



# St. Catherine's Primary School and Nursery Class

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## End of Term Newsletter

### Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping to make my first term as your Head Teacher an enjoyable one. I am very lucky to be working with staff and families so committed to our school. Enjoy your spring break and I look forward to an equally successful term four.

### Pupil Equity Fund

Thank you for your recent participation in consultation around the spending of our Pupil Equity Fund. Ideas included, new reading books, digital technologies and further family learning opportunities. We will endeavour to take all of your views on board ensuring that we continue to make the right decisions for our school community.

### Reading Café

The reading café sessions were a great success with fantastic feedback from all involved. We recently collated the results from questionnaires with successes including;

*It was a stimulating environment for the children. I was able to spend one to one time within the school environment. It helped me in many ways with reading, socialising, playing, reading new books and spending time with my child. It gave me good strategies to support independence in reading. I have now started to read with my child.*

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

Well done to our Primary 7 pupils for raising £81.75 through running extra-curricular clubs. What a fantastic achievement from a very enterprising group of children.

### World Book Day

Well done to the all of the pupils who won our Library Group Citizenship competition. I am sure you all enjoyed your prize Easter Egg! Thank you Mrs Dando for arranging this for us.

### World Water Aid

Congratulations to Primary 4 for winning our World Water Aid Challenge. Primary 4 managed to spill the least amount of water in the shortest time and have therefore won an extra playtime for their class. Thank you to Mrs Campbell's ECO group and Mrs Burns/Primary 7 for their informative awareness raising assemblies and for raising money for this worthwhile cause.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to Mrs Burns and her Faith in Action Citizenship Group for raising £50.63 for SCIAF. What a fantastic achievement. A great day was had by all involved.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who came along to participate in learning conversations about their child's progress. I hope you found the meetings informative and enjoyable. It is in working in partnership with you that we achieve the greatest results for our pupils. If you were unable to make your appointment please contact our school office and we will endeavour to find you another suitable time. Thank you to our partner agencies for taking the time to raise awareness of the fantastic opportunities available within our local community. We hope that you found this to be useful.

### Parent Council

Thank you so much to our Parent Council who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to organise many fun events and raise a magnificent amount of funds. The work of the Parent Council has allowed us to purchase further iPads for your children this will enhance teaching and learning significantly. We thank you for your continued support.

## STEM Day

Thank you to our many parent/carers for their participation in our annual STEM Day activities. We had a fantastic day and ex St Catherine's pupil James Goodfellow inventor of the chip and pin thoroughly enjoyed his time with our aspirational children and has plans to work with us again in the future. As part of our plans our Primary 7 pupils also enjoyed a taster experience of a Science class at West College Scotland.

## Primary 6 Mary Queen of Scots Play

Primary 6 performed a play about the trial of Mary Queen of Scots beautifully to their parent/carers. Well done primary 6 what a professional performance and a wonderful achievement.

## Gallowhill Community Clean Up

Several children from our Pride in the Community and ECO Citizenship groups were involved alongside partner agencies in a community clean up event. Our children received a 'goodie bag' for their efforts and a big tick from Mrs Henry for being such responsible citizens. Thank you children.

## Religious Life of the School

Congratulations to many of our Primary 4 pupils who recently received the Sacrament of First Confession. This was a very peaceful and prayerful evening. Well done to all of our pupils who made our school community very proud. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10am in St Mirin's Cathedral. Many of our Primary 7 pupils will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7pm** in St Mirren's Cathedral. Please remember all of our children in your prayers.

## Visits

Chief Executive Sandra Black and Depute Director Steven Quinn have rescheduled their to visit St Catherine's and will now join us on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We look forward to show casing our hard working staff and pupils and sharing our school vision to, Attain, Achieve, Aspire!

## School Holidays

The school will close on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**.

## March Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

<b>Primary 1</b>	Jane Donald, Rory McKinlay, Jack Lappin, Mia Hurles
<b>Primary 2/1</b>	Brooklyne Murphy, Kariss Orr, Alistair Greer, Freya Dennett
<b>Primary 2</b>	Clark Williams, Kacie Leigh Coyle, Emily Morrison, Millie Dawson, Jaiden McAvoy, Karis Shanks, Aiden Todd
<b>Primary 3</b>	Lewis O'Neill, Mirin McAdam, Sara McStay, Kyle Mullen, Ava Mitchell
<b>Primary 4</b>	Niamh McGarvey, Maja Wodkowska, Lena Batowska, Dylan Cochrane, Josh Sullivan, Molly Barr, Morgan Barr, Ciara McBride
<b>Primary 5</b>	Rachel Crawford, Eva McShane, Brodie Blair, Cailyn Kelly, Christopher McGeoch
<b>Primary 6</b>	Hollie Adams, Sam Evans, Amy Turnbull, David Roy, Charlie Gray, Hannah Dillon, Jasmine Allen, Olivia Kearns
<b>Primary 7</b>	Sophie Kelly, Jack McFarlane, Gemma O'Neil, Finn Daly, Scott Gillespie, Rosie McKenna, Eilish Shannon, Angel Lee
<b>Head Teacher Award</b>	Jack Steel, Freya Ashmead, Catriona Muir Dunbar, Dylan Nixon, Adam Johnstone, Josh Sullivan, Lilly Elle Zavaroni, Olivia Kearns, Jane Donald, Iona Ashmead, Cailyn Kelly, Freya Dennett, McKenzie Coyle, Lily Rose McMahon, Alexander Gibson, Mirrin MacDonald, Millie Dawson

## Dates for your diary

### March

- 28 STEM Day
- 29 School closes for Spring Break 2.30pm (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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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