



## Rashielea Primary School Newsletter January 2019



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We hope you all had a happy, healthy and restful break and are back with us all charged up for the months ahead. In this newsletter we have information about all the things our school and pupils have been involved in over the past few months and a look forward to what will be happening this term.

### Staffing

Mrs Ritchie leaves us on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January to begin her maternity leave. We wait with eager anticipation for news of the birth of 'Baby Ritchie'. In Mrs. Ritchie's absence Miss Bethan Neill has been appointed following successful interview. We're sure everyone will give her a warm Rashielea welcome and we look forward to having her as a member of our team.

### Primary 1 Registration

This took place on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of January. We welcomed both new and existing parents who came along to register their children for our new session in August. This session, we are offering a more thorough transition programme. The new pupil's visits will begin in February and run all the way through to their inclusion in our sports day in June. We will be continuing with our first friends buddy initiative. Our eager Primary 6 pupils are very keen to meet their buddy and are busy preparing for their new role. We all look forward to spending more time with the children and welcoming them to Rashielea.

### Term Two Winners!

Congratulations to Rannoch House who won the termly treat for earning the most amount of points over the whole term. They were rewarded with a very successful Street Dance workshop. All the children participated enthusiastically and impressed with their ability to learn new moves, putting these together into a sequence to create a dance worthy of display. Thank you to Ian Shearer, our active Schools Co-ordinator for organising Amy to lead this workshop.

### Rashielea Primary Choir



Both the Junior and Senior Choirs have had a busy December spreading festive cheer with their singing. They visited Glasgow Airport, Little Inch Carehome, Salvation Army Lunch, Buchannan Galleries, Braehead and even at our very own Xmas Fayre! A big thank you to Mrs Birch and Mrs Steedman for all their hardwork.

The children's musical talent raised significant funds for the Glasgow Children's Hospital Charity and for Guide Dogs, including the sponsorship of our own dog, Daisy.

### Football

Huge thanks to John, our football coach who has been training our P7s hard. They are currently sitting mid table in our local league with a game in hand. He has also started training with the Primary 6s who are showing their enthusiasm already. Many thanks to him.

### Scottish Performance

Throughout the month of January the whole school have a Scottish focus as part of their classwork. The children will be getting to know more about the country they live in, its history, heritage and culture. The children are also learning a variety of Scottish poetry and songs. To showcase these we are holding our annual Scottish Performance on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of February. This is a whole school event where each stage will perform. There will be two performances. The morning show will begin at 9.30am and the afternoon will begin at 1.45pm. Tickets will be free. There will be a donation bucket on the day and the money raised will be divided between a nominated charity and our own school fund. Tickets will be available from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January, (2 tickets per family).

### School Clubs

We are almost ready to start our new programme of lunchtime and after school activities. These are not just sporty clubs but include such things as choir, coding and chess – so please have a good look to see if there is anything your child might enjoy. Many of these are free and we would like to encourage as much participation as possible.

This term's clubs are now LIVE on the class4kids website and should be booked on here for your child to attend. Information about age group and times is clearly displayed. **Please do not send your child to a club unless you have signed them up using this link:**

<https://rl-rashielea.class4kids.co.uk/>

Children are often selected from these clubs to represent the school at Renfrewshire wide events so there is an added incentive to get involved!!

**APPEAL:** in Rashielea, we are very lucky to have planters, flower beds and our internal garden. In addition, we have lots of fabulous gardening equipment which does not get put to full use. If any parent or carer has an interest in being involved in a gardening club at lunchtimes or after school, we would love to hear from you.

### Parent Partnership

We have to say a massive thank you to our Parents Association for all the hard work they do for the school throughout the year. As always the Christmas Fayre was very well attended and a great success. Parent Association managed to raise an incredible £. These together with all the funds raised across the year mean that the PA have been able to pay for:

- Hopscotch pantomime
- Subsidised buses for school trips
- Christmas party goodies for every class and prizes for party games.

### Volunteers

In Rashielea, we like to offer our children as many opportunities as possible so we try to say 'yes' to any sporting and cultural events as we can and take on as many new initiatives as we are able in order to be moving forward with our learning. However, unless we have the support of our parents and carers to accompany the children to events and outings and support our new initiatives, this would not

be possible. Therefore, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helps out with trips.

If you would like to become involved in volunteering in Rashielea, please get in touch. There are often projects that are just waiting for an enthusiastic parent or carer to get off the ground!

## P7 Sweatshirts

Our order has now been placed and we are waiting for the sweatshirts to be delivered. Children will be encouraged to wear this as part of their uniform from February when they will arrive. Each jumper will have the school badge on it and will be a reminder of the happy days here with their classmates!

## Pupil Led Charity Work

Here at Rashielea our pupils are encouraged to take responsibility and think of others. As a wonderful example of this, we have recently had 2 hugely successful fundraisers which have been planned and carried out by groups of pupils getting together and working for a common purpose – raising money for charity. Our first groups were from P7 and our second groups were from P6. One group raised £578.43 for RNIB and the second are still counting the takings from their fundraiser for Cancer Research. Our second group of children led by Adam (P7) and House Captains arranged for an inter house Foodbank collection in the run up to Christmas. This was very well supported by the children and many thanks go to Adam's gran who arranged for the collection and delivery of these items to the local Foodbank. These children are a credit to their community as the benefits of their efforts are far reaching. They have demonstrated through their actions the values of our school of kindness, responsibility and ambition. Well done to all involved.

## Disco

Our school discos are always thoroughly enjoyed by the pupils and the Christmas themed PA disco was yet another success. Again a huge thank you to all parents who helped to make this a fantastic evening for all children who were able to attend. We look forward to our next PA disco on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

## School Improvement

This term we continue to work on developing our approaches to Literacy, Numeracy, PATHS and Nurture.

During last term we introduced Pupil Hubs and House Meetings to strengthen 'Pupil Voice' within the school. Every member of staff chose a Pupil Hub to support the children in leading changes they wished to make. Each child selected a Hub to be a member of in areas that were of particular interest to them. Each Hub then agreed 3 priorities to work on over the course of this session and meet every 3 weeks to plan, do and review progress.

We also introduced House meetings every 3 weeks to encourage our children and staff to develop a stronger identity and sense of belonging. Each House devised a short rap/song that they felt represented their House, our golden rule and school values. The staff and children perform these at our house assemblies and did an amazing job of creating very different, unique and memorable chants and songs.

We will be continuing to develop these groups and their roles over the coming sessions.

## Anti-Bullying

Last term we engaged the services of Brian Donnelly to support us in consulting parents and pupils regarding the development of our Anti-Bullying policy in line with Renfrewshire Council's policy and national guidelines. The parent session, survey and assembly have provided us with an agreed definition of bullying and a revised policy which will be available on our website by the end of this term.

The results of the consultation were very positive and indicated that parents who took part were confident and happy with the school. Almost all of our parents agreed it was a joint responsibility to teach children about relationships and that our partnership approach works best. Our children showed they valued our golden rule and our school values and wished them to remain a key focus. They enjoy PATHS and feel that the school was good at helping them to sort things out and talking to them when they were worried. One area of concern was the adult supervision levels in the playground, whilst we are unable to increase the number of adults present, we will continue to work with the children through our PATHS programme and other suggestions made by the children to improve this. We have been involved in the training of 'Play time Buddies' and will be looking at developing this further.

Some of our pupil hubs will be focusing on raising awareness of bullying behaviours and how we can create an environment where bullying cannot thrive.

## Parents' Evening

The next Parents' Evenings will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>nd</sup> March 3.30-6.30pm. Look out for the folder that will come home the week before containing your child's current work. Please return these the next day so that they can be used in school. In June you will receive your child's written report.

## School Website

More information is available on our school website at:-



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

twitter 

Remember to follow us on Twitter: @Rashielea\_PS

## Important Dates



<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	P6 & P7 Burns' Supper
<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Whole School Scottish Performance 9.30am & 1.45pm performances
<b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Maths Games Night
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Mid term holiday
<b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Mid term holiday
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	In-service Day
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Valentines P.A. Discos
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup> to Frid 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	P7 Residential Trip
<b>Frid 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day
<b>Dates to follow</b>	P1 -3 Open Afternoons
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Parents' Evenings
<b>Thurs 28<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	Parents' Evenings
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Easter Disco
<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Apr to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Apr (inclusive)</b>	Spring Holiday
<b>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	P1 Easter performance 9.30 P4 Easter performance 1.30
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P7 Leavers' Dance
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	P7 Leavers' Service AM ( time to follow)
<b>Frid 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School closes at 1pm for Summer Break

