Inchinnan Primary School

Small school…. big aspirations

September / October 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and families

Welcome to the September/October newsletter. It's hard to believe that we are already through a quarter of the school year. We hope you enjoy reading about all the 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 . This hopefully 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, 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.

Committees

This session we have 7 pupil led committees for P3-7's. 'THE' that is Travel/Health/Eco, Library, Skills, Pupil Council, Nurture and STEAM (Science, technology, engineer,arts and mathematics).
On feedback from both pupils and staff this approach is so popular that we are 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 and in line with school improvement plan priorities. During this time Mrs Derrick will be working with P1/2 on a specialist input around Expressive Arts, starting with art skills. Keep reading to find out what has already happened…

– **Rights** Respecting School – this year focusing on ensuring that children's rights are understood, respected and promoted throughout our school and community.

- **STEAM** committee are aiming to achieve the Bronze Award from STEM Nation this year by initially holding a child led coding club at lunchtime and organising the STEAM discovery day.
- **Skills** committee focus this year is to empower learners through targeted skill-building, engagement, and lifelong learning.
- **Library** Committee is working hard to boost reading for pleasure and build empathy through the power of books! We have created lots of new displays, and are looking into purchasing more Voxblock Audio books for everyone to enjoy.
- **Nurture** Committee (also known as the Caring Carebears) are working on the nurture principle – "The importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing". We are doing things round the school for pupils and staff to help everyone's wellbeing.
- **'THE'** committee (Travel, Health and Eco) – are promoting healthy living through the travel tracker award and ways of taking care of the environment throughout the school.



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Pupil Council



Our new Pupil Council has been formed I'm delighted to announce the following representatives having been voted for by their class peers.
The Pupil Council have already arranged events for throughout the year with the first couple being the 'Come As You Please' fundraising days for the school. Monies from these events go to funding House Parties and other treats for the children. They are now working on the 'Harvest Collection'. Many thanks for your wonderful support and very kind donations to the Harvest collection which will be donated to Renfrewshire Foodbank.



Primary 1/2 – Crazy Hair



P4 Pupils/Teachers – swap uniform



Harvest Collect to date

Discovery Day 1

The theme from our first Discovery Day this year was numeracy and Maths to tie in with Maths week Scotland. As usual, each class moved around the school to visit each teacher who had prepared resources and activities for all pupils to participate in enquiry-based learning. Enquiry- based learning is a pedagogical approach that emphasises the active role of the learner in the learning process. It involves asking questions and engaging with ideas in an active way rather than passively listening. This approach is central to the Scottish Education system. Pupils had to use a variety of skills to solve problems in each area as well as increasing their knowledge and understanding on the topics covered.
This year's topics were volume and capacity, money, fractions, problem solving and shape.

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Primary 7/6 Class Assembly



Congratulations to P7/6 for leading the first, class assembly of the session. P7/6 share their learning of the class novel 'The Nowhere Emporium' by Ross MacKenzie. Where a mysterious shop, 'Nowhere Emporium' arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it quite by accident. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' -- and its owner, Mr Silver -- draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment. Which is exactly what P7/6 did to their audience, as we watched the children act out and share some of the key elements and learning from the story, with the clear messages of hope, kindness and creativity shining through. Well done everyone 👏.

Curriculum Improvement Cycle (CIC)

Scotland is in the third year of a ten-year programme focused on reviewing and evolving the curriculum. This is called the Curriculum Improvement Cycle (CIC). Education Scotland, Renfrewshire Council and Inchinnan Primary remain committed to keeping you informed throughout this work and providing a clear sense of what to expect and when. The refreshed curriculum, which is currently being co-created with teachers, practitioners, partners, and children and young people, will be formally adopted in schools and settings starting in August 2028. Please watch a very short video (2.15 mins) linked below to give you a initial awareness of plans. We of course will keep you regularly updated as further plans develop.

CIC explainer video

House Party

On Friday 6th Nov. pupils will be celebrating the first House Party of the year!

Many congratulations to Beardmore term 1's winners 🏆

They will be putting their real-life maths skills into practice to organise and celebrate within the allocated budget. Many congratulations to the other teams that achieved the set target points and have achieved an extra 10 mins playtime to celebrate 🥳. Keep up the hard work everyone, as the new term and target are already underway! 😀

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Pupil-led workshops - Parental Information Session

Our pupils have invited in parents to show our wider community all the different ways we learn in Literacy and Numeracy as well as some of the nurturing approaches we have in school.

Our Literacy table showed examples of spelling games to play and examples of the reading books we use. The pupils also showed strategies they use for reading and for comprehension.

In line with the School Improvement Plan, the focus of the Numeracy table was mental Maths. The children showed several games that can easily be played at home too. Lots of our parents enjoyed playing these while they were here.

The Nurture table had a variety of resources that are used on a regular basis in our school. Although our pupils and staff are very familiar with these, we realise parents may not be aware of them, so this was a great opportunity for our pupils to showcase them. Some of these resources were ones you will see at home too – certificates, stickers, awards, etc., whereas others were more school-based – Fix-it folder, calm box, etc.

Many thanks to all our families who came along and participated in these workshops and a huge well done to our fantastic pupils who led these with confidence and skill.





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.

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

Daniel Maxwell (P7) played in a tennis club championship and is age 11 groups 2nd place for Strathgryffe Tennis Club

Daniel Boyle (P5/6) won Star of the Week with Kelburn Hockey Club who he trains with.

Shea Burns, Rylee McAulay, Eilidh Donnelly, Ruby Macaulay & Orla Gill all took part in dance Excel, show including gymnastics.

Yousuf Malik (P1) got "Best Behaviour" trophy from out of school club.

Bailey McFadyen & Ella McKendrick (P2) have both learnt to ride their 2 wheeler bikes.

Evie McGuinness (P7) achieved key goals and awarded certificate for achievement and effort.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be an in person meeting on **Monday 7 December 2026**, all welcome.

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Diary Dates –

Session 2026-27 - Term 2 – *For ease of reference, the school website has all diary dates for the rest of the session.*

16 November – Anti- bullying week
18 November – Parents Evening
19 November – P7/6 Glasgow Science Centre
26 November – Scottish Afternoon
27 November – Come as you Please – Superhero/Emergency Services theme (fundraising on ParentPay)
30 November- School closed for St Andrews Day
2 December - Whole School Panto (more info to follow)
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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