



Kilbarchan Primary School

Newsletter 6

10/02/23



Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Council

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 2 March, 7-8pm via Teams**. Should you wish to be included in this email invite please contact the school where we will be happy to add you to the list.

The Clothing Crew can be found on:

<https://www.facebook.com/ClothingCrewKPS>

Parent page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/195046234419890/?ref=share>

School Trips

We have several children whose Annual Consent for Offsite Excursions form has not been completed on ParentPay. It is imperative that this has been signed off by parents/carers so that children can participate in such activities with their classmates. Could I ask all families to go to ParentPay and check that this has been done please?

Playground Improvements

In the afternoon of January 20, our pupil council and Parent council met together with a representative from a company who can help us to make improvements to our playground. The pupils shared ideas, gathered from the rest of the pupils in the course of their duties and class representatives. A new trim trail and possible painted games were considered, along with suitable locations for the items. The pupils helped to measure the areas, providing accurate information that will help us get an accurate cost. We also spoke about the need to consider the health and safety of these new items and how this could be maintained over time.

More of these meetings are planned as the children learn about the importance of gathering a range of quotes before a job is granted.

Aaron (P3) said, 'A new Trim Trail would be good because we would have more choices of things to play with. There would be more for the pupils in Primaries 5 – 7 because they don't have as much as the other children'.

Abigail (P3) said, 'I want it to be fair so that everyone has something to play with'.

Road Safety

We welcomed local councillors, pupil council committee members, representatives from Kilbarchan Community Council, and the Road Safety Officer from Renfrewshire Council, along to the school on 24 January to hear more about the issue of road safety around our school. It was a very productive meeting, with all participants sharing their views and listening to others. Our pupils spoke clearly and passionately about the problems and gave ideas as to how it could be improved.

David (P6/5) said, 'We want improvements so that it helps children cross to school safely'.

Ella (P6/5) said, 'Improvements could help children walk to school by themselves because just now some of them want to but can't because it isn't safe. It would also be a safer environment for children'.

We will continue to work in partnership with all those present and our Parent Council to find a way to move forward.

Kind

Welcoming

Supportive

Determined

Scots' Language

We had a wonderful celebration the Scots' language on 26 January from Primaries 6/5 and 6! Parents, carers, and staff were entertained with poetry, performance, songs, and plays, bringing the Scots' language to life for all who attended.

Afterwards everyone enjoyed Irn Bru, Tunnock's Teacakes, shortbread, Caramel Logs and Wafers! A real Scottish treat!

Millie (P6) said, 'I really liked learning the Scots' words and using them in the songs! I had a piece of shortbread afterwards'.

Luis (P6) said 'I thought it was interesting and I really liked the Scottish snacks! My favourite part was singing the songs, "You Cannae Shuv yer Granny Aff a Bus" and "The Jeely Piece Song".'

Transition

Our Primary 7 pupils have continued to benefit from the transition programme run by Johnstone High School. This has included online lessons and visits to the school itself. All the children enjoyed the Burn's Ceilidh which brought together all Primary 7s across the cluster with the S1 pupils for an afternoon of dancing and fun!

On 31 January we began our transition of information for those pupils going to Johnstone High in August. Mrs Robb and Miss Montgomery met with the S1 DHT Mrs O'Malley and Mrs Smith Pastoral Lead to discuss pupil progress and need. During this time our Primary 7 pupils were taught by a JHS teacher so that they could begin to get to know one another. This highly successful partnership continues our focus on transition.

On the same day, we welcomed some our upcoming Primary 1 pupils into school along with their parents/carers. This informal event enabled those attending to see the classbases, meet some of the teachers and find out more about how the day is structured in Primary 1. All those attending found it helpful and were able to ask any questions they had. It was just lovely to be able to welcome new members of our Kilbarchan Primary school family into the building!

Strathgryffe Tennis

Our Primary 1, 2/1, 3/2 and 3 classes have been benefitting from input from Strathgryffe Tennis club. The coach has been working with the children and their teachers, building their skills, teamwork, and fitness levels. Every time I have been in to see it in action, I can see how much learning has been taken place and how much the children have enjoyed themselves.

Georgia (P3/2) said, 'The coach Graeme was really fun. We got to throw the ball up in the air, turn around and catch it. We were practising the skill of catching the ball'.

Amelia (P3/2) said, 'We were playing a game of tennis. We had to dodge the balls and move quickly'.

Logan (P3/2) said, 'We were jumping, bending, and throwing. We had to follow the rules'.

Rebecca (P3/2) agreed and added, 'Having rules makes the games more fun because you know what to do'.

Football Festival

On Wednesday of this week, Mrs Ralston took our football team to the Football Festival. The participants represented the school well, demonstrating our values on and off the pitch. They lost the first two games but then went on to win the next three. It is great to be back out playing sports with others at festivals like this!

Contacting the School

Thank you for contacting the school early to inform us of any absences. This helps us to keep our children safe as we then know exactly where they are and why they are not at school.

Should you need to contact the school for any reason please call or email using:

0300 300 0163

Or

kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,

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