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March 2019 Newsletter

HMIE Inspection Report

We recently had a visit for HM Inspectors and we are delighted with our glowing report. Not only did we receive gradings of 'very good' for both our school and early learning and childcare class but we also received further recognition for our skills programme and our work to ensure pupil voice is embedded in the work of the school. I am delighted that the hard work and dedication of all staff has been recognised in this incredibly positive report. I would like to thank our families for your continued support and most of all our fantastic children for allowing our inspectors to see our school vision to 'attain, achieve, aspire' in practice. Well done everyone.

Free School Meals/Clothing Grant

All children in Primary 1 to 3 across Renfrewshire have the option of receiving a free school meal every day. This is very beneficial to families and you are encouraged to send your child for a school lunch each day. Families of any child in Primaries 4 to 7 who feel they would be entitled to a free meal due to personal circumstances should not hesitate to make application to the Council (forms are available from the school office on request). Clothing Grant application forms are also available.

Parent Partnership – Tech Lit Café

Thank you to all that have managed to come along to our P1/2 Tech Lit Café sessions. It has been very successful and a joy to see our families working in partnership with their teachers. If you have not attended please feel free to come along to our final sessions! The children that attend our Tech Lit Café this year will be invited to help Mrs Henry evaluate the sessions over a slice of pizza in the coming weeks.

HOPE

Our Families First HOPE sessions are currently running on a Friday from 1.30pm here in St Catherine's Primary. Please try to come along if you can. Sessions coming up this term include, healthy bodies, employability, income advice/benefits and volunteering opportunities.

Families First Income Advisor

Penny Ralston our Income Advisor from the Families First team will be based in St Catherine's Primary every Thursday from 10am-12pm for support/advice. No appointments necessary.

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 50p per session.

SC Nailbar Spectacular Sports Stars Techtaztic Club

Fairtrade

Thank you to Mr Donaghy and his Fairtrade Citizenship Group for organising our annual Fairtrade fund raising event. This year this group have planned an awareness raising Pancake Tuesday Tuck Shop. Children can purchase one pancake topped with fair trade products for 20p on the morning of **Tuesday 5th March**.

Eco Flag

Congratulations to Miss Calvert and the Eco committee on successfully renewing our Eco-schools Green Flag Award. The group's application received excellent feedback from the assessors who were very impressed with how much our pupils had accomplished. Our new flag is on the way!

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. Miss Wilson our Primary 7 Trinity Cluster Transition Teacher will be attending our evening as will Heidi our Place 2Be Councillor. The Book Fayre will be available to you with a selection of books on sale at varying costs. I would also ask that you to take the time to visit our consultation station and help us to ensure your views are heard in relation to our School Improvement Plan and Pupil Equity Fund spending.

World Book Day

We will enjoy World Book Day (7th March) in school by celebrating our love of books in class in a variety of exciting ways. Our Library Committee Citizenship Group have an exciting competition planned for our children to do on this day. We will not be asking the children to dress up.

STEM Week

Our annual STEM activities will be taking place during the week of **11th March**. We have consulted with our children and they have asked that this year we have a STEM week not just a day, they have requested STEM challenges outdoors and that our parents come in again this year to talk about their careers. Thank you to Mrs Campbell and Ms McLaughlin who have put all the children's ideas together to timetable a variety of exciting experiences across the course of the week.

Staffing update

We would like to welcome Miss Nicola Hunter to our Early Learning and Childcare Class. Miss Hunter is joining us in her new position as Early Years Graduate. Miss Hunter has already settled in and is proving to be a great asset to the team. I am sure you will join me in making her feel very welcome.

Parent Council

Please come along to our next meeting which is planned for **Thursday 21st March at 6.15pm**. I would like to hear your thoughts on our Pupil Equity Fund and School Improvement Plan.

Sacrament Dates

In order to give you us much notice as possible I would like to share the following dates with you for your diary.

- P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation: **25th March 2019 at 7pm**
- P4 First Holy Communion: **11th May 2019 at 10am**
- P7 Sacrament of Confirmation: **15th May 2019 at 7pm**
- P4/P7 Mass Of Thanksgiving: **19th May 2019 at 10am**

Further information will follow nearer these dates.

School Holidays

The school will close on **Friday 29th March at 2.30pm** and will re-open to staff and pupils on **Monday 15th April**. The school will then close on **Thursday 18th April** and will reopen to staff and pupils on **Tuesday 23rd April**.

February Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Josh McKenna, Sabrina Tasmin, Ella Hamilton, Cole Cochrane, Codie Carr, Tymon Batkowski, Louis Murray, Aiden Cummings,
Primary 2	Kayla Ireland, Brogan Blair, Olivia Mullen, Callum Donnell, James Harkness, Millie Michie, Dorian Gora
Primary 3/2	Eloise Colquhoun, Phillip McBride, kayden Coyle, Xander Malcolm, Sophie Sheehan, Kai Semple
Primary 3	Julia Sobanski, Millie Dawson, Karis Shanks, Reegan Dick, Elijah Chikuta
Primary 4	Lucy Kelly, Kyle Mullen, Ava Mitchell, Michella Mullen, Lewis O'Neill, Jacob Page, Thomas Carline
Primary 5	Lena Batkowska, Niamh McGarvey, Brendan Thomson, Ciara McBride, Jackson Craig
Primary 6	Chloe O'Donnell, Hailey O'Donnell, Eva Russell, James Brown, Rachel Crawford, Andrew Bisland
Primary 7	Azlan Baig, Sam Evans, Sean Strathearn, Jasmine Allen, Kieran Connor,
Head Teacher Awards	Jaya Pardasani, Sabrina Tasmin, Sam Evans, Josh Sullivan, Kacey Orr, Karis Orr, David Roy, Sean Strathearn

Dates for your diary

March

- 4 Citizenship Groups
6 Ash Wednesday Service
11 STEM Week
15 P1/P7 Dental Inspections
20 Parents Evening
21 Parent Council Meeting 6.15pm
25 P4 Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7pm
29 School closes at 2.30pm

April

- 15 School opens to staff and pupils
19 School closed to staff and pupils
22 School closed to staff and pupils
23 School opens to staff and pupils

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.

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

Name _____

Class _____

Details of Personal Achievement

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

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

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