



St. Fillan's Primary School Newsletter August-September 2022



Welcome to the August/September edition of our School Newsletter. We entrust that you will find the content to be informative. Please contact the St. Fillan's mailbox if you have any suggestions as

to how we can improve our newsletter or communication with you. Your views are very important to us and will help to further improve our service.

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Our shared vision - "We are all learning, growing and succeeding together"

Our Shared Values:

R - Respect **R** - Responsibility **T** - Team work **F** - Faith **T** - Trust

S - Success

1 - The overarching theme of 'Kindness' is at the heart of all of our school values.



Our Shared Aims:

B - Be Brave

U - Unleash Creativity

D - Demonstrate Excellence

S - Show/Radiate Enthusiasm



Head Teacher's August/September Message:

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school for the beginning of a new session. We hope that you have enjoyed a well deserved Summer holiday making memories with your loved ones and friends.

The children are a real credit to their families and it has been great to see so many children looking the part by 'Dressing for Excellence.'

A special welcome to our new and existing Primary one parents and families. We welcome you into the St. Fillan's family and look forward to working in partnership with you to help your children grow and succeed throughout the years.

Our Primary 7 children are embracing their responsibilities and developing their skills as Buddies, Monitors and Playmakers. They are leading by example and following our school values and aims through their behaviour.

We have a full and ambitious 'School Improvement Plan' in place for this school session and we look forward to working in partnership with you to transform our goals into reality, and together achieve the very best outcomes for our children.

We look forward to the adventures that lie ahead and we are ever grateful to you for your continued support and encouragement of all of the children in St. Fillan's Primary School.

Best Wishes,

Claire Mackenzie

Head Teacher

Religious Education & Pastoral Partnership

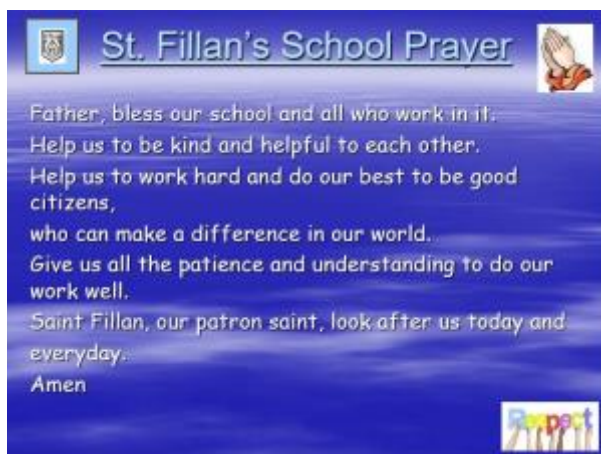


Welcome Back to School Mass!

We will celebrate our 'Back to School' Mass in St. Fillan's Church on **Friday 2nd September at 9.30am.**

It would be lovely to see as many families as possible join with us to celebrate our St. Fillan's Family as a School, Parish and Community of Faith.

We ask St. Fillan to bless our school and community and protect, guide and inspire us in the year ahead.



Class Church Visits

Throughout the month of September, the children will visit St. Fillan's Church as a class to meet with our Pastoral Team - Monsignor McFadden and Sister Mary Frances.

They will be reacquainted with the Church environment, prayer together, ask questions, deepen their understanding and explore this session's Developing in Faith theme which is: 'Honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Life and the Truth.'

We continue to give thanks and count our blessings to have such a dedicated and caring Pastoral Team and would ask you to keep Father Andrew and Sister Mary Frances in your prayers.



Sacramental Dates

We are delighted to share with you the dates for our Sacramental celebrations this session and the Masses to prepare the children as they journey in faith.

- **Sunday 30th October 2022 at 11am Mass in St. Fillan's-Church - Primary 4 Mass of Commitment.**
- **Sunday 29th January 2023 at 11am in St. Fillan's Church - Primary 6 and 7 Mass of Enrolment for the Pope Francis Faith Award and in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.**
- **Tuesday 28th March 2023 at 6.30pm in St. Fillan's Church - Primary 4's Reconciliation.**
- **Saturday 13th May 2023 at 10am in St. Fillan's Church - Primary 4's First Holy Communion.**
- **Monday 22nd May 2023 at 6.30pm in St. Fillan's Church - Primary 7's Confirmation.**

Please note that the date and venue for Confirmation is subject to change as Bishop John would like to consult with staff and families around the arrangements for this Sacrament. This consultation will begin in September and be finalised by early October, with a decision made by the Diocese thereafter. A letter providing further information will be circulated in due course.

Father Andrew and Sister Mary Frances will be in touch to arrange an informal chat with the parents of children who are being presented for their Sacraments this session. The Pastoral Team look forward to meeting with you to work in partnership and answer any questions that you may have.

Please keep the work of our school and the children in Primaries 4, 6 and 7 in your prayers. Thank you.



Primary 7 Confirmandi Mass



Primary 7 have been invited to attend the annual Primary 7 Confirmandi Mass which will take place on **Friday 16th September at 10am** in St. Mirren's Cathedral.

This is a great opportunity for the children to join with their peers at the beginning of the year to acknowledge the preparations they will be undertaking on their journey towards their Confirmation.

St. Bernadette Relics

The relics of St. Bernadette are coming to Scotland and representatives from each school in our Cluster have been invited to attend the Grotto at Carfin on **Wednesday 28th September 2022.**

The Diocese have yet to issue finalised guidance and we will circulate further information in due course.

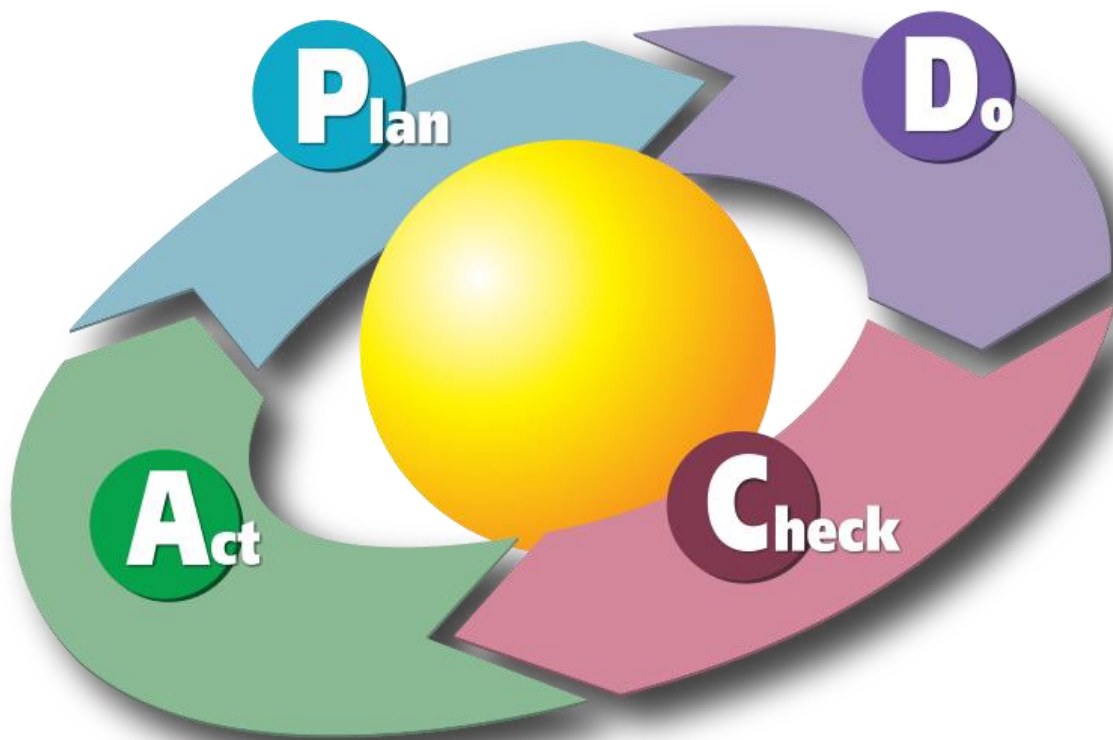


2 - St. Bernadette, pray for us!

Covid 19 Mitigations

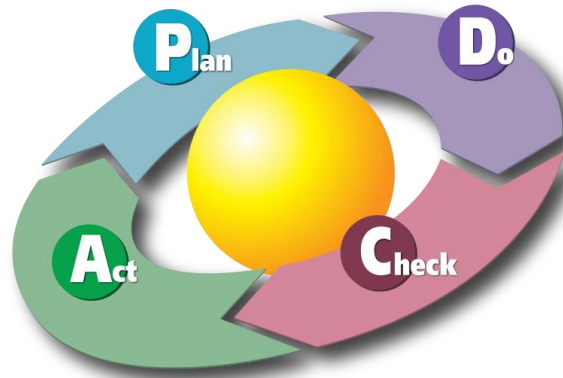


School Improvement Planning



We are ambitious for our school and our children and are fully committed to our school vision which is ensuring that everyone in the school and wider community has opportunities to learn, grow and succeed together.

Our School Improvement Plan for this session is being finalised by the Local Authority and our Education Manager and we will share it's contents in an accessible format in our next Newsletter and on our school website. You will be notified via ParentPay when this becomes available to view.



School Holidays 2022 - 2023

Please click on the link below to find information on school holidays on the Renfrewshire Council Website.

[Renfrewshire School Holidays 2022- 23](#)



Complaints Procedures

As we are a small school, we are in the fortunate position of having very close working relationships with our families. We know our children very well and as such all our staff are able and skilled in supporting our children as they grow and develop.

We do, however recognise that at times, there may be issues that present and we would welcome joint partnership working with our families using a solutions focussed approach.

In our school, we view dissatisfaction or complaints as an opportunity to build relationships and work together to improve our service.


In the first instance, we would kindly ask that we are given an opportunity to find a frontline resolution and inline with Renfrewshire Councils policy and practice, we would aim to do this within five working days. This provides us with time to investigate situations fully, discuss with staff/children/families, seek a resolution, create a plan of action and communicate this to all parties along with a date for actions to be reviewed. Having this time and space enables us to maintain existing diary commitments, meetings, training and our work with the children.



After this period, if you continue to be dissatisfied, then a referral to 'Stage 2' of the process would be communicated to you and next steps outlined in an email. The timescale for this stage would be around twenty working days or sooner, depending upon the nature of the complaint.

When phonecalls are received, we endeavour to return the call as soon as we possible. However, we have a small leadership team who can at times be diary/class committed and you may be asked to put your enquiry into writing or provide us with a suitable day to contact you. When phonecalls are received, our Office Staff will ask you what your call is in relation to. You will then be directed to the most relevant member of the team to discuss your enquiry, whether that be the class teacher or member of the SLT (Senior Leadership Team).

Requests to meet with Class Teachers and the SLT should be made in advance and our Office Staff will communicate arrangements with you via telephone call, email or in writing.


We have refreshed our 'Code of Engagement & Contact' as outlined below which provides an overview of the most effective way and line of communication



| Point of Contact | Guidance/ Overview: |
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| <p>Telephone Calls to the School Office.</p>  | <p>When you make a call to the School Office, you can expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calls to be answered in a polite, friendly manner. • Calls to be treated in the strictest of confidence. • Questions to be asked to ascertain how best we can support your enquiry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can I please ask what your call is in relation to today? • Phonecalls will then be returned as soon as possible (certainly within five working days) by the member of staff who is best suited to deal with your enquiry. • This may be the Office Staff, the Class Teacher, Mrs McPherson (PT) or Mrs Mackenzie (HT). • Please note that our Office Staff have access to the shared electronic calendar and are able to book appointments for meetings with Class Teachers or the SLT (Senior Leadership Team). • The Office Staff should be informed if there are any issues that directly relate to your child in relation to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absence. • Medical information. • Collection from school. • Personal appointments. • Excursions. • Lunches/ lunch money. • Monies/ payment. • Residential. • Day to day events in school. <p>Please note that this list is not exhaustive.</p> |


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| <p>Class Teacher Enquiries.</p>  | <p>Our teaching staff are highly skilled in being able to provide you will support/assurance about a range of issues where you may require clarification. As the Class Teacher is the lead professional in your child's day to day education, the SLT highly value their professional judgement and ability to ensure that your child is happy, safe and reaches their full potential.</p> <p>Issues that Class Teacher's will be able to assist you with, in the first instance of contact with the school include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework. • Class work. • Situations that have arisen in class. • Situations that have arisen in the playground. • Friendships and peer relationships. • Issues surrounding behaviour. • Responsibilities that applies may have. • Class trips. • Progress update/ Child's Plan targets. <p>NB. This list is not exhaustive.</p> <p>Contacting the Class Teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework Diary - this is an effective means of a two-way written correspondence. • Phone call to the School Office. • Email to St. Fillan's enquiries. • Informally - in the playground. <p>When you contact your Child's Class Teacher, you can expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your enquiry/concern to be treated seriously. • Your enquiry/ concern to be treated in a professional, confidential manner. • Your enquiry to be dealt with in a timely and efficient manner. (Within five working days). |

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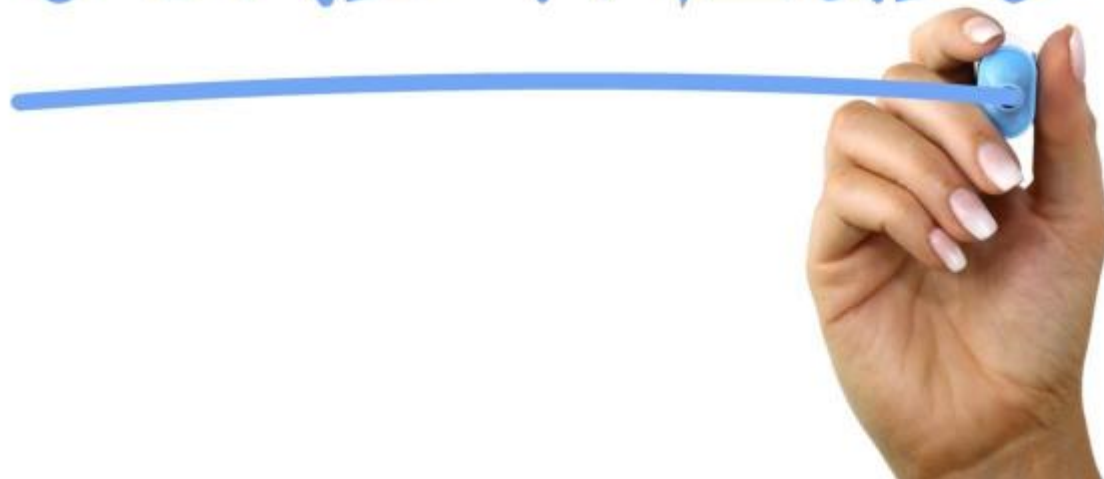
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| <p>Contact in relation to Medical issues/ First Aid.</p>  | <p>Mrs June Kelly is our fully trained First Aid advisor.</p> <p>If your child requires medicine to be administered during the school day, then Mrs Kelly will oversee this.</p> <p>Please note that the appropriate 'Medicine Form' must be completed at the School Office prior to any medicines being administered.</p> <p>If your child's medical status changes, then it is imperative that this information is shared with the Office Staff and Mrs Kelly. This includes changes to inhalers, eyesight, hearing, allergies etc.</p> <p>Please note that you may receive a telephone call during the school day from Mrs Kelly if your child has received First Aid/ Medical attention.</p> |

CORE VALUES



Our school vision, values and aims are the beating heart of our school and the core beliefs of what we are aiming to achieve.

As a Catholic School, we also follow the 'Charter for Catholic Schools' and our core values echo the values contained in the Gospels.

The core values are displayed around the school and we spend time at Assembly discussing them and considering how we can 'Be the best we can be' through living out our beliefs in our thoughts, words and actions. They permeate throughout everything that we do both socially and academically to develop the 'whole child.'

As always, we will spend time this school session discussing the 'St. Fillan Standard' and what this looks like, sounds like and feels like and we hope to share our ongoing thoughts with you.

The St. Fillan's Standard of conduct and behaviour is based on the three themes of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe.' It is through these dispositions that we encourage our children to make the right choices in their thoughts, words and actions.

Values based education, the UNCRC (Rights of the Child) and Gospel values and teachings are discussed and explored during our comprehensive Assembly Programme as is the health and wellbeing curriculum, wider achievement and the celebration of success. The children are active participants in their learning and have been working together in vertical learning House groups to share their learning in floor books. We hope to share their work with you as the session progresses.

The golden rule of the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) Health and Wellbeing Programme is to 'treat other People the way that you would wish to be treated,' and the children are regularly reminded of what this means and looks like in practice.

During August, we revisited the school value of Respect and the Gospel value of Justice. Learning was linked to aspects of social justice in terms of our needs being met on an individual basis and how this may look differently for everyone when considering varying contexts. Our children understand that everyone may not be treated the same, but they will be treated fairly and in accordance with their needs at a particular point in time. Our children are being encouraged to show kindness and empathy to their peers and friends who are facing adversity or challenges and they have considered ways in which they can actively put our school values into action. Some of the children's thoughts and suggestions to promote these core values are as follows:

- **Respect that children are all different. We all have different personalities and that is okay.**
- **Respect that children act/behave differently and try to support each other with challenges.**
- **Respect other people's point of view. Everyone's point of view is important but it might not be the same and that is okay.**
- **Respect each other by what we say and how we behave. We do not need to be best friends with everyone, but we do need to treat one another with respect.**
- **Respect is like having good manners, it is free!**
- **Respect should eventually be a way of being.**
- **Everyone will not be treated the same as everyone is different. We will be treated fairly and given support.**

In September, we will explore the school value of Responsibility and the Gospel value of Integrity/Honesty. Children will learn that while choosing honesty is not always an easy path to follow, it is always the right path to choose and can prevent situations from escalating.

The school aim that we have focussed on in August is 'Being Brave' and in September, we will consider how we can 'Unleash Creativity.'


Our core values and aims are always explored using the principle of 'Kindness' as a focus. The video clip below is one that is shared with the children as a reminder that small acts of kindness have enormous potential to spread.

FAIR VS. EQUAL


- * Equal means the same.
- * I will not be treating you exactly the same way.
- * Being fair means that I will do my best to give each student what he or she needs to be successful.
- * What you need and what someone else needs may be very different.
- * I will always try to be FAIR, but this means things won't always feel EQUAL.



Catholic Schools Charter



Catholic Schools in Scotland



The mission of the Catholic school is to develop as a community of faith and learning, providing the highest quality of education, and offering formation through the promotion of Gospel values, through celebration and worship, and through service to the common good.

All Catholic schools in Scotland, in honouring Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life, will feature the following characteristics:

- a commitment to the integrated education and formation of the whole person, in close partnership with parents as the first educators of their children;
- an inclusive ethos which aims to honour the life, dignity and voice of each person, made in the image of God;
- a commitment to the search for wisdom in life and to the pursuit of excellence, through the development of each person's unique God-given talents;
- a commitment to the spiritual formation of the school community, through the shared experience of prayer and liturgy, and in partnership with local parishes;
- the provision of religious education programmes which will enable young people to develop their understanding of Gospel values and of how to apply them to life;
- a commitment to uphold the moral teaching, faith tradition and sacramental life of the Catholic Church;
- a commitment to communicate Catholic social teaching and thereby to promote social justice and opportunity for all;
- a commitment to ecumenical action and the unity of Christians;
- the promotion of respect for different beliefs and cultures and for inter-faith dialogue;
- a commitment to support the continuing professional and spiritual development of staff.

All staff appointed to a Catholic school are expected to support and promote the aims, mission, values and ethos of the school, as illustrated in this Charter.

Save the Date! Parent Council Coffee and Chat!



Over the years, we have been blessed to have such an active and dedicated Parent Council who have supported us with school improvement and fundraising initiatives.

As a small school situated within an area considered to be affluent, we have a small school budget and are reliant upon our Parent Council in supporting initiatives to give our children that 'little bit extra.'

We find ourselves in a position that many of our parents have left the school as their children have progressed onto High School and we are looking to recruit as many new members as possible to join the 'St. Fillan's Parent Partnership.'

I fully understand that due to work and other commitments, it can be difficult to spare the time to attend a face to face meeting, so we would propose to host an online meeting on: **Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.00pm.**

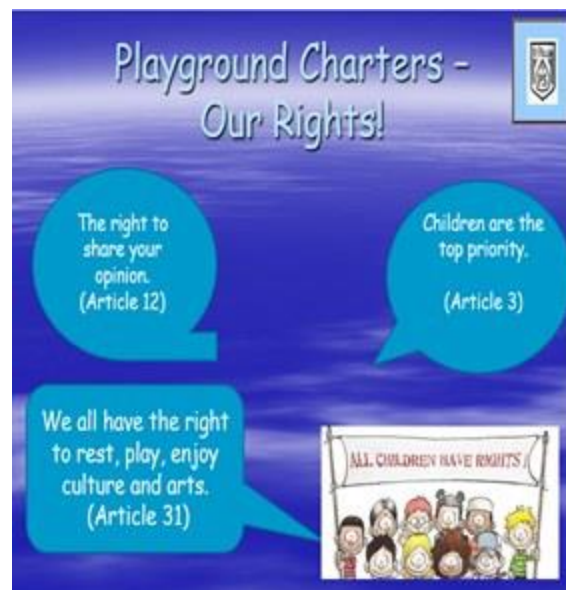
A letter would be circulated in advance to outline arrangements but I would envisage that the meeting would be an informal opportunity for us to share some information about our Parent Council and share information about where we are as a school. There is absolutely no obligation to commit yourself to anything further at this stage!

It would be great if we could have a healthy number in the partnership as it would lighten the load for everyone and there would be no requirement for everyone to support every event. As the saying goes... 'Many Hands Make Light work!'

We look forward to meeting with you in due course.



Our focus this term will be: 'Bee Ready!'



Absences

Please inform the school by letter, text or telephone if your child is absent, preferably before 9.00am and provide a note on his or her return to school. We record the reason for children's absence on our electronic system and correspondence from parents are kept in each child's confidential file.

Every effort should be made to avoid family holidays during term time, as this both disrupts your child's education and reduces learning time. We understand that due to work commitments, it can sometimes be problematic to arrange holidays, however, family holidays taken during term time will be recorded as unauthorised and you will receive a standard letter to notify you as per Local Authority guidance. Please also be mindful that the end of a school term is particularly busy with a range of events such as: Sports Day, Bump Up Day, Election of House/Vice Captains and other leadership roles and Assessments. The timings of these events have been set in advance and it is not possible to schedule these sooner in the school calendar for a variety of reasons.

Pupil absence is monitored on a monthly basis. Letters are sent out to parents to highlight attendance levels which are causing concern and parents/carers may be invited to discuss this matter with the Head Teacher.

We understand that many families continue to have anxieties around the Covid pandemic and we are more than happy to support your child's attendance. Please contact the school to arrange a telephone consultation or appointment.

In June 2019, the Scottish government refreshed their 'Included, Engaged and Involved' policy which informs the decisions we make as a school around the management of attendance. This includes decisions around periods of authorised absence.



School Lunch Menu : August/ September 2022

The School Lunch menu will be circulated as a reminder on our 'St. Fillan's Primary School Houston' Facebook Page on a Sunday evening. There will also be a reminder of weekly events and clubs.

This term's menus are as follows. Please advise the School Office if your child acquires any allergies or changes to their diet.

School Lunch Menus August/September 2022

| Meal | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Soup | Leek & Potato Soup | Vegetable Soup | Carrot & Coriander Soup | Veg & Rice Soup | Vegetable Soup |
| Choice 1 | Beef/ Veg Burger with Seasoned Wedges and Crunchy Salad | Crispy Fish Fillet with Chunky Chips and peas | Mac & Cheese With Garlic Bread & Broccoli | Cottage Pie With Baby Carrots | Chicken Chunks /Veg Nuggets Seasoned Wedges Sweetcorn & Coleslaw |
| Choice 2 | Plain Omelette with Seasoned Wedges & Crunchy Salad | Quorn Tikka Masala with Rice & Crunchy Salad | Baked Potato With Veg Chilli or Baked Beans & Crunchy Salad | Tuna Mayo or Cheese Sandwich With Crunchy Salad & Coleslaw | Pizzini with Seasoned Wedges, Sweet corn & Coleslaw |
| Dessert | Yoghurt | Chocolate Mousse | Jelly | Ice Cream | Apple Crumble & Custard |

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| Soup | Vegetable Soup | Leek & Potato Soup | Yellow Split Pea Soup | Vegetable Soup | Vegetable Soup |
| Choice 1 | Mild Chicken/Quorn Curry with Rice & Mixed Peppers | Chicken Burger with Seasoned Wedges & Crunchy Salad | Veg Sausage Roll, Beans and Potato Wedges | Turkey Meatball in Gravy with Creamy Mashed Potato & Carrots | Jumbo Hot Dog with Baby corn & Crunchy Salad |
| Choice 2 | Salmon Nibbles with Chunky Chips & Peas | Tomato & Veg Pasta with Garlic Bread & Broccoli | Veg Fajitas with Potato Wedges & Mixed Peppers | Cheese/tuna mayo Sandwich with Crunchy Salad and Coleslaw | Baked Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese & Crunchy Salad |
| Dessert | Ice Cream | Yoghurt | Jelly | Fruit Salad with Cream | Oaty Flapjack |



Rewarding Resilience



We are delighted to share the news that St. Mirren Football Club has donated four season tickets to every school in Renfrewshire and this would enable a family to attend a home game free of charge.

As a staff, we have agreed that a fair way of distribution would be for the class teacher in each class to work with the children and nominate a child who has shown resilience in some aspect of their life or learning. The children's names would then be added to the draw and a child/family would be selected at random to receive the reward. A certificate would be awarded to the child at Assembly and a letter would then be sent home to communicate arrangements. If tickets were unable to be used, then the ballot would be redrawn and another family would benefit from the reward.

We will discuss the criteria around the nomination for the ballot at Assembly and the children's ideas will be utilised as a means to nominate an individual across the school.

We are excited about this reward and look forward to hearing great stories of children 'bouncing back' and empowering themselves

Active Schools Clubs

We have liaised with our Active Schools Co-ordinator, Lynsey Dawson to provide a range of exciting and fun Active Schools Clubs this term. A letter outlining dates and costs of clubs will be circulated via ParentPay when coaches have confirmed their availability. The programme is as follows:

- Primaries 2 and 3 - Having a Ball - an opportunity to explore PE equipment and it's use through fun games and team activities.
- Primaries 4 and 5 - Team Sports - a club designed to promote positive relationships and team building skills.
- Primaries 6 and 7 - Competition Club - this club will prepare children to participate in a range of forthcoming tournaments such as: Football, Basketball and Netball. Skills will be developed.

There is no designated club for our Primary one children this term as our focus would be on the settling period following transition from Nursery.

Our children benefit from being part of a small school and as such, they receive a range of opportunities to participate in events that would not be possible in a bigger establishment. When children are selected to take part in an event/ tournament, a letter outlining the reasons for selection will be issued. We acknowledge that it can be disappointing for children if they are not selected, however, there will be many opportunities that will present throughout their time in St. Fillan's.



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Wider Achievement



Wider achievement is recognised, celebrated and recorded in St. Fillan's and we are always delighted to share in the children's achievements outside school.

Achievements can include the development of learning or life skills as well as including formal achievements at clubs through being awarded certificates, medals or trophies.

Mrs Kelly is available on a Friday to record the children's achievements and take their photograph at their House wall for the purposes of display in the main corridor.

Please encourage your children to share their achievements with us - they really make our heart sing!

Wellbeing Survey

Last session, we piloted the 'Wellbeing Survey' which was circulated to our parents and carers via a Microsoft Form.

Returns from this parental survey enabled class teacher's and the leadership team to discuss identified needs during our whole school tracking meeting and was invaluable in helping us to gather as much information as we could about an individual child prior to creating a plan of support.

Areas of support included aspects of a child's emotional, social and academic wellbeing.

It was unfortunate that some families could not access the online form and so a paper copy was issued via email to those who requested this survey.

This session, we will adopt a hybrid approach to collecting the data whereby there will be the option to access and complete online or via a paper return.

Please keep an eye on correspondence relating to this survey as we value our parents knowledge of their own child.



Meet the Teacher!

We are delighted to advise that our 'Meet the Teacher' event has returned!

This is a superb opportunity to help build relationships and work in partnership to support our children's learning and development.

A letter was circulated via ParentPay outlining the arrangements for the event.

We appreciate that the dates and times of event may not suit all families, but we wanted to provide an opportunity for families with multiple siblings to visit each of their child's class, should they wish to do so. If you are unable to attend the event in person, we would gladly welcome another family member who would be able to relay the information and our presentations will be available to view on our school website after the event.

We look forward to welcoming you... back to school!!!



Year of Stories 2022

We are delighted to advise that we will be working in partnership with Houston Primary School to contribute to a community event “Celebrating: Houston – Past, Present and Future’. The event will be held at Gryffe High School on **Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7.00pm**. It is taking place as part of Scotland’s Year of the Stories 2022, which celebrates stories inspired by, written, or created in Scotland. The event being organised by Houston and Killellan Kirk in partnership with local schools, nurseries, singer/songwriter Yvonne Lyon, and many different people across Houston.

A letter has been circulated to our children in Primaries 5, 6 and 7 and the return for expressions of interest are due by Wednesday 31st August 2022.

This is an exciting event to be part of and we are looking forward to working with the organisers and schools in the community.



Brilliant Bikeability!



The second part of our Bikeability training commences for our Primary 7 children throughout the month of September.

This training is 'On Road' training which will be facilitated by Mrs McAlaney, Mrs McVicker and Craig Dalziel, the Bikeability Co-ordinator for Renfrewshire.

Bikeability helps to develop a range of skills including: responsibility, independence, problem solving as well as an appreciation for sustainable transport.

We are grateful to the staff who will facilitate the training and advise that the 7 sessions will provide curricular opportunities for the Primary 6 children to work with their peers in the Primary 6/5 class.



National Youth Orchestra Choir - Singing Games and Rhymes

Primaries 1, 3/2 and 4 will welcome Janet Lax, a music specialist from the NYCOS choir into their class during the month of September.

Janet will engage the children with singing games and rhymes to develop the use of their voice as an instrument.

It is wonderful to hear the corridors filled with the sound of the children singing!

Community Police Partnership



A number of children have been selected to attend the 'Community Police Football Tournament' which has been arranged for **Friday 9th September 2022** between 10am - 2pm at the On-X.

A letter has been circulated to the children who have been selected to take part.

We do understand that non selection may be disappointing for some children but we would ask them to dig into their reservoir of resilience and know that other opportunities are never far away.

The Community Police will pay the Primary one class a visit on **Thursday 8th September 2022** as part of their work around 'People who Help us.' The children are looking forward to asking a few questions that they have prepared in advance!



Reporting to Parents:

Please be advised that the children's learning targets in: Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing will be circulated securely via email. These targets are created and agreed by both the Class Teacher and your child.

Our Parent/Teacher Conference will take place in school on: **Thursday 13th October 2022** and this will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress.



Additional Information

Please note that a separate Sway presentation will be circulated via email outlining annual information that we usually share in our August/September Newsletter.

Previously, this Newsletter has been printed and in a bid to be mindful of the environment, we have produced a presentation that will be updated annually and which will include information around the following themes:

- Online Safety.
- Mobile Phones.
- Water Bottles.
- Medication.
- First Aid.
- Lost Property.

To name but a few themes! We entrust you will find this to be useful.



Next Newsletter....

Keep an eye out for our October/November Newsletter which will feature the following information:

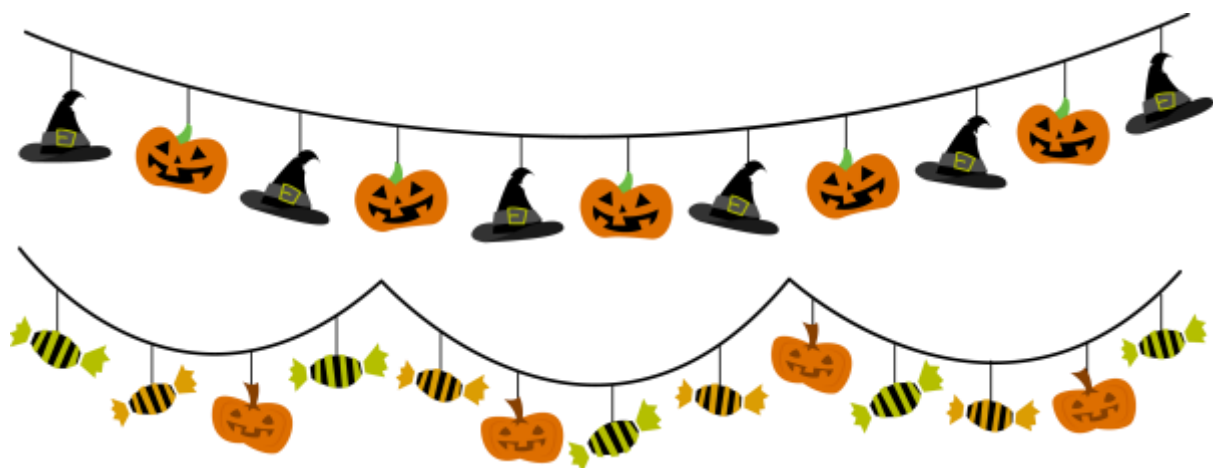
- Class Committees.
- Class UNCRC Charters.
- Birthdays.
- Quality Assurance.
- Assessment and Attainment.
- Pastoral/Religious Update.
- Parent/Teacher Conference.
- BUDS Skills Academy.
- House Captains and Vice Captains Roles and Responsibilities.
- Halloween Arrangements.

September 2022: This month's core value is: RESPONSIBILITY and the Gospel Value of: Integrity/Honesty.



| Date | Event |
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| Friday 2 nd September 2022 | First Friday Mass – Welcome Back to School' at 9.30am in St. Fillan's Church. All welcome to attend. |
| Thursday 8 th September 2022 | Primary 1 Community Police Visit. |
| Friday 9 th September 2022 | Community Police Football Tournament. Children selected will be notified in advance. |
| Tuesday 13 th September 2022 | Class Committees today. |
| Wednesday 14 th September | Online 'Coffee and Chat' Parent Council Meeting with the Head Teacher and Principal Teacher. All welcome to attend – please save the date! |
| Friday 16 th September 2022 | Primary 7 Confirmandi Mass in the Cathedral at 10.00am. |
| Friday 23 rd September 2022 | SCHOOL IS CLOSED – SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY – ENJOY! |
| Monday 26 th September 2022 | SCHOOL IS CLOSED – SEPTEMBER WEEKEND HOLIDAY – ENJOY! |
| Wednesday 28 th September 2022 | St. Bernadette Relics at Carfin Grotto. Further details to be circulated. |

October 2022: This month's core value is: **TEAMWORK** and Gospel Value: **GENTLENESS**.



| Date | Event |
|---|--|
| Thursday 13 th October 2022 | In school Parent/Teacher Conference. Letters will be circulated via ParentPay. |
| Monday 17 th October to Friday 21 st October 2022 | SCHOOL IS CLOSED – OCTOBER WEEK HOLIDAY – ENJOY! |
| Monday 24 th October 2022 | SCHOOL IS CLOSED – INSERVICE DAY FOR STAFF TRAINING. |
| Thursday 27 th October 2022 | Proposed Halloween Disco. |
| Monday 31 st October 2022 | Halloween Parade in school – children may dress up in the afternoon for a parade and party, should they wish to do so. |

November 2022: This month's core value is: FAITH and Gospel Value: KINDNESS.



| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 29 th November 2022 | St. Andrew's Assembly for families. All welcome to attend. |
| Wednesday 30 th November 2022 | SCHOOL IS CLOSED – ST. ANDREW'S DAY HOLIDAY – ENJOY! |

December 2022: This month's core value is: TRUST and Gospel Value: KINDNESS.



| Date | Event |
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| Friday 9 th December 2022 | Christmas Jumper Day. Donations for the 'Save the Children' Appeal. Pantomime booked for the whole school – PACE Panto – Cinderella. |
| Wednesday 14 th December 2022 | Christmas Show performance for the community at 11.00am. |
| Thursday 15 th December 2022 | Christmas Show performance for families at 1.00pm. |
| Friday 16 th December 2022 | Interim Reports circulated to Parents/Carers. |
| Monday 19 th December 2022 | Primary 1-3 Christmas Party. |
| Tuesday 20 th December 2022 | Primary 4-7 Christmas Party. |
| Wednesday 21 st December 2022 | Christmas End of Term Mass at 9.30am in St. Fillan's Church. All welcome to attend! School closes at 2.30pm for the Christmas Holidays. |



Final Thoughts: #Respect #Justice

