



I hope all of our families had a lovely, relaxing October break! We are looking forward to another fun-filled term ahead, culminating in our Infant Nativity Show, I can't believe we are thinking about this already! As many of you will be aware Miss Irvine, who was with us as a supply teacher, was relocated to another school after the October break. I know how popular she was with pupils, staff and parents and I hope you will all join me in wishing her every success in the next part of her career.

There have been a number of exciting events taking place within the school over the last few months and I know that there are more to follow. We have welcomed Brian Donnelly's partnership with the school, which will focus upon anti-bullying, respect, diversity and equality. He has held a number of workshops for parents and carers which were very well received, along with the work that has taken place in classes and with staff. This partnership will run throughout the year so if you feel there is something you would like to discuss further in any of these areas please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Other family learning workshops have included a discussion on our school priorities. During these sessions we looked at our success and achievements along with areas we would like to focus upon for improvement. Further details can be found in our Standards and Quality Report published on our website. We are also looking forward to our Sharing the Learning workshop, taking place on Tuesday 29 October, 0915 – 1015 and again 1500 – 1600 (crèche available). This is an ideal opportunity for our Primary 1 parents or indeed those who are new to the school to find out how our reporting system works and how to access your child's report. There are still places available so please return the tear-off slip to the school or give the office a call if you wish to attend.

Our Parents' Nights were very well attended and we thank all who came along. Due to unforeseen staff illness some appointments had to be cancelled. Those families affected will be contacted directly by the school in order to reschedule, we thank you for your patience and understanding in this situation.

We were pleased to welcome the Poppy Scotland Bud Bus to the school this week. Pupils in the upper school had the chance to learn more about the charity, the history of the poppy itself and were given the opportunity to make their own. It was a great success! We continue to work closely with SUSTRANS on the creation of a safer environment around our school. The children and Community Council have been central to the formation of ideas for change and improvement and we look forward to welcoming the team back on the 7 November.

This week also saw the first Masterclass taking place, with pupils and staff leading learning across the school. It was fantastic to hear our Primary 7 pupils introducing what they were going to cover and helping the other children achieve success with a new skill. In addition to this new approach, the first Wednesday of every month our whole school committees will meet to discuss important aspects of school life. We hope that with the introduction of these new approaches, all children will be more involved in leading learning and change.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! We regularly post pictures and updates from events happening across the school and the children love showing off their learning!

As always please feel free to contact the school should you wish to discuss anything further. We love hearing from you!

Fiona MacKenzie
Head Teacher

Dates to Remember

Halloween Disco 6.30pm - 9.00pm	29-Oct
Parent Workshop Sharing the Learning	29-Oct
P4 Class Assembly	05-Nov
P7 Class Assembly	12-Nov
P6 Class Assembly	19-Nov
Book Week	18 Nov
Parent Workshop	26-Nov
St Andrew's Day Holiday	02-Dec
P3a Trip	06-Dec
Nativity 1.30pm	10&11 Dec
P6 Trip	16-Dec
P2 Trip	18-Dec
School closes 2.30pm	20-Dec
School Reopens	06-Jan
Baldy Bane Panto	07-Jan
P5/4 Class Assembly	14-Jan
P1 Registration	15/16 Jan
P7 Trip	23-Jan
Holiday School closed	10&11-Feb
P5 Class Assembly	18-Feb
Parent Workshop	25-Feb
Parents Evenings	10&11-Mar
P2/1 Class Assembly	17-Mar
Spring Concert	24&25 Mar
P1 Class Assembly	31-Mar
Spring Break school closed	03-17-Apr
In Service Day	01-May
May Day Holiday	04-May
P3b Class Assembly	12-May
P2 Assembly	19-May
Holiday School closed	22&25-May
Parent Workshop	28-May
Sports Day 1	02-Jun
Sports Day 2	04-Jun
P3a Class Assembly	09-Jun
JHS Transition Days	10-12-Jun
School closes 1pm	26-Jun



Book Week Scotland Week Beginning 18th November

Pupil will receive a Reading Challenge on Friday 15th November. There will be a number of other activities taking place across the school with more details to follow nearer the time.

what's happening

P1

P1 were very lucky to have Building Procast in to visit our class. We learned all about insulation and roughcasting. We then were able to have a go at building our own houses using a variety of materials.

"I liked building a big castle with the magnetic tiles." – Sienna

"I liked building a house with a roof. I had to use Velcro so it would stick together." – Matthew

"I used lots of cardboard to build a castle with a fort." - Sylvie

P2/I

Masterclasses

"We can practise new things to see what we like and what we are good at." – Molly P2

Procast came into P1 and we got to build houses, play with chips and make stairs." - Innes P1

In maths we have been counting in 10s and 5s." – Madeline P2

P1 targets have been measuring and writing our names." – Rachel P1

P2

P2's Weather topic is concluding with the completion of a diary, recording the weather, rainfall, wind direction and temperature.

This term we are starting a topic on toys. The children have come up with lots of ideas about the toys they want to make.

"I'm looking forward to making toys out of Lego." - Jack

P3a

Primary 3a have been continuing to learn about space as their class topic. We have been learning about the Apollo space missions to the Moon as well as prominent astronauts like Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. Additionally, we created our own newspaper report about the first man in space, Russian cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin. In December we will be visiting the Glasgow Science Centre to explore their Christmas themed space activities.

P3b

This term Primary 3b will be learning all about the Artic and Antarctica our letters to our Pen pals in Florida have been written and posted and we are excitedly awaiting their replies. We are also going to be very busy practising for our Christmas Concert and look forward to our performance in December.

P4

Litter Picking

"We walked around the whole entire park finding loads of litter, we got a picture at the end. We found thousands of litter even on they way back to school it was so great to help the team up to clean up community." - Victoria

P5/4

P5/4 have learned that technology has changed since the 1950s, making our lives easier at times and because we enjoy using more advanced technology.

"TVs have gone from smaller to bigger." - Kadison

"Some controllers look like they work/control better." - Faith

"Gaming has changed since 1958." - Ryan

"Things have got a lot of buttons nowadays!" - Lyla

Next, we will be exploring the Polar Regions of the world.

P5

Primary 5 have loved reading George's Marvellous Medicine and competing a range of tasks related to the book. After discussion, Primary 5 decided that they were most interested in learning about issues involving climate change and technology in their new topic.

"I enjoyed acting out Grandma from Georges' Marvellous Medicine!" - Sophie

"In our topic I want to find out what is making climate change happen." - Zara

P6

Primary 6 will conclude learning about Titanic by making a rice soup that was served in the 3rd class during the voyage. Also, on Friday they will have the pleasure of a visit from a Titanic Museum, who will provide interactive workshops and activities as we allow children to work with artefacts and memorabilia connected to the Titanic.

In the coming term Primary 6 will be learning about democracy and parliament as well as the right to vote and how changes can be enacted by the people. The learning will culminate in a class trip to Edinburgh to visit Scottish Parliament.

P7

P7 are looking forward to our remembrance topic, and are already rehearsing for our class assembly. We are building upon our learning from term one and doing a great job! We are enjoying leading the new Masterclasses, and looking forward to completing the Bikeability Training over the next few weeks!

Email

Any parent wishing to receive our newsletter by email should contact the school office or by emailing –
selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gov.uk

WEATHERWATCH

Please note, should there be any uncertainty about the school opening/closing due to adverse weather conditions, parents can access up to date information through the Weather Watch icon on the school website main page. News is also available from Renfrewshire Council's website www.renfrewshire.gov.uk or by calling **0300 300 0300**. Please ensure mobile numbers are also up to date as we will text parents should an early closure be required. May I also remind parents that we encourage pupils to go out to play as much as possible and they should therefore dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

Childs Name : _____

Class _____

Achievements: