

# SCHOOL BULLETIN

## KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

Sept 17



### Dates to Remember

Tempest - Class Photo	05-Sep
Parent Council Meeting 7pm	05-Sep
Maths Week Scotland	11-Sep
Holiday	22&25-Sep
P3/2 Assembly 9.10	10-Oct
Parents evenings	10&11-Oct
In Service Days	13-Oct
October Break	16-20-Oct
Pupils Return	23-Oct
P5 Assembly 9.10	21-Nov
St Andrew's Day Holiday	30-Nov
Nativity 1.30pm	05-Dec
Nativity 1.30pm	06-Dec
P4 Assembly 9.10	12-Dec
School closes 2.30pm	21-Dec
School reopens	04-Jan
Baldy Bane Panto	08-Jan
Wellbeing Day	08-Feb
In Service Day	09-Feb
Holiday School closed	12&13-Feb
School reopens	14-Feb
P7/6 & P7 Assembly 9.10	27-Feb
Parents evenings	7&8 Mar
Be a Pupil Night	20-Mar
P1a & P1b Assembly 9.10	20-Mar
Spring Concert 10.30am & 1.30pm	28-Mar
Spring Concert 1.30 pm	29-Mar
Spring Break	30 Mar -13 Apr
School reopens	16-Apr
P3 Assembly 9.10	24-Apr
In Service Days	04-May
Holiday School closed	07-May
P7 Ardentiny Residential	08-11-May
P6/5 Assembly 9.10	22-May
Holiday School closed	25&28-May
P2 Assembly 9.10	05-Jun
Sports Day	30 May&4 Jun
P7 Leavers' Dance	20-Jun
School closes 1pm	27-Jun

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to our new school session! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, filled with lots of time with friends and family, and that you feel as excited as I do about the year ahead. As you will see from the newsletter, each class has had a super start, with fun activities and new challenges.

Our Outdoor Learning Programme is in full swing and each class is regularly timetabled to explore the world beyond our walls and put their learning in action. With this in mind, it is important that each child come to school with a suitable waterproof jacket to enable them to go outside and work with their peers. The school is happy to support any family where the cost of the jacket is an issue, please feel free to speak with me if you have any concerns.

The school will be celebrating Maths Week Scotland, week commencing 11 September. If you have any ideas or wish to work with the school in any way during that time, please do not hesitate to contact me. The whole school will be involved in the celebration and we look forward to sharing some of the activities with you in the future.

It is important to me that the school develops their involvement with charities and so I have set up a collection point for the Renfrewshire Foodbank at the main office. I will make regular trips to the distribution centre when the boxes fill up and this will run throughout the year. I hope to develop links with other charities through our Pupil and Parent Councils so if you feel able to get involved please let us know.

Can I remind parents and carers that if earrings are to be worn to school they should be of the stud variety and that they will have to be removed for PE. If a child cannot remove them independently then parents/carers are asked to supply tape or plasters in order to cover them. This keeps the earrings safe in the child's ear and reduces the likelihood of any sharp points hurting other pupils.

I look forward to working with you all this year and hope to see many of you at the next Parent Council meeting!

Fiona MacKenzie

Head Teacher



*You don't have to like me...agree with me...or enjoy the same things I do.  
But you do have to respect me."*

In place of our annual Anti-Bullying Week this year, we have introduced a new focus week focusing on respect. The aims of this focus week were to raise awareness of difference, inclusion of others, the different ways to show respect towards other and ways to deal with disrespectful behaviours. Across all stages, children and staff have participated in a variety of activities to build a respectful, safe and secure environment for all.

At the heart of our Respect week, and in line with Scotland's Respect me Programme, are the Rights of the Child. Children have the right to be safe and free from violence (Article 19) which has been highlighted throughout our Respect week. We are confident that pupils have gained an insight into key messages about respect from involvement in class activities, but also from visiting the Cinebus – this was a real favourite! You can view photographs of the children in action on the Cinebus on our school webpage.

To provide a consistent approach to our Respect focus week, Mrs Robb will be reviewing our anti-bullying policy. As always, parental views and opinions are important to us, therefore Mrs Robb will be keen to work with parents/carers during this process. More information will follow in term 2.

**P1**  
**Come See Day**  
Dates to follow.



The school will be closed on 22 & 25 September. We will reopen on 26 September

# PARENT COUNCIL

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday! At the end of last term the Parent Council Chair, Secretary and Treasurer stood down having completed their term.

At the last meeting in June a new team was elected into post, Iain Gardner as Secretary, Suzanne Bell as Treasurer and myself as Chair.

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous Parent Council Karen Hamilton, Astrid Janssen, Selina Hutton and Suzie Christie for an amazing year! Their commitment provided the children, parents and teachers with some fantastic fun filled events and activities along with educational equipment for the school.

We are holding the first Parent Council meeting on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 7pm in the school and would really appreciate if you could give up an hour of your time to pop along. We would really like to continue all the fantastic work the Parent Council provides but we cannot achieve this without a little help from all the parents.

At the first meeting we will be looking to discuss the way forward for the year and set up a plan to achieve this. As a full time working mum I totally appreciate time is precious and if you could give up a little of your time at even just one event in the year that would be brilliant!

I look forward to seeing you all on the 5th of September ☺

Seona Hart  
Parent Council Chair  
Contact: kpparentcouncil@gmail.com

## Mindfulness

Mrs Ralston is trained in delivering the Youth Mindfulness programme as a result she is introducing P7s to Mindfulness.

Mindfulness is a way of training the mind to be present. The 16 lessons that the pupils will take part in develop the following themes, intention, attention, attitude, gratitude, resilience, kindness to self and kindness to others.

For further information please visit [www.youthmindfulness.org](http://www.youthmindfulness.org)

## We Are searching for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to support our pupils in class.

Please phone Mrs Robb on the number below if you would be interested in volunteering in any way or if you would be happy to put your name forward to be called upon as a parent helper at events. Please note helpers in classrooms need a PVG.  
01505 702524

## Pick Up

To ensure all pupils have been picked up safely, all pupils need to leave the school premises promptly at the end of the day. Children who have not been picked up can then easily be spotted and taken to the office. Please note that there is no supervision in the playground before 8.50 and pupils should not arrive before then. Thank you for your support in this.

## ANNUAL DATA CHECK RETURN

Can anyone who has not yet returned their forms please do so quickly? It is vital that we have the most up to date contact information in the event of an emergency.

## COMMUNICATION

Please note – Information about the school is provided through the Newsletter which is issued around the first of the month. Pupils will also bring home a termly information sheet outlining what is happening in the classroom. Class Post is used for more daily communication along with the School Website. However, if you need to get in touch with us please don't hesitate to pick up the phone, come into the office, write or email.

## PUPIL COUNCIL/ ECO NEWS

As always, the children are encouraged to accept responsibility to work towards being responsible citizens within the school. Throughout the year, the Eco Group will organise Actions Days, competitions and even award certificates! More information will be posted on our school Eco Webpage and shared at school assemblies.

We look forward to welcoming our representative to their first Eco Meeting very soon!

## Road Safety

Once again, to ensure the safety of all pupils, we ask that parents do not use the staff car park or park on ZIG ZAG lines & use the informal crossings.

## School Photographs

Tempest Photography will be in school on 5 September. This year we will be offering class photographs.

## 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.

## Suggestions

Photographs of current teaching staff .

## Email

Any parent wishing to receive our newsletter by email should contact the school office or by emailing– [selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:selena.edmiston@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk)

Childs Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements: