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Our Vision

'Working together to promote, excellence in achievement and well-being for all.'

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's May already and a month where we have lots of activities planned for parents to be involved in school life. Please check the dates on our monthly diary.



Holiday Dates - Reminder

Monday 8 th May	Schools Closed
Friday 26 th May	Schools Closed
Monday 29 th May	Schools Closed
Tuesday 30 th May	School's closed to children -Staff In-service day.

We Did It!!!



Last week Mrs McLean and the School Librarians were successfully awarded our accreditation of a 'Reading School'!! The Scottish Book Trust said, 'It was very inspiring to read about all your hard work as a school that has gone in to building and sustaining a reading culture. Having looked through all of your excellent evidence, I am delighted to let you know that you have achieved your Reading School

accreditation! The huge amount of work and dedication you have put into the programme really shone through your application – what an incredible reading environment for your learners.'

Thank you to Mrs McLean and the School Librarians for their hard work in promoting our school's great reading culture!!

Nut Allergies

We are a nut free zone as we have children with a severe nut allergy which, for these children contact with someone who may have eaten nuts could be **FATAL**. Please always check the ingredients of your child's snack and lunch. I would ask for your co-operation and ensure that there are no nuts brought into school for snack or lunch. Please note that these ingredients can be found in chocolate spread, biscuits, cereal bars etc. Please always check the ingredients.



Wellbeing Wednesday



Our next Wellbeing Wednesday is on the 3rd of May we would like to invite parents/carers into the school to be part of our wellbeing journey for a coffee, breakfast, and chat. All welcome.

Following our successful Well-being Wednesday Groups, our parents have been working with RAMH and we would like to collate information on places that keep us well. We have a post box at the office for suggestions for our wellbeing map, or you can simply email RAMH with any to enquiries@ramh.org

More Information can be found on our school website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/stfergus/?p=14967>

Religious Life of the School



Family Mass and Refreshments

Thank you to the families who are attending our monthly Family Masses and it has been lovely to welcome you into school afterwards for Tea, Coffee, and biscuits. Our next Mass is **Friday 5th May**.

Sacramental Classes

Well done to our Primary 4 children who received their First Holy Communion recently, we had a lovely celebration in school on Monday 24th April. Thank you again to Mrs Coyle, Mrs Rowley and Father John for your support and guidance in preparing our children.

Our children from Primary 7 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday **11th May at 5pm**. Please keep all our children preparing for their Sacraments in your prayers.

We will be attending **Mass on Thursday 18th May at 11am** for the Feast of the Ascension, please join with the children and the parish on this Holy Day of Obligation.



Transition dates for our new Primary 1 children are as follows:

Date	Activity
3rd May	Teddy Bear Picnic (11-12noon) —Primary 1 children, Buddies and our School Librarians will showcase school library. The children can bring their own teddy and snack.
10th May	Outdoor Learning (9.30-10.15 am) – Nursery children will visit the school and be introduced to their Buddies. Their outdoor adventure will involve the children being Bug Detectives and going on a Bug Hunt.
15th May	Buddy visits to Nurseries in the Ferguslie Area – Hillview ELCC- 9:30am Ferguslie ELCC- 10:15am (Rainbow Café) Glencoats Lodge – 1pm Douglas Street ELCC- 1:45pm Small group of Buddies will visit the children in Nursery with the P.1 Teacher during free play.
23rd May	Buddy School Tour (1.45-2.30 pm) – Nursery children will visit the school and will be given a tour with their Buddies followed by a snack and playground fun.
7th June	P.1 Parent Induction Day 1 (9.30-10.30 am) – Meet the Senior Leadership Team and school information provided while your child meets their Class Teacher.
12th June	P.1 Parent Induction Day 2 (1.30-2.30 pm) – Meet the school Community Staff while your child meets with their Class Teacher. Parent's tour of the school.

Parental Involvement

Stay and Play in Primary 1

Our next Stay and Play is Tuesday 13th June at 2pm. Parents/Carers are welcome to come into Primary 1 at 2pm and stay for some art activities and a chance to play with the Primary One's in all our different areas in the class.



World of Work in Primary 2

Primary Two have been learning about the World of Work. Over the next few weeks some of our parents have very kindly offered to come in and speak to the class about the jobs they do. Last week Ronnie's Dad, Perry, came in to tell the children about his work as a Ventilation Engineer on the new war ship on the Clyde. Primary Two loved every minute of it and they learned lots about how the ship is being made and how it works. Thank you, Perry, for sharing with us.

WWII Showcase in Primary 7



Thank you to our parents who came along to our Showcase in April. The children were fantastic and shared their learning of World War II. We were treated to some fantastic acting and great singing. Well done everyone!



Primaries 5, 6 and 7 Musical Showcase

We like to invite all families to attend our showcase of musical talents, singing, guitars and violins on Friday 12th May at 2:15pm.

Motivate your Mind at our Wellbeing Wake Up Week

Our Health week, including our Sports Day will take place after the last holiday weekend in May. Children can come into school each day in their sportswear. Please remember football tops/tracksuits are not permitted. Each class will be inviting families to join them during these 3 days, please keep an eye on your child's seesaw and our Social Media Channels for the dates nearer the time.

Sports Day



Following requests from our children we will revert to a traditional Sports Day with races only, including a Mum's/Dad's race... make sure you have your running shoes ready! This will take place on Thursday 1st June.

P1-3 Sports Day 9:15am

P4-7 Sports Day 11am

Our Primary 7 children will be running an ice cream stall at Sports Day to raise funds for their enterprise project. After the races all parents are invited to take part in some mindfulness in their child's class.

Wednesday 31st May 2pm- Wellbeing Activity for Everyone

All parents are invited into their child's class to take part in active activities such as yoga and mindfulness. Please enter through your child's classroom door.

Family Learning

Our Next Family Learning Event will take place on Monday 15th May the focus will be learning and teaching. All class teachers will be demonstrating a variety of teaching approaches that you can use to help your child continue learning at home. Should you wish to attend please complete the online form to allow us to arrange pizza and drinks on the night. Please click on the link below or scan the QR Code:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RqDv2tUTy8>

This link will close on Friday 13th May.

Pupil Groups Updates



School Librarians

We have been working with the Glencoats' Library Ambassadors since January. We have been chatting about having a joint book of the month or theme of the month. We have already focused on The BFG, Diary of a Wimpy Kid and this month we will look at the theme of Fairy Tales. We have also loved visiting the Nursery and reading to the boys and girls. The children have even come to visit our school!

Family Learning Event- Monday
15th May 6- 8pm



We have also chatted about setting up a reading reward system called Reading Raffles. For every book and book review that we complete we get a raffle ticket in our class jar and at the end of the month 3 winners are picked from each class to have a Reading Reward Afternoon.

Book Recommendations of the Month :



Mia's
Kerys'
Lewis'
Chanel's
Shanice's
Daniel's
Shae's
Gustas'

Goodnight Mr Tom.
The Diary of Anne Frank.
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows.
The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch.
George's Marvellous Medicine.
The Gruffalo.



Wellbeing Warriors

The Wellbeing Warriors have been working hard as always to continue to promote physical, mental and emotional wellbeing for all.

We have recently introduced a Relational Gesture Jar 'Mini Hearts' where if your child is spotted using Relational Gestures in the playground, they will be given a heart sticker and then can place a mini heart in the jar back in class. At the end of each month, we will collect these in and give a prize to the class with the most hearts.



A reminder for your children that Happiness Heroes are in the playground every play and lunchtime. If they ever find themselves upset or feeling lonely, please encourage them to seek one of them out and they will cheer them up and make sure that they are included. They are visible by their Happiness Hero badge.

Our next Wellbeing Wednesday is Wednesday 3rd of May, and our theme is Moving our Bodies.

Attendance

Attendance is key for your child's success, at St. Fergus we would like all children to be above 95% and it features in our school improvement plan. See below for some important facts:

Why is attendance at school and punctuality important?

Because every second counts.

90% attendance may sound good. However, this is the equivalent of missing a **half day of schooling EACH WEEK.**

If this continues **over every five years** a child spends at school, a child with **90%** attendance will miss **HALF A YEAR'S** schooling.

A child with **80%** attendance will lose **A FULL YEAR** of schooling over the same period.



Did You Know?

A 2 week holiday during the school term means that the highest attendance your child can achieve is 94.7%

Did You Know?

If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of School in one year!!



Attendance Ladder



5 minutes
late per day
3
school days



10 minutes
late per day
6.5
school days



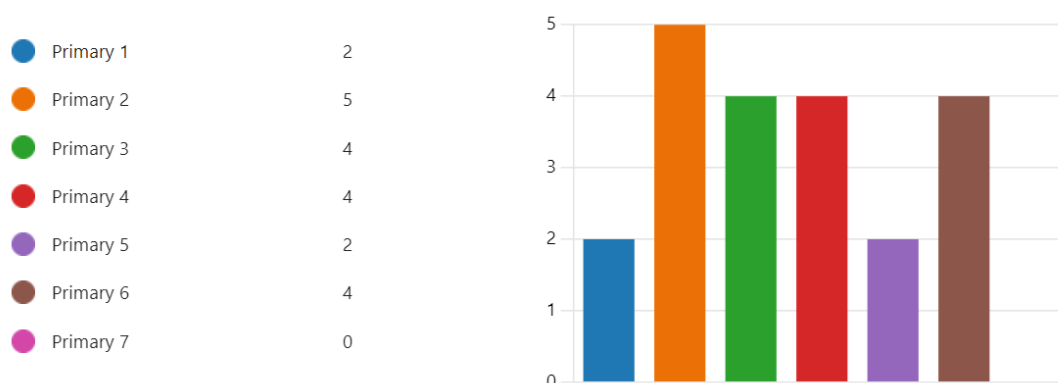
15 minutes
late per day
10
school days



20 minutes
late per day
14
school days

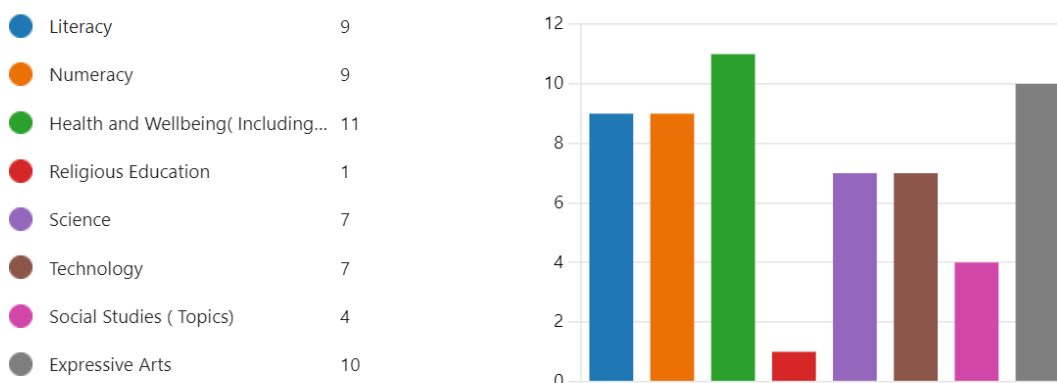
Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) and School Improvement Planning Consultation

See below for the results from our parental consultation. We received 19 replies, and I would like to thank those parents who took part. Please see below for responses:



Which areas of the curriculum would you like included? (Please select no more than 3 areas)

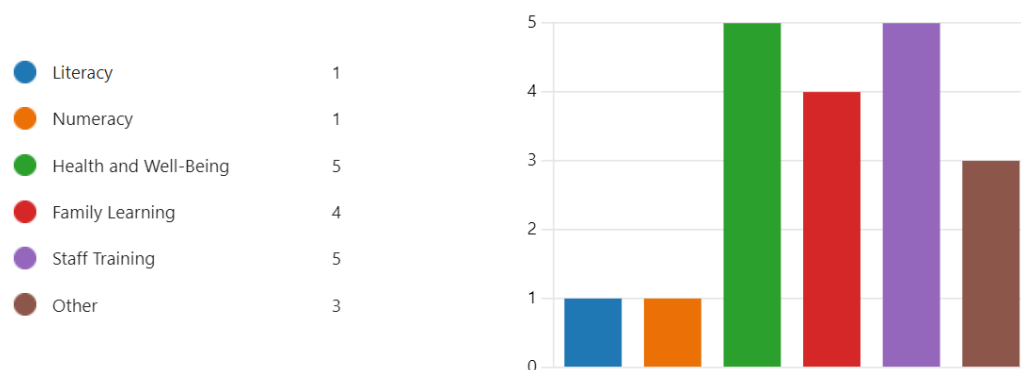
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Parental View of why areas of the curriculum is included in SIP	School comment- If Required
More meetings out with school	Teachers have a working time agreement within their contract, this includes meeting with parents, should you require a meeting with your child's class teacher please contact the school office.
Perhaps a trip to museum for the art galleries. Meeting with some artists or scientists or visit museums or art galleries. Trips, joined in with the topics learning Number games, trips	This is something that we would be keen to do however this would require parents to provide money to cover the cost , the cost of transport has risen more than 25% post COVID.
A reading book weekly as part of their homework?	All children have a Big Cat log in for reading books on the internet. Class Teachers will provide replacement log in details should you have misplaced this.
Possibly an expressive drama group My child loves being part of plays and feels this is the way she is shining and expressing herself	Drama is part of all children's curriculum, but this will be suggested to interested staff members. Should any parent have a talent in this field we would be delighted to speak with them and possibly plan an after-school club.

Groups to help parents and children to interact and learn together.	Our Family Learning events throughout the year covers this, as does our homework club. We will continue to offer this support.
Sports More sport clubs/groups for younger kids would be good teamwork and promote health & wellbeing	Active schools provide clubs for all children to attend, and we will continue to work with them to ensure that all children's views are heard.
work with children to nurture their mental health Social studies to include the current social events e.g., coronation etc	Wellbeing Wednesdays have been introduced this year and will be continuing. Our Improvement Plan will still have Renfrewshire's Nurturing Relationship Approach (RNRA) Teaching staff always try to make learning current and relevant throughout each year.
I chose these subjects as they are a mixture of what I believe my child has interests in and that would benefit him to have a future knowledge	
Literacy and numeracy can be incorporated into the other areas, but I find the girls are more enthusiastic when they can make, create and problem solve.	
More fun numeracy education Early intervention	
To improve her communication	
Expressive art and health and wellbeing together to help children express their feelings/concerns in different ways.	
Science- biology (my children love discussing what your heart, lungs etc do.)	
Maybe helping children to learn more about gadgets	

Which areas would you like PEF to support?



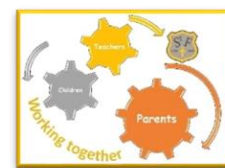
Parent's response to ideas for this funding:

Cake sale activities out with school hours.	Helping parents teaching their children
In-class support	Different learning classes for parents
The school do a fab job, keep up the hard work!	More activities for families and children.
Music	School trips on topics
You could also add learning about different Cultures e.g. introduce a culture own clothes day	Support groups
CPR Emergency first aid training for the children. Always good to learn at all ages	Activities like swimming classes, school trips for example to cinema or museum.
I chose staff training as I believe this will have the best impact on my child and other children at the school in terms in what can be passed down from the staff	Ensure there's enough staff trained to provide extra support for children with additional needs.

My child has not improved since last parents evening and feel like teaching assistant to help with big class sizes would benefit	
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St Fergus Families Together

Our final tuck shops will be held on Thursday 25th May and Friday 23rd June.
Our next meeting is **Thursday 15th June at 2:15pm.**



Non-Uniform Day



Our next non uniform day will be **Thursday 25th May**, please pay £1 into your parent pay account to aid school funds.

Home Link Support

Should anyone require support from our Home Link worker, Karen Fraser, she can be contacted in the following ways:

Mobile number: 07717275207

Email: karen.fraser@renfrewshire.gov.uk

OR: Leave a message for Karen with Mrs Ingram in our school office.

Are You Getting What You Are Entitled To?

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if:

- Your child attends a Renfrewshire school or has been placed in an educational establishment outside Renfrewshire-by-Renfrewshire Council, or
- You receive income support, any income-related element of employment and support allowance, maximum working tax credits (if you earn less than £6,420/year), child tax credit only (if you earn less than £16,190) or pension credit

Apply online at: <http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

Clothing Grants

Parents or carers of children attending Renfrewshire primary, secondary or additional support needs schools during the school session who satisfy the financial conditions are eligible to apply for free school meals and/or clothing grants. A clothing grant is a payment made by Renfrewshire Council to qualifying parents or carers to assist with the purchase of school uniforms. For session 2020-2021, the level of clothing grant is £100 per eligible pupil. A maximum of one grant will be paid for each child during any school year.

Apply online at: <http://renfrewshire.gov.uk/Freeschoolmealsandclothinggrants>

Yours sincerely,

Mhairi McDonald







Head Teacher

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Sunday	Monday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 School closed May Day	2 Pupils return	3 Wellbeing Wed. 9.30 Bishop John visit to P7	4 P7 Activity Day	5 Family Mass 9.30am St. Fergus Church	6
7	8	9	10 P7 to Mass	11 P7Confirmation 5pm St Fergus Church	12 P6 to Mass P5-7 Musical Showcase 2:15pm	13
14	15 Family Learning Event 6-8pm	16	17	18 Feast of the Ascension Mass 11am	19	20
21 Day for Altar Servers 2-5pm Diocesan Office	22 P5 to Mass	23	24 P4 to Mass	25 Non-Uniform Day - £1 for school funds Tuck Shop	26 School closed	27
28 Pentecost Day P4-7 – St James' Church	29 School closed	30 In-service day 5 Closed to pupils	31 Pupils return Health Week Sports Wear all week	JUNE 1 Sports Day P1-3- 9:15am P4-7- 11am	2	3

Our Aims:

-  To understand the value of God's Love in our school and local community.
-  To promote a positive attitude and mindset to learning.
-  To use our voices to promote positive changes for all.
-  To provide a happy, safe, and stimulating learning environment for all.
-  To develop skills for learning, life, and work in our curriculum.
-  To support each child's needs in their unique learning journey.

