



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school... big aspirations

January /February 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to the January/February newsletter. This is the longest term of the year, and we are making the most of this to challenge our learners across all areas of the curriculum.

Magic Monday

January saw the introduction of a new award 'Magic Monday' where 2 children are nominated, 1 by the class teacher and 1 by peers within their class, (building on our commitment to give children a greater voice within the school). This is to recognise and give children an opportunity to shine as individuals and be recognised for contributions across a wider variety of aspects of school life.



January Winners



February Winners

Primary 7 & 6 Burns Supper

Our P7s hosted a fantastic Burns Supper celebration in honour of Robert Burns on Thursday 22nd January. The afternoon was a wonderful showcase of confidence, talent and teamwork, and we are so proud of everyone involved.

We were treated to spirited performances of Ye Jacobites by P7, and Green Grow the Rashes O by P6 and P7, which had the audience clapping along. The Selkirk Grace was delivered wonderfully by Lucas Thursby, followed by a powerful Address to the Haggis performed by Oliver, Andrew, Lewis, Lucas N, Spencer, Rory and Taylor. We were also thoroughly entertained by the dramatic recital of Address to the Toothache by Olivia, Louisa, Ima and Euan. Our P6 pupils impressed everyone with their energetic Gay Gordons, while the P7s took to the floor for a lively Strip the Willow, bringing plenty of smiles and applause from everyone present. The afternoon was rounded off with thoughtful and humorous speeches: the Toast to the Lassies was given by Owen and Ethan with a confident Reply to the Lads from Orla and Charlotte. Well done to all our pupils for making this year's Burns Supper such a memorable celebration!

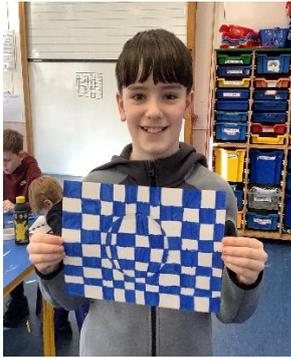
Discovery Day 3 – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.)

On Friday 13th February, we held another very successful Discovery Day. This one was planned by Mr Campbell and the STEAM committee. Each class teacher led a STEAM lesson or activity and

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the children moved around every classroom to work with different class teachers and experience a variety of activities. The list of activities for the day was as follows –



| Activity | 1 st Level | 2 nd Level |
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| Sound | Pan Flutes | Water Xylophone |
| Energy and Power | Balloon Car Balloon Power Resources | Elastic Band Car Elastic Band Power |
| Light/Reflection | Light Refractions | Magic Mirrors |
| Optical Illusions | Thaumatrope | Optical Illusion |
| Acids/Bases | Create own lava lamp | Chemical Reactions |
| Coding | Sphero Maze | Game Design |



Pupil Council

In January, we had a visit from Poppy Scotland and their bus, Bud. Bud is an interactive mobile museum travelling Scotland sharing the story of the poppy and veterans' real-life stories. Each class got the chance to take part in a workshop on board Bud, which included conversations, thinking time and crafts to help enhance children's knowledge and understanding of Remembrance and its heritage and meaning.

Friday 13th Feb, was also our Come as you Please day. This time, the Pupil Council had voted for Teacher vs Pupil – where children could wear their own clothes or choose to dress up like a staff member and staff could dress as a school pupil if they so wished. It was great fun! We certainly had a lot of teachers in school that day!



Primary 4 Class Assembly



It is always great to have a class assembly where we can have parents and family join us in listening and joining in the fun when a class share their learning. Primary 4 shared their learning about Vikings. Children really enjoyed finding out about people and places in the past, often making comparisons to their lives.

STOP THE PRESS!!

Amazing, exciting, wonderful news! The school has just been awarded it's Silver Reading Schools award. Many thanks to the library committee and especially Mrs Hamil and Mrs Crawford who have taken the lead with this work and undertaken the huge amount of paperwork that goes into submitting these types of applications. Believe it or not, but they are already planning for the Gold award and feel we are well on the way to achieving this one. Many thanks and congratulations to all for the hard work and effort in achieving this recognition of the fantastic work that happens at Inchinnan Primary, Small School, Big Aspirations.....

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Young Leaders of Learning (YLL)



On Tuesday 10th February, our 6 Young Leaders of Learning visited St Mary's Primary School in Paisley. St Mary's had already been to visit us in January, so this was our return and took the same format as their visit to us. The YLLs from St Mary's welcomed us and gave us a presentation about their school. We had a tour of the school, getting to see in each class and all areas of the school, we had focus groups with members of staff and some pupils and we had a meeting with the head teacher, Mrs Mitchell. As a team, we worked together to find highlights of the school as well as giving them suggestions and ideas for change. We focused mainly on writing and got to see lots of examples of their pupils' work. We have also got some ideas to bring back to our school too. We will all come together again next term to celebrate all we have done in our partnership.

Students

In January we welcomed Struan Errington to P7 for the start of his extended teaching placement, which will then see him moving and working within the P3 class. Emma Gaffney will join P2/1 at the start of March for her placement. We also currently have 2 College students on placement with us; all of this reflects how the teaching profession prides itself on its professional duties to support both students and undertake ongoing professional development opportunities and experiences.

Strictly Come Inchinnan

"Fabulous, Brilliant, Amazing, Great Dancing Everyone, All the dances were very different and full of energy" these are just some of the feedback comments from those lucky people that were in the audience for 'Strictly Come Inchinnan 2026'. Many thanks to Right2Dance who worked closely with classes for 4 periods in the lead up to this special afternoon. Well done to all those dancers that took part and showed perseverance, resilience alongside creativity and enjoyment, A...MAZ..ING!! 😊



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Parent & Pupil Learning Opportunity - Monday 23 March 2026

We are delighted to invite Live-N-Learn a partner company to come into school and deliver workshops for our P4-7 pupils and then, and maybe even more importantly a workshop for parents from 3-4pm. This interactive & powerful workshop aims to equip young people and parents/carers with the knowledge and strategies to develop healthier phone habits and reduce their screen time. This will lead to improved mental health, better sleep, enhanced concentration, better relationships with family & friends and greater academic success. They explore the impact of excessive phone use on various aspects of wellbeing and provide practical tools to establish a balanced relationship with technology.

Topics covered:

- Understanding the impact of Phones on Mental Health
- The importance of sleep and the roles of phones
- Improving focus and concentration
- Setting boundaries and building positive digital habits
- The Power of Smartphones
- Practical Tips to Help You Stay Safe and Feel Good
- How Can Smartphones Make Us Feel?

For Parents/Carers:

- Understanding the Digital Landscape: A Changing World for Our Children
- The Effects of Technology on Brain Development & Mental Health Neuroplasticity in Childhood
- Practical Tips for Encouraging a Healthy Childhood in the Digital Age

We highly recommend this workshop not only for pupils but also for all parents/carers and adults generally about healthy phone /screen time habits and urge everyone to try and come along to this workshop which will not only give you practical tips and suggestions for your child alongside making you consider your own usage!

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

Logan Bachen (P1) received a medal from St.Mirren youth football team.

Theo Hainey (P2) received a green belt in Taekwondo.

Molly Owen (P2) made a clay pot and decorated it at church.

Eilidh Donnelly, Shea Burns, Ruby Macaulay, Rylee McAulay (P4) all won 3 dance medals for tap, street and ballet.

Orla Gill (P4) received a medal for drama performance of "Annie"

Daniel Boyle (P5) attended first ever Chess tournament. He was joint 4th and won a medal, representing the school.

Layla Dean (P7) achieved back handspring.

Liam Storie (P3) was "Star of the Month" at Tennis and received "Well Played" certificate at Australian Open Comp.

Ellie Robertson (P3) received T-shirt award for qualifying for Blackpool dancing.

Jamie Carstairs (P2/1) awarded "Star of the Week" medal from football.

Theo Hainey (P2/1) made a book during "free flow" play.

Iona Allan (P5) achieved 18 different badges during Brownies activities

Daisy Kilgour (P5) joined PACE and is going to be playing Wendy in Peter Pan.

Jessica Wilson (P2) achieved level 4 swimming award certificate and badge.

Blake Kilgour (P2) learned how to swim underwater

Millie Donnelly (P2) learned how to do a backbend kick over at gymnastics.

Parent Helpers

During the February long weekend, we were incredibly lucky to have a parent volunteer and his work force to paint the girl's toilet which was in desperate need of a refresh.

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The Primary 7 girls picked a new colour and the paint was ordered, however a special and huge thank you goes to "Robertson Decorators Limited" who ended up undertaking 3 days work, which I'm sure was much more than initially anticipated, however the girls are absolutely over the moon with their lovely lilac toilet area.

We already have some parent helpers signed up for during the Spring break to refresh the school benches, if you are free at all during this period, please let the school office know. It will be lovely for the children to come back after the break to a refreshed play area. Many thanks in anticipation.



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 Thursday 5 March 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

- 4 March** - School Football team- Football match
- 5 March** - 6pm Parent Council meeting online
 - World Book Day
 - Author visit - David MacPhail
- 11 March** - Parents Evening
- 16 March** - P3 Class Assembly
 - P3 parents welcome from 9am for Tea & Coffee
- 17 March** - P3 & P4 trip to Vikingar
- 23 March** - Live-N-Learn Workshop for Parents 3pm-4pm
- 25 March** - World Maths Day
- 27 March** - Golden Choices
- 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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