



Dear parents/carers and community partners,

How lovely it is to be back working with you all! The sun has been shining and the boys and girls have loved being outside to eat their lunch and spend time with their friends. I hope this spell of good weather continues for us as we move through our final term of this academic session.

So much has been going on within the school and I hope you enjoy reading about the highlights within this newsletter. A recent change for everyone has been the advent of ParentPay, which helps parents and carers to manage funds and give permission for trips. I know how difficult it can be to remember yet another password but I hope the system is now becoming more familiar and user-friendly for everyone. For anyone who continues to experience difficulties with the system please contact the school where we will endeavour to do all that we can to help.

Our transition programme is now in full swing with nursery visits, meetings and visitors from the high school. The aim of our programme is to ensure a smooth transition for all pupils regardless of destination and to this end we would like to thank all our partners for their continued support as it has such a positive impact on the progress for our pupils.

Could I take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that pupils should only have water and not diluting juice in their water bottles please? I appreciate that many children prefer the taste however plain water is all that should be in classrooms.

I would like to thank Miss Paterson and her team for the support they provided the school and I during my recent absence. I know how hard they worked to build relationships with pupils, staff and parents and this was clearly evidenced by how much they were liked by all. I would like to finish by thanking each and every member of our school community for your continued support. We work closely as a team to ensure the best for our pupils and we could not do this without you.

Kindest regards
Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher

PARENT COUNCIL

We are looking forward to Lilies Day this year and hoping the sun will shine as we will be decorating a float, with this year's theme being 'Lego'. We will be in touch with the individuals that returned completed slips to take part with full details shortly.

We are also running a tombola stall and any donations are greatly appreciated as the money we raise from this goes towards the after-sports day event. This year's after sports day event will be similar to last year with lots of inflatables for the children to have fun with the family and as always the event is free. Along with sunshine we also need helpers to ensure the event runs safely. If you can spare 90 mins from 3pm – 4:30pm on the 4th of June please contact the Parent Council on the e-mail address below or text call – 07730 600895 by Friday the 31st of May.

We have had two great years running the parent council and look forward to handing over the baton to a new team to continue to support the school. We will be holding our AGM on Thursday the 13th of June at 3.15pm in the school and will be seeking to fill the positions of Chair, Secretary, Vice Chair and Treasurer to ensure our parent council support continues. If anyone would like to find out more about the positions prior to the meeting or if anyone cannot attend the meeting but would be interested in any of the positions please get in touch via the below e-mail or above number.

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Dates to Remember

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| Holiday School closed | 24&27-May |
| P2a Assembly | 28-May |
| P3 Trip Glasgow Resource Centre | 30-May |
| Sports Day 1 | 04-Jun |
| Sports Day 2 | 06-Jun |
| P4/3 Trip Glasgow Resource Centre | 06-Jun |
| P1 Induction | 12&13 Jun |
| JHS Transition Days | 12-14 Jun |
| P4 Assembly | 11-Jun |
| Parent Council AGM | 12-Jun |
| P5 Assembly | 18-Jun |
| P7/6 Scotland Street School | 19-Jun |
| End of Term Church Service | 24-Jun |
| P7 Leavers Dance | 25-Jun |
| School closes 1pm | 28-Jun |

Holidays in May

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 24 May and reopens Tuesday 28 May.



Sports Day

4 June – 1.30pm

Our Sports Day will take place on 4 June, weather permitting. For security reasons, if you wish to take your child home early from Sports Day, please collect pupils from the main entrance at the end of the event. Reserve Sports Day is 6 June at the same time. We look forward to seeing you then.

what's happening

P1a

We went on a bus to Glasgow Riverside Museum on the 2 May 2019.

Leo said, "My favourite part was holding the hose for the fire engine. It was lighter than I thought it would be."
Madeline said "I liked when we walked around the ambulance and using the equipment. I loved listening for a heartbeat."

P1b

Our topic this term is "People who help us". We are practised hard for our class assembly next week. Zachary wants to find out how the police solve mysteries. Ava wants to find out how the fire officers put out fires.

P2a P2b

Primary 2a and 2b's topic this term will be Our Community: Kilbarchan.

Lucy said, "I am excited to learn about old village secrets."

Jess said, "I want to know how old Kilbarchan is."

Adam said, "Looking forward to learning about planting for harvest and it leads to healthy eating."

Eric said, "Looking forward to learning how long it takes to grow vegetables when learning about planting for harvest."

P3

Primary 3 are learning about Ancient Egypt. We have lots of questions that we want answered. Finlay is super excited and can't wait to find out about the pharaohs. We also have a trip planned to help us find out even more.

P4

This term, Primary 4 have been learning about the world of Vikings. They worked in groups to sequence the main events of Viking history in Britain. They have also began practising for their class assembly, which will be focussed on Norse traditions. They visiting Vikingar in Largs, which will allow them an opportunity to further investigate the Vikings.

P4/3

This term P4/3 are really enjoying learning all about Ancient Egypt and they are looking forward to sharing what they have learned at their class assembly. Bryan from Strathcraffe Tennis Club visited the class to teach some basic tennis skills and the children are excited for him to return at the end of the month.

P5

P5 have enjoyed learning about Fairtrade and Ghana. Now we are learning about Tropical Rainforests and have interesting questions to ask and answer like "How many animals live in the Amazon Rainforest"? Rory
"Is there houses there?" Aaliyah

P6

In term 4, Primary 6 were asked to each write down a suggestion for the final topic of the year. The most popular suggestions by far was Natural Disasters. We have started learning all about different natural disasters, how they affect the world and what countries can do to keep themselves safe. We have particularly enjoying designing and building our own earthquake-proof skyscrapers, which we will be testing this week. We are also starting a unit on animation, which we are very excited about. We are very much looking forward to learning all about the history of animation and trying it out for ourselves on our school trip to Kelvin Hall. Primary 6 have been diving into creative writing this term and we are trying a new way of deciding how we will be successful. This is helping us to feel a lot more confident about our writing. Our favourite part of term 4 has to be getting to spend more time with our buddies. We recently arranged a couple of playdates to teach them some of our favourite playground games and has a lot of fun. We will soon be completing an ICT project with our buddies to help them feel more comfortable with and knowledgeable about Kilbarchan Primary before they start in August.

P7/6

Primary 7/6 worked on the different countries of Europe, focusing in their landmarks, languages spoken as well as their cuisine, famous citizens, national animals and many more. We worked with atlases and maps to be able to find Europe on the map as well as to locate particular countries and name their capitals. We also talked about democracy and we even had a quest from Scottish Youth Parliament who came to speak to us about democracy, rights and voting. At the moment, we are learning about all the different systems in human body, how they work and what to do to keep them healthy.

"I really loved doing the Europe topic and learning about democracy and how it works in different countries. We had a visitor in and she taught us about democracy and how votes work, we played "Would you Rather" and it helped me learn about voting". Alix

"I really loved learning about democracy and how it works." Eva

"I enjoyed learning about Europe and getting a visit from the SYP. It is my favourite topic in school so far!" Andrew

P7

This term primary 7 finished learning about many aspects of substance misuse. We were quite surprised to find out about the many ways that substances can harm people. We have learned a variety of important facts, which will inform our life choices in the future.

We are off on an interesting trip, to the gallery of Modern Art, to learn how to print on fabric. This should be a very unique experience and we look forward to bringing back our creations!

It has been great having Mrs Haining, our transition teacher, with us these last few months. She has been able to tell us so much about what to expect at High School and has put our minds at ease about some of the things we've worried about.

We are currently planning for our end of year dance. We are very excited about organising the food, guests, decorations and much more! We are also beginning to learn songs for our Leavers Service, which is approaching rapidly! It's a very busy term for us and we hope we don't run out of time!

"Last term we enjoyed doing Mama Mia as our Spring Concert it was fun for our last concert. We also enjoyed learning about Robert Burns and having our P7 annual Burn Supper." Jaye and Kirsten P7

"What I enjoyed about last term was our Burns Supper because we got to express ourselves and enjoy delicious, traditional Scottish food.

I also enjoyed our Spring Concert, we got to show our talent for singing and dancing and we all had great fun. This concert was our last at Kilbarchan so it made it extra special." Kate McEwan P7

Childs Name : _____

Class _____

Achievements: