



ST ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
October 2022



"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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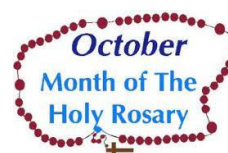
We wanted to begin our October Newsletter with a huge thank you for your support for our MacMillan Coffee Morning which was held on the 29th of September.

At present, an amazing **£1460.61** has been raised. This is an outstanding amount of money, and we are both delighted with, and humbled by, your generosity.

Thankyou!

A special thank you to Mrs Lusk and P7 (with a bit of help from P1 Buddies!) who did a sterling job in organizing this event, and to all of our staff for helping in set up. Thanks also to all our families for donations of cakes and biscuits – this was greatly appreciated!

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

As Father David will be on holiday in October, we will not attend First Wednesday Mass this month. We will next attend Mass in St. Bernadette's parish on 1st November at 9.30am for the Feast of All Saints, and we warmly invite all of our families to join with us on this day.

Diocesan Representation

We were delighted to be asked to represent the Diocese of Paisley for veneration of the relics of St. Bernadette's at the national shrine, Carfin.

Our Primary 7 pupils attended this event on Wednesday 28th September, and were a credit to the school and their families in the reverence and respect shown. Well done, P7!

**** REMINDER****

October week holiday

Monday 17th October to Friday 21st October
(School only)

Monday 24th October – In-Service Day
(school and ELC Class closed to pupils on this day).

School and ELC Class re-opens to pupils
on Tuesday 25th October 2022



Trinity High School News

We were delighted to welcome senior pupils and staff from Trinity High School to help us with our MacMillan Coffee morning, and would like to thank the young enterprise team for their time and support.

Trinity High School will host an information evening for P7 parents on Tuesday 4th October at 7pm in Trinity High School. All parents of P7 pupils are warmly invited to attend to find out a little bit more about Trinity High School and transition for our children as they prepare to move to secondary school in August 2023.

Trinity High School will host a Freshers' Day for our P6 pupils and P7 pupils. P6 will attend Freshers' day on Tuesday 4th October, and P7 will visit on Wednesday 5th October. PE kit and packed lunch should be brought for this. *(A separate letter has been issued to P6 and P7 parents/carers regarding this).*

Parent Council

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

Many thanks to all those who attended our first Parent Council Meeting in September. It was really heartening to see some new members and we want to thank you for your time and support!

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th October 2021 at 6.30pm

You may notice that our Parent Council Banner (which we display at the roundabout area) says 7.00pm. We will try to change this, but **please note that the meeting starts at 6.30pm, NOT 7.00pm.**

If you did not attend our last Parent Council meeting, please do feel very welcome to attend our next one on Tuesday!

Active Schools and Extra-Curricular Events

We are delighted that our Girls lunchtime Football Club continues to be well attended. Linking to this, our school will once again take part in OneRen Girls Football Tournament which will take place on 5 dates during academic session 2022-2023.

The first date for this tournament is Friday 7th October, and some of the players from the lunchtime Girls Football Club will attend this event *(a separate letter has been issued to Girls lunchtime Football Club members).*

We are also delighted that our P6-P7 afterschool football club is also running well. As with Girls lunchtime football club, linking to this afterschool club we will be taking part in Erskine Schools local area league. We have a fixture on Wednesday 5th October 2022. As P7 are at Fresher's Day on this day, we our team will comprise of P6 pupils with 2 P5 pupils (selected by ballot).

Many thanks to Mrs Fitzpatrick and Mrs McAdam for their time and effort in running afterschool running club and dancing club.

We are delighted to inform you that one of our parents, Mrs Friell, will be volunteering in our school to help support drama inputs linking to the Interdisciplinary Context for Learning (topic) of study/health and wellbeing in classes.

Mrs Friell has an expertise and background in drama, and we are extremely grateful to Mrs Friell for her help and support.

If you have an area of expertise which you think we would benefit from, we would love to hear from you too! Please do give the school office a call or drop us a little email.

Pupil Voice Groups and School Improvement

We are delighted to inform you that our Pupil Voice Groups are now up and running, with the initial meetings held on 27th September 2022.. All of our Pupil Voice Group representatives will be issued (or reissued) with a tie-pin for the group they represent – this should be worn **daily** to school.

All of our Pupil Voice Groups have a display in the school – within our Foyer area, you will find display/information on the following groups:

- How Good is OUR School Pupil Voice Group
- Laudato Si Pupil Voice Group
- Junior Road Safety Officer Pupil voice Group
- Gardening Pupil Voice Group.

Our Digital Schools Award and Reading Schools Award pupil voice groups have display/information within the P1-P3 corridor area.

Please do feel free to pop into school have a wee read of the most recent meeting minutes and find out how these groups are helping to drive forward improvements in our school.

Also within our Foyer Area, you will find our School Improvement Display – this has a copy of our School Improvement Plan for session 2022-2023, our Standards and Quality Report, and also summary statements on what our Improvement Priorities for this year are.

You will also find note paper and comment box for you to share your ideas/opinions on what we can do better. Please do also feel free to share your feedback with us using the comment sheet on the back of this newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming our Education Manager, Maureen Sneddon, to our school on Tuesday 4th October for a Self-Evaluation visit with focus on How Good is Our School Quality Indicator 2.3 – Learning, Teaching and Assessment.



During the school day, although children do not wear Hallowe'en costumes to school, Hallowe'en is celebrated through curricular learning activities during the school day.

In previous years, our Parent Council has run a Hallowe'en event where costumes could be worn. Due to the very low numbers of people volunteering for our Parent Council, it was agreed at our last Parent Council meeting in September that a Hallowe'en event is not possible this year.

As highlighted in communication to you regarding Parent Council at the beginning of this session and during last academic session, without sufficient numbers of regular volunteers, Parent Council events, which we previously have both welcomed and enjoyed, will not be possible. We would again urge you to consider volunteering for our Parent Council to help ensure that events, which you and our children value, are able to be planned and organised.



It has been really positive to see the uptake of school meals in our school – our children appear to be enjoying the new menus and range of food on offer.

A menu is displayed in our school hall for children to check what is for lunch the next day, as well as the primary lunch menu being available on Renfrewshire council website <https://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/2880/Primary-school-lunch-menus>

Please do check the menus with your child the evening before to help your child select a meal which they will enjoy.



In each of our previous newsletters this year, we have highlighted the issue of car parking in and around our school environs. Unfortunately, we must, once again, highlight the issue of car parking.

Despite repeated pleas to park considerately and safely, a persistent number of parents/carer continue to ignore our request.

Can we politely, but firmly, insist that you:

- Do not park on the turning circle area and driveway, as this causes congestion.**
- Avoid parking on or near to the junction of our school drive way and the main road - this causes congestion and also makes it difficult to see oncoming vehicles.**
- When parking in local streets, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not block entrances/driveways.**

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

We would very much welcome parent/carer help in ensuring safe parking in our school grounds. If you would be interested in becoming a Car-Parking Steward, we would love to hear from you! Please do call us at the school office.

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 –December 2022****

Your name: _____

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

Comments/Suggestions/