together to create Christmas crafts and then Charlotte read a Christmas story to the nursery children. Everyone is looking forward to another visit soon!

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day took place on the 11th December and, as well as dressing in our most Christmassy attire, we had our wonderful Christmas lunch too. This was served to us all in our very festive dinner hall with our favourite Christmas songs on in the background too. Donations on the day totalling £51.60, going to Save the Children's Christmas Jumper appeal.

Primary 7

Our Primary 7 class has been very busy this term. They have had a number of visitors in to speak to them and have had a couple of visits out too – they visited Erskine where they showed great respect, manners and confidence when working with the residents, and a group attended a STEM event in West College in Anniesland where many came away with lots of goodies!

P7 also took part in a Christmas Card Competition for local MSP Natalie Don-Innes. Congratulations to our two runners up, Olivia and Louisa, and to our overall winner, Ima, whose design will be used for the official card sent out by Natalie.



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Choir



After weeks of lunchtime practices the choir visited the Inchinnan Parish - Lunch Club and Inchinnan Care Home to spread some Christmas cheer. Many thanks to Mrs Retson for giving up her lunchtimes to support the children with this activity.

Panto

This year, all classes were able to watch a panto online! We're treated to a very festive Mother Goose. A tale with plenty of slapstick, songs, magic, audience participation, and of course a happy ending. P1-3 particularly enjoyed the fun as well as the chance to sing, laugh, dance and shout along!



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.

Christmas Nativity

We ended the year at Inchinnan Parish Church, where P1-3 performed a wonderful nativity, helping us all focus on the true meaning of Christmas. It really is amazing to see our youngest pupils perform in front of such a large audience with such confidence and an amazing ability in remember their lines. Well done also to the P7 Glockenspiel players for their lovely rendition of 'Walking on the Air'. Finally, a huge thank you to you all for the wonderful donations of £193.58 for Alzheimer's Society, this will be matched by the Local Authority and means a fantastic total of £ 387.16 will be sent. Amazing! 🍷

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

Congratulations to (P7) Louisa Craig, Owen Shaw, Emily Bean, Ima Dienne, Catherine Jeffrey, Olivia Dickson, Layla Dean, Charlotte Walker. Oliver Campbell, Orla Brownlie and Taylor Wilson for successful completion of "Fun Makers" award

Isla Hughes (P3) received a Rosette for participation at Cheer landing class.

Jessica Wilson & Maia Bell (P2/1) received a medal in gymnastics.

Eilidh Donnelly (P4) swam 42 lengths at David Lloyd pool.

Ella McKendrick (P1) received a medal at gymnastics for lots of different moves.

Bailey McFadyen (P1) received a certificate for community spirit for her generous donation to Community Foodshare in West Dumbartonshire

Skye Stevenson (P6) received 2 Golds and a Bronze in recent kickboxing competition.

Ava Gill (P6) moved up swimming classes and moved to Renfrew Baths to continue.

Charlotte Hughes (P6) took part in dance show and moved up level at football with full games.

Sophia Stevenson (P6) achieved gold award at Brownies

Avneet Shergill (P5) achieved green belt blue tag 5th kup and certificate for taekwondo.

Aurora Dhimitri (P3) achieved trampoline proficiency award level 3

Ellie Robertson (P3) achieved 4 trophies for dancing, and was Grand Champ Winner 2025

Sarah Jeffrey (P2/1) took part in Barshaw Park jingle bell fun run.

Charlotte Hughes & Sara Malik (P6) awarded trophy and medal for whole year effort at football

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.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting is online on Monday 12 January 2026, a link will be distributed nearer the time.

If you would like to contact the Parent Council, please email: -

inchinnan@renfrewshire.npfs.org.uk

Diary Dates -

Session 2025-26 - Term 3

- 6 January - Schools re-open for Pupils and Staff
- 12 January - 6pm Parent Council meeting - online
- 15 January - Chess Club recommences
- 22 January - P7 Burns Supper @ Inchinnan Community
- 27 January - P6 YLL St Mary's to visit Inchinnan.
- 6 February - Golden Choices
- 10 February - P6 YLL to visit St Mary's
- 11 February - School Football team- Football match
- 13 February - Come as you Please (no football colours)
- 13 February - Discovery Day 3 - focus STEM
- 16 & 17 February - **School Closed**
- 18 February - In-Service Day (**only staff to attend**)
- 23 February - P4 Class Assembly P4 parents welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee
- 26 February - 1.30pm Strictly Come Inchinnan @ Inchinnan Parish Church
- 5 March - 6pm Parent Council meeting online
- 11 March - Parents Evening
- 16 March - P3 Class Assembly P3 parents welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee
- 31 March - P7 residential info evening- 5pm
- 2 April - Come as you Please (no football colours)
- 3-17 - **School Closed for Easter**
- 20 April - Schools re-open for Pupils and Staff

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

Kind regards

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