



## Kilbarchan Primary School

### Newsletter 8

20/03/23



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Parent Council**

The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 27 April, 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>

#### **Fundraising**

We wanted to provide you with an update on all the hard work that has taken place to fundraise for new playground equipment. A massive thank you to our Parent Council, partners, parents/carer  
We currently have £5000 from the Renfrewshire Council Village Fund

Malcolms have made a donation of £1,500

Hallowe'en Wear What You Want day made £153

Stark Images/School Photographs made £667.82

Christmas Jumper Day made £63.75

The Parent Council Christmas Fayre made £742

The Parent Council Christmas Artwork made £761

We are so pleased to announce that Cash for Kids raised £2161! This was an amazing community effort, and we would like to thank Kilbarchan Community Council and all other community groups who spread the word and shared our endeavour. We could not have managed this without you all!

With the amounts raised we will be able to realise the vision our pupils have for a new Trim Trail and playground games printed on to the concrete. We couldn't be happier!

#### **Spring Concert**

What amazing performances we had from our Primary 4 – 7 pupils this week! I was so proud of their hard work and determination to get it right on the night (day!). We love to see our children get the opportunity to perform and build their confidence, it is even better when you get to sing along! Thank you to everyone who came along and for the donations which totalled £227.50.

#### **World of Work Week**

We are very excited about our World of Work Week next week! At Kilbarchan, our pupils are encouraged to think about the skills they are learning and how they could be used in real life. We ask our pupils to think about the jobs they might wish to undertake in the future, the places they want to visit and how they can use what interests them to find a career they will love.

Our community and business partners have all volunteered their time to ensure our pupils get the most out of this experience. We would like to thank each and every one of them for agreeing to participate and for putting together presentations, activities, quizzes and fun activities, which all take additional time and effort.

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Let's hear from the volunteers:

- Karen King, Senior Mechanical Engineer at Binnies, will give the children an introduction to engineering in general and then focus on engineering is used in water and wastewater treatment.
- Victoria Orr and staff from Kilbarchan Community Nursery will talk about their work and how digital dyslexia tools can support staff in their day-to-day jobs.
- Lauren Riddell, a STEM Ambassador, will be bringing some rock samples in and giving pupils an introduction into geology and the rock cycle. She will then show how geology is applied in engineering.
- Nick Sheridan, children's author and TV presenter will be coming in. Have you ever wondered where the news comes from, or what a journalist does? Well, @nick\_sheridan is the man for the job. He's a journalist and author and can give you more than a few pointers on how to become a hot shot reporter when you grow up. But first, he'll have to help you tell fact from fiction...So join him for a chat about Breaking News - how to tell what's real from what's rubbish!
- Joanne McBarron is a radiographer, and she will be explaining what a radiographer is and what the job entails each day.
- David Middleton from Arnold Clark will be showcasing to the pupils the wide range of exciting fulfilling careers in ICT. There will be with a fun group exercise to plan out a webpage of their own, thinking about the purpose, features, and target audience.
- Alison Renfrew is a physiotherapist. She will be explaining what this means and how she helps people on a daily basis. She will also show the children how different movements can help the body.
- Jon Devlin, a STEM Ambassador from Strathclyde University, will explain how mathematics can be used to model real-world problems. For this talk, he will be showcasing the use of mathematical models to study cancer cell movement.
- John Smith will do optical surveying and provide pupils with an opportunity to measure height and distance using these digital tools.
- Christopher Dynes and a former student Tom, from West College Scotland, will show the journey from school to student to college and on to Apprenticeship. There will be time for questions and answers before the building of a pneumatic system and an explanation of pneumatic controls in the real world. Pupils will use their pneumatic systems to fire catapults!
- Health and Social Care Team from West College Scotland will provide interactive sessions, showing what day to day life working in health or social care looks like. Children will learn what to do in an emergency situation, find out more about living with dementia and get an interactive visit to the human body!
- Craig Newport, our Active Schools Coordinator, will be talking to our pupils about what his job is and what he does in the school. He will talk about the benefits of sport to your health and wellbeing as well as share some of his best experiences in sport. He will then take the kids for an activity session, showing that you don't need load of equipment to be active and have fun!
- Tracie Cameron, a dialysis nurse will do two slightly different talks. For our Primary 1 – 3 pupils she will talk about nursing in general and how the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde values of Care and Compassion, Dignity and respect, Openness, Honesty, Responsibility, Quality and Teamwork are important in helping patients. In addition to this, our upper school will also learn more about kidney failure and dialysis.
- Alison Cameron-Russell, from the Cats Protection League will share how her love of animals has led to a very rewarding career. The P1-3 sessions will focus on caring for cats, understanding their needs and introducing the charity whilst the P1-4 sessions have a real science focus; looking at habitats, adaptations, predators and prey as well as introducing terminology like 'carnivore' and 'crepuscular'. All workshops will incorporate an overview of the work the charity does, and each session will include time for questions.

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- Louise Anderson, a gym instructor will offer a fun and interactive session, talking to our pupils about exercise and how it makes them feel. They will do a check in and then some fun games/exercise, after this they will check in again to see how they are feeling. There will be a chance to think about the difference in feelings and why they (hopefully on that day) feel better.
- The Fire Brigade will visit and bring their appliance. The children will see what this looks like and all the features it has. They will find out more about the job and how they can help each to stay safe.
- Callum Colquhoun, from the National Air Traffic Services will provide an insight into what it is like to be an air traffic controller at Glasgow Airport. Learn about the phonetic alphabet, how to use morse code and a chance to communicate with Walkie Talkies.
- The Police will be joining us and will be talking to pupils about staying safe in the community, the various roles that the police undertake on a daily basis and the skills needed to get in to the profession.
- Drew Innes who works in Health and Safety for football teams, and large international events such as Formula One and UEFA.
- Alison Tourish will be telling pupils about her job as an engineering geologist at Mott MacDonald, working on wind farms and other energy projects all over the country. She will explain the other jobs available with a geology degree such as a palaeontologist, earth scientist or oil and gas engineer and the benefits of learning about STEM subjects at school. The children will get to look at how fossils form and learn about the rock cycle.
- Harry Weld-Forester is a STEM Ambassador and an Engineering Manager for Binnies. He coordinates a team of Engineers and Technicians in Structures, Electrical and Mechanical works, Civil and Geotechnical works. He will talk about how he designs and constructs water and sewage treatment works and about his work in Africa on Relief and Development water work.
- Evie Dalrymple will talk about being a forensic psychologist and psychology as a science. She will also introduce an engaging Cognitive Behavioural Therapy exercise that can help pupils.
- Jennifer Connolly works in the council's corporate communications team. She will be talking to the pupils about what the council does, what she does to promote and inform people about the work of the council and then they will do a short task to design a poster for an event.
- Gareth Fraser and Gordon McIntyre, along with staff from DXC Technologies will be bringing coding and technology to life for our pupils. They will get hands on experience of coding and working with robots, amongst many other exciting activities!
- Nicola Drummond from Team Up to Clean Up will be explaining how her team and local community teams work together to keep our environment in the best condition. She will be able to share how her passion for the environment has developed in to a career.

### **Eco Committee News**

After a generous donation from the Kilbarchan Civic Society, the Eco Committee has purchased several new items to improve our growing space. Amongst other things, we have purchased a wheelbarrow, 5 new raised beds and a wide variety of seeds and bushes. We are working towards our 3<sup>rd</sup> Eco Green Flag and 1<sup>st</sup> L.E.A.F. Scotland award. Our next step is to transform an area of the playground into a wildflower meadow, grow a range of our own fruit and vegetables and take an inventory of all the trees and shrubs we have in our grounds. Donations of seeds or young plants are most welcome.

### **Poetry Competition**

Primary 6/5 entered a poetry competition which asked them to create a MORERAPS poem. This type of poem had to include a Metaphor, Onomatopoeia, Rhyme, Emotions, Repetition, Alliteration, Personification, and Similes and I pleased to say that all pupils won a Bronze Award for their entries! In addition, there were five Gold Awards, and five Silver Awards for each age group and one of our pupils, David Savage won Silver! His poem about chess really stood out for the judges.

I am so proud of the hard work and effort that went into this competition by the pupils and their teacher.

### **Sporting News**

Mrs. Ralston and the Sports Committee are working very hard to achieve our Gold Sport Scotland Award. As part of this award, we are trying to engage more pupils in sporting activities and events.

So far this year:

Some of our P6 and P7 pupils, have participated in a Football Festival and a Netball Festival. Another Football Festival will take place at the end of this month so watch this space!

Recently, a group of P5 and P4 pupils took part in a Dodgeball Festival and as a result of doing very well, this team are now invited to compete in the Primary Games in June.

At the end of March, a group of P4 pupils are participating in a Tennis Festival run by Strathgryffe Tennis Club.

For our award we are also trying to increase engagement with local sporting clubs and teams. We are looking forwards to Thorn Athletic Football Club and United Kingdom Tae-Kwon Do visiting to work with our pupils.

### **Health and Safety**

Could I take this opportunity to remind families that we are a nut free school and that water bottles that are kept in class should only contain water. In addition, can we remind everyone that jewellery should be removed before participating in PE and that guidance from the Health and Safety Act in relation to false or acrylic nails states "nails need to be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self or others".

### **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](mailto:kilbarchanenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully,

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