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October 2019 Newsletter

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all that attended our Meet the Teacher event. We had a fantastic turn out, as always. It was lovely to see our children confidently discussing their learning targets and sharing their achievements. Thank you for continuing to support the work of the school.

Reading Café

We have had a great turn out so far for our P3/4 Reading Café sessions and are delighted to be now offering this to our **Primary 5, Primary 6 and Primary 7** families. Reading Cafes are designed to be a relaxed and fun opportunity for you and your child to read together whilst gaining insight from your child's teacher as to how to get the best from this time together. There is evidence to suggest that children that read with their parents/carers not only develop a love of reading but also make more progress in their reading attainment. We would like to put this theory to the test!

Reading Cafés will take place for Primary 5-7 on a Wednesday between 3pm-4pm on the following dates:

- Week 1 – 6.11.19
- Week 2 – 13.11.19
- Week 3 – 20.11.19
- Week 4 – 27.11.19
- Week 5 – 4.12.19
- Week 6 – 11.12.19
- Week 7 – 18.12.19

Parent Council

Please come along to our next meeting which is planned for this **Thursday 10th October at 5.45pm.**

West College Partnership

We have excellent links with our West College neighbours and many great opportunities will be available to our pupils and families across the school year. This year Primary 6 and 7 are experiencing life in the hospitality trade. This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience new skills, learn from our partners and have great fun in the process! Parents will be invited to a showcase event at the end of the year. **If you are interested in learning more about the hospitality trade then why not join P6/7 on a Wednesday afternoon as a volunteer.** Contact Mrs Henry if you would like further information.

Car Park Pledge

You will have noticed the new banners around the school promoting safe parking. We are committed to keeping our children safe and remind you that **the car park is for staff only.** Thank you for your assistance with this.

Maths Week Scotland

We recently enjoyed a full week of maths celebrations during maths week Scotland. The feedback from the pupils was very encouraging and highlighted that our approach to improving attitudes to maths through rich and engaging tasks is making difference! Thank you to Ms McLaughlin, Mr Donaghy and

Mr Gallagher for organising the events of the week. Well done to Coco Arquillo who won our maths in the real world poster competition.

Holiday

The school will close for the October break on Thursday 10th October as Friday 11th in an in-service day for staff. We will re-open to pupils on Monday 21st October. Well done to all of our children for a fantastic first term! The last day of term is also an own clothes day (£1 donation)

September Assembly Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils!

Primary 1	Reagan Brown, Niamh Lundie, Ayo Tinuoye, Robert Strathearn, Lucy McCormick, Kiara McLean
Primary 2	Piotr Cieslewicz, Josh McKenna, Gabriel Gomes, Isla Colquhoun, Codie Carr, Cole Cochrane
Primary 4/3	Ellie Sullivan, Xander Malcolm, Rhyllie Galbraith, Ethen Njoroge, Phillip McBride, Keeley Clements
Primary 3	Mirren MacDonald, Jack Steel
Primary 4	Freya McKenna, Millie Dawson, Kendell McGrath, Karis Shanks, Jaiden McAvoy, Aiden Todd, Emily Morrison
Primary 5	Ava Mitchell, Ailey Gillespie, Taylor McCormick, Kyle Mullen, Kieran Givens, Michella Mullen, Sara McStay, Thomas Carline
Primary 6	Dylan Cochrane, Damilare Adebayo, Chara Dapaah, Lily-Elle Zavaroni, Freya Ashmead, Ciara McBride, Alana Clark
Primary 7	Eva Russell, Eva McShane, Cayden Clements, Connor Hinshelwood, Andrew Bisland, John Kearns
Head Teacher Award	Nabeeha Shahid, Shreyashi Ray, Daniela Vaseva, Millie Dawson, Xander Malcolm, Ciara McBride, Phillip McBride, Stuart McMillan, Callen McMillan, Eva McShane, Ailey Gillespie, Freya Ashmead, Jaiden McAvoy, Connor Hinshelwood, Florence Page, Rachel Crawford, Sabrina Tasmin, Isla Colquhoun, Coco Arquillo, Joshua Dapaah, Mia Hurles, Gabriel Marshall, Eloise Colquhoun, Cuong Nguyen, Dung Vo

Dates for your diary

October

8	P6 Fresher's Day Trinity High School
9	P7 Fresher's Day Trinity High School
10	Parent Council Meeting
10	School closes for holiday/Own Clothes Day (£1 donation)
11	In Service Day School Closed to pupils
21	School re-opens to pupils
30	Halloween Disco

November

1	Feast of All Souls
4	Citizenship Meetings
12	Class Photographs:P1/P7

- 11 Individual and family photographs:P1-P7
- 11 Anti-Bullying Week
- 18 Book Week Scotland
- 22 P1 Scottish Book Trust Gifting
- 21 P4 Sacramental Meeting 6.30pm
- 21 P7 Sacramental Meeting 7.15pm
- 24 Catholic Education Sunday Mass
St Mirin's Cathedral

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 ()

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