

# SCHOOL BULLETIN

## KILBARCHAN PRIMARY

Sept 18



### Dates to Remember

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| P1 Come and See Days           | 17&19 Sep     |
| Parent Council Meeting 3.15pm  | 20-Sep        |
| Holiday School closed          | 21-24-Sep     |
| Ardentinny Meeting 6pm         | 27-Sep        |
| Parents evenings               | 9&10-Oct      |
| October Break                  | 15-19 Oct     |
| In Service Days                | 22-Oct        |
| Ardentinny Week                | 30-Oct-02-Nov |
| Flu Immunisations              | 07-Nov        |
| St Andrew's Day Holiday        | 30-Nov        |
| Nativity 1.30pm                | 11&12 Dec     |
| School closes 2.30pm           | 21-Dec        |
| School reopens                 | 07-Jan        |
| Baldy Bane Panto               | 07-Jan        |
| P1 Registration                | 16/17 Jan     |
| Be a Pupil Night 6.30pm-7.30pm | 29-Jan        |
| P2a Trip to Kelvingrove        | 31-Jan        |
| P2b Trip to Kelvingrove        | 07-Feb        |
| Holiday School closed          | 11&12-Feb     |
| In Service Day                 | 13-Feb        |
| Parents evenings               | 12&13-Mar     |
| Spring Concert                 | 26&27 Mar     |
| Spring Break school closed     | 01-12-Apr     |
| Holiday School closed          | 19 - 22-Apr   |
| May Day Holiday                | 06-May        |
| In Service Days                | 07-May        |
| Holiday School closed          | 24&27-May     |
| Sports Day 1                   | 04-Jun        |
| Sports Day 2                   | 06-Jun        |
| School closes 1pm              | 28-Jun        |

*It is a pleasure to welcome all parents, carers and pupils back to school. We hope that you find our newsletter informative but please remember to get in touch if you feel there is something we should include.*

*You will be pleased to know that the children have settled well into the new academic year and I have been very impressed by the high standard of work, the effort and the excellent manners displayed as they move around the school. In particular our Primary 7 buddies have provided a high level of care for our youngest pupils, ensuring their start to school has been as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We could of course, not manage this transition if it weren't for the continued support of all of our feeder nurseries who provide us with detailed reports and advice to ensure your children are well cared for and their needs met.*

*As we move into wetter and windier weather I would appreciate it if pupils came to school with a weatherproof jacket. We place great importance upon using the outdoor space as a context for learning and this will continue throughout the year, wherever possible. I appreciate that such jackets may be costly for families and so I wish to extend my offer of help to anyone in such a position. Please come and speak with me if money is tight as the school will ensure your child is provided for.*

*Finally it is my wish to have parents and carers in to school more frequently, perhaps helping out in classes, doing some reading, helping with sums, organising our Book Box or perhaps you have an idea of your own?! If you or a family member are interested in working with us, please contact the school as we would welcome you with open arms!*

*Kindest regards  
Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher*

### 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.

### P1

#### Come See Day

17 Sept/19 Sept 2.15pm  
Q & A session 2.15 - 2.30pm



The school will be closed on 21 & 24 September. We will reopen on 25 September

### 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.

### COMMUNICATION

Please note – Information about the school is provided through the Newsletter which is issued each 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.

### Mindfulness

Mrs Ralston is trained in delivering the Youth Mindfulness programme.

All pupils will be taking part in Mindfulness throughout the year. 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)

## PARENT COUNCIL

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday! The first Parent Council meeting this term will be held on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3:15pm in the staff room at the school. At this meeting we will be discussing the way forward for the year. As a full time very busy working mum I appreciate time is precious, however without giving up a little bit of all our time we could not continue to plan and run events to raise school funds and enhance equipment and materials for all the children.

This will be the final term for the current Parent Council and we really hope that a new set of parents will take over the baton to continue all the fantastic events and activities that provide fun for the all the family. As part of this succession planning we hope that anyone interested in becoming involved with the future Parent Council will work with us this term to support them moving forward. If there is anyone who cannot attend the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to the afternoon timings can you please e-mail [kpparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:kpparentcouncil@gmail.com) and we will look at the possibility of arranging an evening meeting after this date.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Seona Hart  
Parent Council Chair



"I've enjoyed throwing balls in gym". – Harris P1a

"I love playing with cars". – Max P1a

"I like making friends with Poppy". – Madeleine P1a

"I like running in gym". Lucas P1a

"I can't wait to go to the park". Zach P1a

We have had a busy time in P1b.

We are learning our first sounds and having lots of fun.

"I drew my family". Lewis P1b

"We sing at assembly". I like it. Elizabeth P1b

"I like listening to stories". Ella P1b

"We have play times and Golden Time. It's fun at the computer and the writing table". Sophie P1b

**Primary 2a have been learning about the importance of hand washing, we have carried out an experiment with some bread. We touched two different slices of bread: One with unwashed hands and one with washed hands. We think that the unwashed hands bread will go mouldy first because of germs.**

P2b

We have been exploring characters through the story "The Day the Crayons Quit" by Drew Daywalt.

**Primary 3 are enjoying learning about the Polar Regions and we are especially liking finding out about penguins.**

P4/3 have been learning about the artist Pablo Picasso and enjoyed creating their own "Picasso style" self portraits. They have also been learning about their natural environment and have had lots of opportunities to go outdoors to learn.

**P4 have been enjoying their new topic "Global Citizenship". We researched what Global Citizenship is and made our own definition. We then used our maths skills to collect litter and keep a tally of the types of litter we found! We now plan to speak to the school about why dropping litter is bad for the environment!**

Primary 5 have been learning about place value and making their own notes, and are looking forward to exploring their class novel "Pugs of the Frozen North" together.

**In Primary 6, we are studying Space as our topic. We have been researching the planets and learning all about the Apollo II moon landings. During our art time, we have been learning all about artist such as Warily Kandinsky and Claude Monet, and attempting to recreate artwork in their distinctive styles. We are enjoying athletics with Miss Urie and Miss Lynas. In Maths, we are revising our knowledge of different number processes and are beginning to study a unit on measure. In Literacy, we have been looking at different styles of poetry and have begun writing poems about "The Best Part of Me". We have also started studying programming through Scratch, and have successfully created our own animations!**

Primary 7/6 enjoyed helping their P1 buddies to get used to the school life. Currently the class are fascinated with their WWII topic and completely engrossed in the class novel "Letters from the Lighthouse" by Emma Carroll. P7 is also very much looking forward to their Adrentinny trip.

Primary 7

**We are reading a really exciting class novel called "Letters from the Lighthouse" by Emma Carroll. We have started our WW2 topic and learning a little about conflict and resolution. We recently learned about events that happened at Dunkirk. We also know about Axis and Allies and have been researching leaders of these countries.**

**For art, we were inspired by Pablo Picasso and created our own unique portraits. We also used shading and smudging techniques to create impressive pictures of some wartime leaders, like Winston Churchill and Adolf Hitler.**

**Being in Primary 7 means, we have to be a good example to the rest of the school. We have the responsibility of teaching the Golden Rules to the Primary Ones, as well as being their buddies. We are taking these responsibilities seriously.**

### 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

### 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.

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: