

Rashielea Primary School

Newsletter May 2018



Honesty, Kindness, Ambition, Respect, Responsibility



We are half way through our third term already! Please read this to keep up to date with what has been happening in school recently and what is to come before we finish for the summer holidays!

Wider Achievement Surveys



Thank you to all of those parents and carers who have already taken the time to fill in and send back the surveys. These will help us learn more about the children's interests both in and out of school, which will help the school offer the children greater opportunity to take part in activities which are of interest to them.

Football Strip Donation



We would like to extend a huge thank you to Halls Management Group at Bargarran Community Centre, who very generously donated £500 to Rashielea Primary School's football team. Our team coach, Mr John Robertson put us in touch with the community association and made this possible. We are extremely grateful to him for this and for all his hard work and dedication this session.

New football strips have now been purchased for the team and they look fantastic! We wish the team the best of luck with their remaining games for this session.



Burns Supper afternoon

The P6/P7 Burns Supper in January was a huge success! Both classes polished their performances in time to create a wonderful treat for those of you who managed along, with poems, songs, dancing and bagpipes making up the afternoon's entertainment. Guests also enjoyed a traditional burns supper of haggis, neaps and tatties prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff. We hope you were all very proud of the children who are all able to perform confidently to a packed crowd.

Medication in School

Due to the volume of parents who have been requesting that medicine be given to their children during the school day, we have reviewed the school's policy on administering medicine. We will now only be able to give medicine to children which has been prescribed. If your child requires pain medication or antihistamines for example, we would ask that you manage this around school hours if possible. In the event your child requires medicine during the school day, a parent/carer will be required to come in and administer this. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Bake Sale - RNIB

Cara, one of our P7 pupils recently organised a "bake sale" in school to raise funds to donate to the registered charity "Royal National Institute of Blind People", (RNIB). Cara's sister is registered blind and Cara wanted to raise awareness of the amazing work this organisation do to support almost two million in the UK with sight loss. With the support of her classmates and all those who kindly brought in baked/bought goods, an amazing £358 was raised. We are very proud of Cara and everyone else who helped organise and support this event. Well done!

Out and About

Our pupils have been busy this term on various trips and activities:

- P6 enjoyed an afternoon at St Mirren Park at a Safe Kids event organised by Renfrewshire council.
- P6 & P7 attended a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) event at West College Scotland.
- P1-P7 attended individual class visits to Erskine Library
- Our winning house for term two, "Ness" enjoyed a play session at Pandemonium.
- P5 enjoyed a trip to Amazonia which was linked to their topic this term, "rainforests".



Sports Relief 2018

Well done to all our winners!



Sports relief week in March was an epic, energetic, fun filled week of sporting activities. The whole school came together to participate in a variety of events, such as a step-up-athon, the daily mile, dancing and a healthy bake sale. P5 were the winners of the Sports Relief Competition and they enjoyed an afternoon at Erskine Sports Centre, which was organised by the Active Schools Team. Great team spirit, cooperation and friendship was demonstrated throughout the week and we are very proud of all the children.



Water Provision

Summer is fast approaching and with the warmer weather and increase in outdoor activities taking place during the term, it is very important that children have plenty to drink throughout the school day. We have noticed a sharp rise in the number of children who are asking for drinking cups, due to the fact they are not coming to school with a water bottle. This is not sustainable for the school and we are mindful of the environmental impact this is having as we are using more plastic cups than we would like. We would please ask that you send your child to school with a re-fillable water bottle each day to ensure your child stays hydrated.

Easter Egg Donation

Our Easter egg collection in March was a massive success. We are extremely grateful to all the families who handed in donations for Erskine's foodbank distribution centre located in Erskine Baptist Church. We received over 100 chocolate eggs, which I am sure you will agree is awesome! These were presented to Amanda McCall from the foodbank during our Easter Assembly. Two of our children, Adam and Callum (P6) deserve a special mention, as they did an amazing job of organising and supervising the running of this commendable venture. Well done!

Special Recognition

Congratulations to Harrison (P6) who was selected by his rugby team at Bishopton to be a mascot at the Scotland vs England Calcutta Cup game at Murrayfield Stadium in February. As he led the team onto the pitch, he made an appearance on national television and was there to witness Scotland's triumphant victory against England. Well done Harrison!

Summer (P6) was one of the worthy winners of the Safe Kids Art Competition 2018, which received entries from Primary 6 children across Renfrewshire Primary Schools. Summer was invited along to a VIP ceremony to receive her prize alongside the other winners. At this, she met members of the local council as well as brave fire fighters from Strathclyde Fire & Rescue Service. Great job Summer, we are very proud of you!

Open Evening

Thank you to the parents who managed along to our open evening on 6th March. We hope you found the workshops productive and relevant to your children's education. We hope to organise similar events like this in the future and would be delighted to see as many of you there as possible.

Important Dates



Friday 25 th May	School Holiday
Monday 28 th May	Public Holiday
Thurs 7 th & Frid 8 th June	P7 Induction – PMHS
Thursday 7 th June (PM)	P1 Nursery Transition
Wednesday 13 th June (PM)	Sports Day
Wednesday 20 th June	P7 Leavers' Dance
Friday 22 nd June	P7 Leavers Service
Wednesday 27 th June	School closes for summer break 1.00pm (re-opens for children Wed 15 th Aug)

School Website

To catch up on all the latest school news and events please remember you can visit our website at

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/rashielea/>

You can also follow us on twitter: [@Rashielea_PS](#)

Free School Meals & Clothing Grants

Parents or guardians who satisfy the necessary financial conditions will soon be able to apply for the annual free school meals and clothing grants for session 2018/19. Please visit <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/> for the latest information and downloadable application form relating to this when it becomes available.

Ardmay 2018

P7 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to Ardmay in April. The aim of the week is to teach children the fundamentals of teamwork such as cooperation, communication and listening, as well as helping to build confidence by giving the children opportunities to participate in activities they have never tried before. The children returned from their adventures and they had certainly achieved all of these things, as well as having an amazing time. If you would like to see the photographs of all their adventures please visit our website.

Communication Slip

If you would like to help us to improve our school or have news of your child's achievements, please fill this slip in and send in to the school.