

SCHOOL BULLETIN

KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

May 17



The very best!

I am delighted to be able to write to you as the permanent Head Teacher of Kilbarchan Primary School! I have been made to feel very welcome over the last few months and I feel very privileged to be part your school and village community.

Since my arrival, I have had great pleasure in getting to know many of you through Parent Council meetings, open afternoons, parental forums and class assemblies. I look forward to developing and strengthening these strong, positive relationships as we move forward together.

My goal for the pupils in my care is for them to be happy, confident, involved and achieving all that they can. We have a great team at Kilbarchan Primary School who work together to ensure your child receives the best experience possible and we want that team to include you. The Summer term is an exciting one and it provides lots of opportunities for parents and carers to get involved in the life of the school. I have been so excited by the response to our World of Work week which will inspire our pupils about future careers and opportunities, and don't forget our Sports Day which I know brings the whole school community together!

There are many ways to get involved, share an idea, ask a question or lend a hand. Our newsletters often have tear-off slips, dates of open afternoons or different ways to contact the school. Don't forget you can often catch me at the school gate or main office at the beginning or end of the day. Please find a way that suits and get in touch, we would love to hear from you!
Mrs MacKenzie
Head Teacher

Dates to Remember

Holiday School closed	01-May
P7 Ardentiny Residential	02-05-May
P2 Assembly 9.10	12-May
World of Work Week	15-May
Parental Focus Group	22-May
Parent Council Meeting 7.30pm	23-May
Skipathon	24-May
Holiday School closed	25&29-May
In Service Days	25-May
P3/2 Trip	31-May
Sports Day 1	31-May
Sports Day 2	05-Jun
P4/3 Assembly 9.10am	09-Jun
JHS Transition Days	14,15&16-Jun
P7 Leavers' Dance	22-Jun
Church Service 1.30pm	26-Jun
School closes 1pm	28-Jun



Skipathon - 24 May

This year, our annual sponsored event will be a whole school Skipathon. On the day, all pupils will be provided with a skipping rope to make use of and to take home at the end of the day. Sponsor forms will come home next week. The money raised, as well as paying for the skipping rope, will contribute to school funds. This includes school trips.

P7 Residential Trip Ardentiny

Today our P7 pupils have set off for a week of adventure and fun on our annual residential trip. We will keep you updated on the school website and we look forward to hearing all about it on their return!

Holidays in May

A reminder that the school will be closed on Thursday 25 May and reopens Tuesday 30 May.



Sports Day

31 May - 1.30pm

Our Sports Day will take place on 31 May, 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 5 June at the same time. We look forward to seeing you then.

World of Work Week

This month we welcome many new faces into our school as we work in partnership with local businesses, colleges and universities. We are also very excited to hear from our parents and carers about the work they do and the subjects they were interested in when they were at school. An event such as this is a great way for our pupils to learn more about the world of work and can give them different ideas about future careers options. Everyone here at Kilbarchan Primary wants our pupils to go on to be successful and confident adults, able to contribute to the community and we know that this week will help to spark their imaginations.

Parental Focus Group

I look forward to welcoming parents and carers along to my next focus group meeting, on Monday 22nd May. We will be discussing the priorities for the school over the next academic year, 2017/18, and I look forward to hearing your ideas, thoughts and opinions on how best to work together to achieve these plans. Keep an eye out for the invites!

PARENT COUNCIL

May brings with it the great news for our school that Fiona MacKenzie is our new permanent Head Teacher! We all wish Fiona well and hope her career at Kilbarchan is a long and happy one!

There's a few things to remember with the end of the school year in sight...The parents who organise the Lillias Day float really need helpers, please contact Lindsay at Kplilliasdayfloat@hotmail.com if you can spare some time to decorate!

The parent council AGM is on the the 23rd May at 7.15pm in the staffroom. The existing team are stepping down and will hopefully be replaced by a new team on the night. Please think about putting yourself forward for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary on the 23rd. Without you there will be no Parent Council in place for the next session.

Karen Hamilton
Parent Chair
Contact: kpparentcouncil@gmail.com

HEADLICE

Due to a large number of reports may we remind you that headlice is a common problem in primary school and the only way to battle the bug is to regularly check your child's hair.

P6 First Friends

P6 are making new friends this month with our new P1's for August. Activities will take place to support our new pupils as well as our P6's gaining valuable responsibility experience.

Primary 7 Transitions

As many parents and carers will already know, the programme of transition work is already underway for our Primary 7 pupils. Over the next few weeks, they will get to meet many of the teachers from Johnstone High School and hear about some of the activities they can look forward to when they eventually move on. Change can be a scary prospect but please be assured that all staff work incredibly hard to ensure the transition is smooth and that important pieces of information are passed on. Should you have any concerns, queries or comments regarding the process please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Water Bottles



As the hot weather approaches, may we remind parents to ensure that their child has a water bottle? Water is available in school and water bottles can be bought at the office for £1.70

What You Think Matters!

We want to know what you think. Do you have any concerns/ suggestions? If so please post them in the suggestions box at the school office. We will do our best to respond to your ideas and if we can't we will let you know why.

Newsletter by email? Please contact the school office or email selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk

PARKING SAFETY

May we once again remind parents/carers not to drop-off or park on the zig zag lines outside the school. This will help ensure safe access for all our pupils.

Clubs

Clubs this session will run from week beginning 24 April until week ending 2 June.



	Breakfast 8.20-9am	Lunch 12.15-1.00pm	Afterschool 3-4pm
Monday (5 weeks)	Running Club P4-7 (£1)	Junior Dodgeball P1 (50p)	Summer Athletic Games P3-5 (£1)
Tuesday (6 Weeks)	Hockey P5-7 (£1)	Junior Dodgeball P2-3 (50p)	Street Dance P4-7 (£1)
Wednesday (6 weeks)	Badminton P5-7 (£1)	Havin' A Ball P2-3 (All different Ball Sport Fun Games) (50p)	Rugby P4-7 (£1)
Thursday (5 weeks)	Dodgeball P5-7 (£1)	Multi-Sports P1 (50p)	Gymnastics P3-5 (£1)
Friday (5 weeks)	Karate P3-6 (£1)	Basketball P3-6 (50p)	

Childs Name : _____

Class _____

Achievements: