



Inchinnan Primary School

Small school.... big aspirations

August 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families



Welcome to the first newsletter of Session 2026-27. I hope you all had a lovely summer, albeit a distant memory for many of us now. We were generally very lucky with the weather, and I hope you all got lots of opportunities to spend quality time with your family and friends.

A special welcome to all our new Primary 1 pupils and families, alongside our new pupils and families at other stages. The children have all settled quickly and are thriving. Learning is well underway. Everyone at Inchinnan Primary is extremely excited about the year ahead and looking forward to offering a wide variety of learning opportunities to the whole learning community.

Uniform -



Children are looking very smart, many thanks for your support with full school uniform. We will be continuing to promote learning and being outdoors as much as possible, and as we are all too aware, Scottish weather can be very unpredictable, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing to accommodate changing weather conditions.

Some reminders for throughout the school year - We continue to ask that pupils do not wear black uniform e.g. skirt / trousers. This is something pupils start wearing on entering Park Mains. We also ask that pupils do not wear different coloured hoodies and sports branded fashion wear. We do not advocate designer clothes / items as we try to reduce any peer pressure for our children. Children were wearing leggings / jogging bottoms during covid, we have stopped this and ask that these items are no longer bought for uniform.

We ask that children do not come to school with fake tan, make-up, fake nails, fake eyelashes etc. This puts unnecessary pressure on children. We understand that there can be occasions e.g. dance shows where children may use these items, but we ask that it is not common place in our primary school.

If for any reason you are experiencing any difficulty funding school uniforms, including PE kits, please speak to us, as all schools have access to funding to assist families with this. All enquires will be treated discreetly and in the strictest confidence.

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90th Anniversary Celebrations

As most of you will be aware, the school celebrated the 90th anniversary of the opening of the current school building at the end of June. While we are proud of the walls that have sheltered generations of learners and the many memories created within them, we know that a school is far more than bricks and mortar. The true heart of our school has always been its people: the pupils, families, staff, and wider community whose relationships, care and shared experiences have shaped our story over the past nine decades. As we celebrated this anniversary, we honour not only a building that has stood the test of time, but also the enduring spirit, friendship and sense of belonging that continue to make our school such a special place. It really was an absolutely wonderful day in every sense of the word, the children were outstanding and it was so lovely to see so many people from the community come back to the school to share their wonderful memories. Please find below pictures of the *‘heart of the school’*



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Communication

At Inchinnan Primary, we endeavour to have an open and strong partnership with parents, based on the core school values (see below) especially mutual trust and respect. We continue to do all we can, to keep you informed and respond to enquiries as soon as possible, however we ask for your consideration and understanding about increasing workload for school staff.

As you will already be aware the Local Authority/Scottish Government has introduced a number of systems (ParentPay, Parentportal) to support accurate record keeping and in line with their green print strategy. Feedback from previous parent survey's highlighted the challenges of finding information previously shared from the school through the seesaw app. Thus, we continue to share school information through the 'Group Call' email system. This system will send an email to the first contact the school records hold. ***We ask that parents continue to direct administration information, including notes of appointments, holidays, drop off and pick up arrangements directly through the office (phone or school email) to ensure information is seen and actioned asap.*** For the time being we will continue to use the Seesaw app to share children's work, however this is under review due to increasing cost of this system. Our website is regularly updated, so, please check to quickly confirm dates of main events, staff work patterns and gym days and especially our weekly additions of pupil awards.

Mobile devices -reminder (full cluster policy available on school website)

We strongly encourage all pupils, supported by parents, not to bring mobile devices to school, the school has no insurance coverage for these and loss or damage causes upset for all involved.

Digital Etiquette (standards of conduct when using mobile devices)

- On arrival in class, devices should be stored in an agreed place. In Primary, this could be outwith the classroom. There should be an emphasis on the need for safe and responsible use of mobile devices technology by children and staff outwith formal learning and teaching purposes.
- General restrictions: At all times during the school day, mobile phones must be switched off and out of sight (e.g. in school bags). This includes movement between classes/toilets and inside toilet areas.
- Privacy: There is a need to respect privacy and the camera and filming functions on mobile devices must not be used without prior consent of subjects (children or staff) being filmed or photographed, including the uploading of these on social networking or other websites. Camera and filming should not be used in a classroom setting. This also applies within the playground before and after the school day. The use of phones is prohibited at all times in PE areas and in changing/toilet areas.

It was wonderful welcoming so many parents for our 'Meet the Teacher' event. If you were unable to attend, then class teachers will post presentation onto Seesaw as soon as possible for your information. If you have any questions, you would like the teacher to answer, please contact the school office on 0300 300 0161 or email inchinnanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

School Improvement Plan

The school improvement plan continues to develop many aspects started in the last couple of years e.g. Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationships Approach (RNRA), further exploration of the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and anti racism. However, the first half of the session will be focused on numeracy skills development, which we are undertaking as a whole cluster.



Our other improvement plan focus is around the development of raising attainment in literacy, focusing on reading and especially comprehension skills and a joint continued focus on skills between Park Mains High School and all the linked primary schools.

The full Improvement Plan for session 2026-27 and the Standard and Quality Report for last session will be published on the school website by the end of September.

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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 (P2) received a certificate and trophy recognising good listening skills at “School Out”

Bailey McFadyen (P2) performed a solo ballet piece at her recent dance show.

Molly Owen (P2) learnt how to ride a bike.

Jessica Wilson (P3) received a gymnastics medal.

Ella McKendrick (P2) received a medal from gymnastics for perseverance.

Daniel Boyle (P6) won “Star of the Day” and a medal and certificate from Kelburn hockey

Skye Stevenson (P7) achieved bronze medal at Kickboxing event.

Charlotte Hughes (P7) received a football medal from recent tournament, sponsored walk in aid of Parkinson’s.

Sara Malik (P7) received a football medal at recent tournament.

Mrs Derrick sold 4 of her paintings “Artist”

Eilidh Donnelly (P5) achieved over 4 medals over the summer for football activities and a trophy for “Player of the match”

Charlotte Kirkhope & Daniel Maxwell (P7) for creating a beautiful tribute to Dolly Parton for the school library.

Bailey McFadyen ((P2) received a medal from KMD dance class.

Diary Dates -

Session 2026-27 - Term 1 - dates and gym days are also available on the school website

8 September - School Photos by Monument Photography (Full school uniform please)

16 September- Flu Vaccinations PM

21 September - Scottish Maths Week

24 September - Pupil Progress reports - home

25 & 28 September - School closed for September weekend

2 October - Discovery Day 1

12- 16 October - School closed for October week

26 October - P7/6 Class Assembly, parents welcome from 9am for tea & coffee

19 October - Inservice - Staff only attend

16 November - Anti- bullying week

18 November - Parents Evening

26 November - Scottish Afternoon

30 November- School closed for St Andrews day

10 December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch

11 December - Discovery Day 2

14 December - P4 Class Assembly, parents welcome from 9am for tea & coffee

21 December - Nativity (TBC)

23 December - 5th Jan - School closed for Christmas break

6 Jan - Staff & Pupils return to school

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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