



ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
October 2021



*"Within our learning community, we will inspire one another to achieve our full potential.
Children, families and staff will be supported, challenged and listened to. Rights for all will be respected and promoted, with Christ and love at the centre of everything we do.*

*Working in positive partnerships, highly motivated staff will actively strive to create a nurturing, stimulating and joyful environment - **making learning fun!**"*

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October – Staffing Update

Mrs McAllan remains absent from work - Mrs Leanne Humphrey's (Supply Staff) continues to work in our school to fulfill Mrs McAllan's normal class teaching commitments.

On the 25th of October, we will welcome student teacher Nicole McNeilly to our school. Ms McNeilly will be based in our P4 class, working under the supervision of Mrs Smith and Mrs Bruce.

We currently have a vacancy for 10 hours Additional Support Needs Assistant (temporary). This post is currently being filled by Ms Fiona Murray (Monday and Tuesday morning) and Mrs Sweeney who has been allocated now to us for 5 days per week (4 last session).

**** REMINDER****

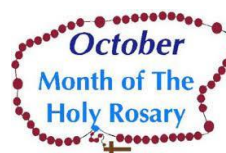
October week holiday

Monday 11th October to Friday 15th October.

Monday 18th October – In-Service Day
(school and ELC Class closed to pupils on this day).

School and ELC Class re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 19th October

Home/School/Parish Links



October is the month of the Holy Rosary, and during this month our Pope Francis Faith Award pupils (P6 and P7) will lead us in praying the Rosary each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in October. Please do come along and join us in the upper playground from 8.45am to 9.00am.

First Wednesday Mass

You may recall that it is the tradition of our school to attend First Wednesday Mass in St. Bernadette's Parish. Although restrictions in society have eased a little, within schools we are still unable to have large gatherings such as assemblies. Therefore, attending Mass as a whole school community would not be appropriate at this time.

We have agreed with Father David that for First Wednesday Mass in November, P7 class will attend Mass in church. In December, our P4 class will attend Mass in church. All other classes will attend Mass online in their classrooms.



Trinity High School News

We held our first cluster Head Teacher meeting of the session in September at St. Anne's Primary.

This year our cluster schools will:

*undertake cluster moderation of Numeracy (St. Anne's and St. Catherine's) and Literacy Writing (St. John Bosco and St. James) – Year 1. Year 2 (session 2022-2023 will see St. Anne's and St. Catherine's focus on Literacy Writing moderation, and St. John Bosco and St. James' on Numeracy)

*develop a shared vision, values and aims for the Trinity Cluster

*Further develop transition to ensure best outcomes for children.

*implement Laudato Si Schools in all cluster schools, sharing good practice and working in partnerships within our school and local communities.

*work in partnership with the Diocese of Paisley and SCES (Scottish Catholic Education Service) to create strong and effective communities of faith.

Parent Council

**We NEED you.
Can you HELP?**

Many thanks to all those who attended our first Parent Council Meeting in September.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held (via Google Meet) on Tuesday 19th October 2021 at 7.00pm

Should you wish to join the Parent Council of St. Anne's, it is not too late! Please do call the school office, or contact our Parent Council Office Bearers (Mrs Gardiner – Parent Council Chairperson, Mrs Borland – Treasurer, Mrs Carey (Secretary).

**** October Activities – Partner events****

During October, there are a number of activities for children and families from our partners in Active Schools, and in Cultural Services.

Active Schools

On the 31st of October, Active Schools are hosting a "Monster Dash" at the On-X in Linwood at 12 noon. Cost of entry is £3 per adult, and £2 per child, with prizes and spooky fun along the route! Further information on this event can be found at: <https://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/monsterdash/>

During the October Week holiday, there are a number Active Camps which children can attend. These are
Multi-Activity at On-X in Linwood
Football at Johnstone hub
Dance and Movement at Johnstone hub
Disability Sport and Activity Club at Lagoon Centre (Paisley) and On-X (Linwood)

Further information on October week clubs can be found at:

<https://www.renfrewshireleisure.com/october-activity-camps-2021/>

The Wee Spree

There's lots of family fun to be had over the October holidays as The Wee Spree returns to Paisley. The popular programme of shows and activities for children and families will take place from Saturday 9 - Saturday 16 October – and there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Please see attached flier, or visit:

<https://www.thespree.co.uk/>

Active Schools Pupil Activity Survey

This year, Active Schools, in partnership with all local schools, would like to undertake a survey to find out the different activities our children take part in. This information is helpful because it helps identify what is going well, and where Active Schools can work to improve provision to help our children be as active and involved in wellbeing activities as possible.

We would really like your help to understand the different activities our children take part in, so that we can work with Active Schools to build on the interests of our children and to provide further opportunities wherever this is possible.

Below is a QR code link to the Pupil Activity Survey. Please do scan and complete using your smartphone or tablet. Alternatively, you can access the link at:

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/RefrewshireLeisure3/pupilsurveyphysicalactivityandschoolclubs>



To celebrate Hallowe'en, our Parent Council would always try to provide our children with a Hallowe'en event where costumes could be worn. During the school day, although children would not normally wear Hallowe'en costumes to school, Hallowe'en would be celebrated through curricular learning activities

This year, again with current restrictions in place for schools, it will not be possible for our Parent Council to host an after-school Hallowe'en event. We recognise that this will be disappointing for our children, and may mean that they don't get an opportunity to dress up or have some Hallowe'en fun.

To avoid this, **we would like to invite our children (and staff!) to come to school in Hallowe'en costumes on Friday 29th October 2021.** There is, of course, no requirement to do so – it is still perfectly fine to wear school uniform or own clothes on this day! As always, we would encourage you **NOT** to buy expensive costumes – homemade is always the best!



We have been informed that, due to current challenges facing the food industry at present, some items or meal choices for School Meals may be unavailable at short notice. Although every effort will be made to provide meals as advertised, there may be occasions where items or meals become unavailable.

Please accept our apologies for this and be assured that where items or meals are not available, an appropriate alternative will be provided to our children.



Pupil Voice Groups – Update

Our Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) Group have been busy this month helping our children to bike (or scoot) to school during Bike to School Awareness Week. They successfully planned and organized a poster competition in the school, and this week (4th October) they will award prizes to the winners of the best class poster, and overall poster winner for P1-P4, and P5-P7 pupils.

The How Good is OUR School Group (Pupil council) have helped to re-fresh our House Teams, with our new House Team names changing from countries to Scottish Saints. Pupils will be informed this week (4 October) of their new House Team name:

St. Mirin
St. Columba
St. Mungo
St. Ninian
St. Andrew
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. John Ogilvie
St. Mun

In October, our Gardening Group will meet with Mr James Richardson from St. Bernadette's Parish to help plant spring bulbs in our garden areas.

Ms Robertson, our Literacy Champion, has submitted our Reading Schools Award Action Plan which is the first step towards us achieving this important award.



Once again, we must highlight the issue of car parking.

We continue to receive complaints from other parents and our local community regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

Please do make use of St. Bernadette's Church Car Park, or nearby Mains Drive shopping area car park.

Can we politely, but firmly, request that you do not park on the turning circle area, as this causes congestion.

Please do also avoid parking on or near to the junction of our school drive way and the main road, as again this causes congestion and also makes it difficult to see oncoming vehicles.

We have, once again, requested the support of our Community Police Officer to help us ensure the safety of pupils, staff and families.

Please do take the time to park safely and considerately. Your continued help and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

We recently held a "Wear Something Green for MacMillan", as we were unable to host our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning. Thanks to your generosity, £65 was raised for MacMillan.

If you still wish to contribute to this fundraising event, you can still do so through your Parent Pay account.

Have Your Say

Your views and opinions **ARE** important to us, and we are always looking for your comments or ideas about how we can improve our service to you and your child. Please do use the pro- forma below to share with us how we can improve.

We are always very grateful for support for the range of learning experiences we try to offer our pupils – if you can help in any way, please do let us know by completing the pro-forma below.

**** Have Your Say –October 2021****

Your name: _____

Your child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Comments/Suggestions/

Please return this pro-forma to the School Office by Wednesday 27th October 2021

I Can Help!

Your name: _____

Your child's Name: _____ **Class:** _____

When we are able to, we would love have parent/carer helpers back in school. We would also love to hear from you if you can help us to provide extra-curricular clubs. If you can help in any way later in the school year, please do let us know in the box below.

Please return this pro-forma to the School Office by 27th October 2021