



It has been a pleasure to welcome so many new faces in to our school this term. Our wonderful new Primary 1s have settled in perfectly, ably assisted by our superstar Primary 7 buddies. I have been so proud to see the way in which the Primary 7s have welcomed them at the school gates, assisted with playtimes and lunches and generally provided a friendly ear, care and compassion for our new pupils. We would also like to thank our feeder nurseries who help to support a smooth transition by providing the school with detailed information to ensure we meet the needs of the pupils in our care.

I have also been really happy to hear how well our former Primary 7s have taken on the challenge of high school. We have had such positive reports, with people commenting on how polite they have been and how hard they are working. It is lovely to know that once they have flown our nest they have gone on to take such positive steps on the next part of their journey.

We thank all parents and carers who attended our recent Meet the Teacher night. This event was held following feedback from parents and carers who felt it important to meet with their child's teacher in Term 1 and the results of the questionnaire were very positive. We now hope to make this another new 'tradition' and are pleased to see it has been so well received. We are sorry that we cannot provide a crèche for every workshop we hold, especially for those sessions that involve the whole school but we will try our best moving forward. As you will have noticed we will be hosting a number of workshops over the next few months. Invitation letters will be sent out for each workshop and we look forward to welcoming you in to the school to hear more about the work that we do.

We continue to place a great deal of importance on outdoor learning and so ask that all pupils come to school with a weatherproof jacket so that learning can take place whatever the weather! I appreciate that such a purchase can be costly so please feel free to speak to me should this be a concern. We as a school, are happy to help families with such costly items and wish to extend this offer to items such as PE kits, lunch boxes etc.

Infant school gates – Could I ask parents/carers who are dropping children off at the infant school gates to assist us with maintaining their safety? Once a child has left their adult and entered the school grounds we ask that they then remain on our grounds, rather than coming back out to speak to parents. We are happy for children to remain with their adult on the pavement until the bell rings but it is important that they know that once they are in the playground they should remain there. Thank you for your continued help with this as it helps to ensure the safety of all of our pupils.

We are very lucky to welcome in so many volunteers to our school over the year and wish to extend this to parents/carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Please keep an eye out for a letter from Mrs Ralston coming soon with details of a brand new approach we are taking with plenty of opportunities for you to share the skills you have! I look forward to working with you all this year, with lots of exciting new developments being put in to action across the school. As always, please give me a call or pop in for a chat should you wish to discuss anything further.

Kindest regards  
Fiona MacKenzie  
Head Teacher

### Dates to Remember

School Photo	9,10&11 Sept
Ardeniiny P7 Trip	17-20 Sept
Holiday School closed	27-30-Sep
School reopens	01-Oct
P7 JHS	04-Oct
Flu Immunisations	09-Oct
Parents Evenings	8&9-Oct
In Service Day	11-Oct
October Break	15-19 Oct
JHS P7 Open Night - 6pm-8pm	22-Oct
Halloween Disco 6.30pm - 9.30pm	29-Oct
Parent Workshop Sharing the Learning	29-Oct
P4 Class Assembly	05-Nov
P7 Class Assembly	12-Nov
P6 Class Assembly	19-Nov
P2 Class Assembly	20-Nov
Parent Workshop	26-Nov
St Andrew's Day Holiday	02-Dec
Nativity 1.30pm	10&11 Dec
P6 Trip	16-Dec
School closes 2.30pm	22-Dec
School Reopens	07-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
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

### 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.



The school will be closed on 27 & 30 September. We will reopen on 1 October.

### 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.

### We Are searching for Volunteers

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

Please phone Mrs MacKenzie 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.

0300 300 0163

# what's happening

## P1

P1 have enjoyed starting their "Fairland" topic. We began by focussing on "The Three Little Pigs" and their "Fairyland" topic."

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"I liked using Lego to build the pig's house." – Grace

"I liked pretending to be a pig in the puppet theatre." – Finlay C

"I liked painting my pig mask." – Zoe

Next, P1 have chosen to focus on "Little Red Riding Hood."

## P2/1

Primary 2/1 are learning about materials in science this term and are enjoying music lessons.

Our topic in Primary 2/1 is "Fairyland". In this topic, we have read the three little pigs. Primary 1's have had opportunities to make posters for the Big Bad Wolf, art activities to make wolf and pig masks as well as pencil control and fine motor activities. Primary 2 have also made a wanted poster for the Big Bad Wolf and have written sentences about what the wolf has done. Primary 2 have tested materials to find suitable waterproof materials to make a roof for the little pigs' house.

"I enjoyed listening to the 3 little pigs in French." – Zach

"I liked making a wanted poster for the Big Bad Wolf." – Zachary

"I enjoyed blowing the paint and mixing colours." Mollie

"I liked drawing the wolf." – Emily

"I liked painting the heads." – Ann

## P2

In Primary Two we have chosen weather as our topic this term for science we are finding out about different materials and their properties. We are working on different reading strategies to help with new books and we are learning about different aspects of time, including seasons of time, including season months and days. We are really enjoying listening to chapter books and at the moment we are listening to Flat Stanley books for Health and Wellbeing. We are learning about what makes a good friend and we are also using emotions and how they affect us. We are also looking forward to doing practical music lessons with our Charanga Programme.

## P3a

P3a have selected Space as their first topic. We have been learning all about the Primary Planets as well as the Sun. Did you know that there is a volcano on Mars that is the size of Texas!

"1000 Jupiter's can fit inside the Sun." – Aimee

"It is also a Gas Giant." – Lucy

We can't wait to start learning about the space race and Moon landings.

## P3b

In Primary 3b we have been learning about classroom routines and rules and we have all settled really well. We chose the topic Antarctica and the Arctic and we are looking forward to learning all about this.

We are enjoying listening to our class novel "The Adventures of Alfie Onion" and the follow up activities are helping us develop our reading skills. We are all keen and enthusiastic and are looking forward to a great year.

## P4

P4 have read the Lorax and they are using it to learn about the impact our behaviours have on the environment.

"I loved creating questions for the Lorax topic. We used speech bubbles." – Bethany

## P5/4

Primary 5/4 Started off the term learning about volcanoes and creating their own mini volcanoes. We have learned about one of the Five Pillars of Islam –Hajj. Next we will be learning about how and why technology has changed.

"I enjoyed learning about the Pompeii experience using "Now Press Play."

"" – Connor

"I liked learning about Pompeii." – Ryan

"I learned there are underwater volcanoes." – Kadison

## P5

Primary 5 are having a great start to the year and are enjoying learning about Scotland's landscape in their topic and making landscape pictures.

We are reading George's Marvellous Medicine in class this term and have been using this to help with our comprehension and writing skills.

"I liked doing our landscape artwork our topic." – Eva

"I liked learning about home in maths. I can now tell the time in 5 minute intervals." – Alice

"I am enjoying learning new things in French – especially "il pleut" (it's raining!)." – Zoe

## P6

Primary 6 has been learning about the Titanic and how people were treated differently in the past. We looked at primary and secondary sources of historical information. We investigated the UN Charter of Children's Rights and the difference between the wants and the needs. We are looking forward to participating in Scottish Maths Challenge as we all love maths.

## P7

Primary Seven are having a great start to the year! We are settling in to our role at the top of the school and enjoying our new responsibilities. We have been doing a fabulous job helping our P1 buddies settle in and have has a great run as west play monitors. Our new topic, Crime Scene Investigation, is underway and is and is proving to be really informative and fun! We are really looking forward to our trip to Ardentinn next month. P7 is shaping up to be a great year!

### Email

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

### 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.

### Twitter

We are on Twitter! If you go onto Twitter and do a search for Kilbarchan Primary, you will be able to see our tweets.  
@KilbarchanPS  
We hope you enjoy viewing our tweets.

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

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Achievements: