

St. David's Primary School

Newsletter



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Head Teacher's note

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have really enjoyed being part of Renfrewshire's celebration this month as a result of HMI's inspection grading of Excellent. The launch event hosted here at the campus was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our talented young people and we were inundated with compliments about them all. It was an added bonus to see them on the news and in the papers once again representing our school so positively.

Remember to keep up to date with everything going on in St David's through our school blog and social media platforms - all the information is on the front page of this newsletter.

The inspection report highlighted how Renfrewshire have been raising attainment for all and our Pizza Family Learning Programme has played a big part in this. Over the next few weeks we will be consulting with you as to how we continue to spend and invest our Pupil Equity Fund money to make the most positive impact on our learners here at St David's.

Linda Berry

Parent Council

Our Parent Council continue to provide our school community with some fantastic events to raise funds and also provide lots of enjoyment for our pupils. The recent Valentine's Disco was a great success and everyone had an enjoyable time. A huge thank you to everyone involved.

Next event in the calendar is the first Race Night which is being held in the Lilybank Social Club on Friday 1st March. Tickets are still on sale in the school office and from the Lilybank club and are priced £4 each. If you can't make it on the night, you could support the event by sponsoring a race or buying a horse. Raffle tickets are also available.

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 19th March at 2pm**. We would love for as many of you as possible to come along and join us. Everyone in our community is part of the Parent Forum and your opinions and views are invaluable in helping us make our school great.

Sharing the Learning 3 - Numeracy

Following on from our successful Sharing the Learning events based on Literacy and Health and Wellbeing this year, we are now going to focus on Numeracy. This event is an open invitation to family members to come along and find out more about numeracy in our school. This drop in session will be running in all classes at the same time - parents/carers are invited to stay as long as they like to find out more about how we teach maths, what has changed since you were at school and also work with your child in this area. The sessions are really informal and we'd invite you to drop in and out of classes - our wall displays in the corridor will also reflect how numeracy is taught across the curriculum and not just from textbooks. We really hope you can make it along. This event will take place on **Thursday 14th March from 9am until 10.30am**.

Staffing Update

Mrs Granger will be starting her Maternity Leave on Friday 1st March and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best when her new arrival makes an appearance. Miss Dundas has just joined us from Lochfield PS and she will

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be taking over the class until Mrs McLeish returns from her Maternity leave on the 21st March. From then, Primary 6/7 will be taught from Monday to Wednesday by Miss Dundas and by Mrs McLeish on a Thursday and Friday.

Mass - Lent

All pupils will be attending mass at St Margaret's Parish to celebrate Ash Wednesday on 6th March at 10am. We would really appreciate the support of Parent Helpers to accompany us to the church and back. If you can help, please contact the school office or speak to your class teacher at the family start/finish.

Headlice

Headlice are very common in young children and their families. They don't have anything to do with dirty hair and are picked up by head to head contact. To try and limit the spread, it is important that we all have good habits for checking for headlice and not waiting until you suspect there is a case of lice/nits. A fine tooth comb is essential for checking for live lice which are very small. If you do find lice, it is essential that you treat your child as soon as possible. Treatment can be provided from your pharmacist through the minor ailments service.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Our Community Heroes pupil group have been busy raising awareness of Fairtrade Fortnight and how important it is. They have been hosting a Fairtrade tuckshop this week and will continue to do so next week. They will celebrate the end of Fairtrade Fortnight with a Coffee Afternoon on **Thursday 7th March at 1.30pm**. Please support us by coming along if you can - we hope to see you there.

How Good is My Learning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our third How Good is My Learning session this month. The event was attended by 73% of our families which is a great turnout. As you know, we host these events termly as a fantastic opportunity for a learning conversation to take place between you, your child and the class teacher. This helps us to celebrate each child's successes, discuss their progress and identify ways in which we can work together to support them to achieve their full potential. If you were unable to attend on the night, we will be hosting a drop-in catch up session on **Monday 11th March from 3.30pm until 4pm**.

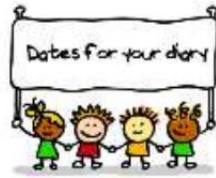
Parent Survey

If you haven't already done so, please spare a few moments of your time to complete our annual parents/carers survey about our school. Your feedback is an essential part of our self-evaluation which we use to improve the service we offer and the school community. You can find the link on the school website or scan the QR code here. If you would prefer a paper copy of the survey, please ask at the school office.



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Diary Dates

1st March Parent Council Race Night. 7.30pm at the Lilybank Social Club

6th March Ash Wednesday at St Margaret's Parish - All welcome. (Parent Helpers Required)

7th March Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm - All welcome

10th March P4 Mass of Commitment - St Margaret's Parish 12pm.

11th March How Good is My Learning Catch Up - 3.30pm

14th March Sharing the Learning 3 - Numeracy Event - All welcome 9-10.30am

14th March P4 First Confessions - 7pm St Margaret's Parish

19th March Parent Council Meeting 2pm - All Welcome

20th March Cluster Lenten Stations Mass - All Welcome 7pm St Margaret's Parish

22nd March - Golden Ticket Tea Party

27th March Outdoor Learning Day - Parent Helpers welcome

29th March Non Uniform Day - £1 per family - all proceeds go to SCIAF Close for Spring Break

15th April Pupils Return

19th April - School Closed

22nd April - School Closed

6th May - School Closed

7th May - In-Service Day - Staff only

24th May - Schools Closed

27th May - School Closed

28th June - School closes for Summer Break