



# St. Catherine's Primary School and Nursery Class

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## March 2018 Newsletter

### **School Access / Inclement Weather**

Please be aware that during this snowy weather, pavements around the school may be slippery. Everyone is asked to take extra care and use the safest routes and those which have been gritted. School closure decisions are made at local authority not school level therefore please remember to keep up to date with Renfrewshire Council webpage/twitter feed and our school's webpage where we will always strive to keep you up to date with any announcements.

### **Primary 7 Enterprise Initiatives (extra-curricular activities)**

Well done to our enterprising Primary 7 pupils who have trained, planned, budgeted and coordinated the following clubs for our children, the cost of which is £1 per pupil for 4 sessions.

Magic Touch Nail Bar    Super Sports Stars                      Techtaztic Club

### **Fairtrade**

Thank you to Mr Donaghy and his Fairtrade Citizenship Group for organising our annual Fairtrade pop up café. A great afternoon was had by all whilst raising awareness of a very important cause. Thank you to all who attended.

### **Playground Golden Rules Competition**

Primary 4 recently set the whole school a challenge to come up with new Playground Golden Rules and to create a poster displaying them. Congratulations to Megan Waugh Primary 7 and Millie Dawson Primary 2 for creating the chosen posters and winning an extra playtime for each of their classes. See our school website for the winning designs.

### **World Book Day**

Mrs Dando's Library Citizenship Group will be leading our postponed World Book Day celebrations starting with leading an assembly this coming Friday and setting each class an exciting World Book Day challenge. The children are not asked to dress up for World Book Day but the whole school will share in our love of books and stories in many different and exciting ways throughout the course of the day.

### **Parents' Evening**

You have now received a letter to select your preferred time to meet your child's teacher and an appointment time will be with you soon. Please note that Ms McLaughlin and I are also available on the day. The Book Fayre will be available to you with a selection of books on sale at varying costs.

### **Spring into Easter**

Please see our school website for further information about Renfrewshire Leisure's Spring into Easter offers. A fantastic range of activities is available for children during the upcoming spring holidays.

### **STEM Day**

You will shortly receive a letter inviting you to take part in our annual STEM Day activities. The children will take part in an assembly in which we are honoured to welcome James Goodfellow ex St Catherine's pupil and inventor of the chip and pin!

### **Redecoration**

We are delighted to announce that St Catherine's will be undergoing redecoration over the coming weeks with the whole school being painted. Please rest assured that this will be organised to ensure no disruption to teaching and learning.

### **Learning and Teaching Visit from Education Manager**

We recently had a visit our Education Manager, Mairi Thomas, who spent a whole day in our school. She visited all classes and spoke to children about their experiences in St. Catherine's. Her very positive feedback to staff included; All children were happy in classes and eager to participate in learning activities. Very respectful relationships were evident at all levels. Strong leadership at all levels has resulted in high standards and expectations across the school. Staff encourage all children to have high aspirations and are passionate about developing skills for life, learning and the world of work. The impact of the well developed skills programme is evident in all classes. Mrs Thomas was very impressed with our very well behaved, confident children who shared our vision with her and how these are shown throughout the school day. The children were excited to let her know about how their voices are heard through our various citizenship groups and how they influence improvement in our school. I am sure you will join with me in thanking the staff and children who work very hard to ensure that we are delivering our vision to, 'Attain, Achieve, Aspire every day!

### **Visits**

Chief Executive Sandra Black and Depute Director Steven Quinn were due to visit St Catherine's on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Our visitors are looking forward to rescheduling their visit in the coming weeks in order to spend time with staff and pupils and to see our school vision to, Attain, Achieve, Aspire, in action!

### **School Holidays**

The school will close on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm and will re-open to staff and pupils on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **February Assembly Achievement Awards**

Congratulations to the following pupils!

<b>Primary 1</b>	Mia Dollard, Ollie Houston, Mia Hurles, Lyle Amjadi, James Harkness, Olivia Mullen
<b>Primary 2/1</b>	Kai Semple, Xander Malcolm, Sophie Sheehan, Iona Ashmead
<b>Primary 2</b>	Catriona Muir Dunbar, Natalka Glabska, Lee Morrison, Kacie Coyle, Reegan Dick, Clark Williams
<b>Primary 3</b>	Lucy Kelly, Liam Curivan, Gabriel Marshall, Thomas Carline, Ailey Gillespie, Shellie McKinlay
<b>Primary 4</b>	All of Primary 4 received a certificate for leading a Rights of the Child Assembly
<b>Primary 5</b>	Eva Russell, Laura Hardie, Jessica Parker
<b>Primary 6</b>	Aaron Jackson, Ryan Nixon, Nathan Muir, Brodie Forrester
<b>Primary 7</b>	Rosie McKenna, Russell McCulley, Kenzie Rogers, Scott Gillespie, Nathan Shanks, Jack McFarlane
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Jack Lappin, Stuart Harkness, Tyler Strathearn, Alexander Gibson, Kariss Orr, Kacey Orr, Lennon Wylie, Eilish Shannon, Hollie Adams, Coco Arquillo, Dylan Cochrane, Maja Wodkowska, Ailey Gillespie, Millie Michie, Keeley Clements, Caiden Campbell, Connor Hinshelwood, Eljon Ujupi, Morgan Barr, Niamh McGarvey, Lucy Kelly, James Brown, Chloe O'Donnell, Rachel Crawford

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **March**

- 9 World Book Day Assembly
- 21 Parents Night/Book Fayre
- 22 Primary 4 Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 28 STEM Assembly
- 29 School closes for Spring Break 3pm (Pupils return Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April)  
Non Uniform Day

#### **April**

- 16 Pupils return to school

## Recognition of Achievement

Although we encourage our children to tell us about their achievements out with school we are sure that we don't know about lots of things however big or small, for this reason we would like your help. If you feel that your child has accomplished something for the first time, improved in something, or has achieved an award (yellow belt in Judo, badges at Scouts/Brownies/Boys Brigade etc.) please let us know by completing the tear off slip below. Your child will receive a Head Teacher Award which will be shared at assembly and added to our achievements records.

Please tick ( )

<b>Church</b>	<b>Community</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Language and Arts</b>	<b>Music</b>	<b>Sport</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Details of Personal Achievement

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Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***You are welcome to provide feedback on any items contained in our newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is ever anything you wish to discuss.***

***Mrs Emma Henry, Head Teacher***

*The newsletter is available on the school website*

*<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stcatherines/>*

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