

St Peter's Primary School

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Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe we are now in the final term of session 2018/2019. Thankfully, we are starting to enjoy better weather and it's lovely to see our children with rosy cheeks having enjoyed more of the outdoors. This is a very busy but fun packed term. I look forward to seeing you at some of our planned activities.

Staffing Update

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Duckett will return to St Peter's Primary on 7th May. Mrs Duckett will work 3 days per week for a period of time.

Ms Laura Gilbertson, Principal Teacher of Early Years at Renfrewshire Council, is currently based here at St Peter's. Ms Gilbertson and her team will be using the AV room now which means we will use an alternative space. While Ms Gilbertson is not part of our staff and the work being carried out is for all Early Years establishments across the council, I am sure you will all make her and her team very welcome here in Glenburn.

Sadly, Mrs Kenneth (ASNA) and Mrs MacLean (Kitchen Manager) continue to be absent due to bereavement. I am sure you will all keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

I have been informed that we will have a new Education Manager shortly. I would like to thank Susan Bell for the support and guidance shown to our school community throughout her time with us. I will let you know who our new Education Manager will be as soon as I can.

Our Active Schools Co-ordinator will also change this term from Jamie Forrest to David Rose. David is based at St Andrew's Academy so this will encourage better continuity for many of our pupils. I would like to thank Jamie for all of his hard work and efforts encouraging the pupils of St Peter's to take part in many sporting activities. I am sure David will also do a fabulous job and I would like to welcome him to our school community.



Religious Life of The School

Bishop John recently visited primary 7 in preparation of them receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was present during this session and was delighted with how well our children engaged in the discussion with Bishop John. They were a credit to themselves, the school and their families.

This event took place in St Mirin's Cathedral on Thursday 2 May at 7pm. It was lovely to see all of our children with their sponsors and family members. Thank you to all staff members who came along to support our children on such an important evening. It was truly magnificent to see everyone gathered together with Bishop John, Canon Eddie, Deacon John and other clergy from across the Paisley Diocese. Our thanks go to Canon Eddie for organising a retreat. Primary 7 really enjoyed attending this with Primary 7 pupils of St Peter's on the day of their Confirmation.

Primary 4 are now preparing for their first holy communion which will take place on Sunday 12 May at 12.30pm. They also enjoyed a day of retreat in St Peter's Church hall, Courtesy of Canon Eddie.

Please remember to pray for all our children and their families, especially those in primary 4 and primary 7.

Now that Lent is over I would like to say a massive well done to our Missio/SCIAF group who raised a tremendous £19.72 by selling toast at break times. Overall we are delighted to be sending a cheque for £224.90 to support a great and worthwhile cause. Your contributions to charity are always greatly appreciated – thank you for helping others in need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the ‘fiver challenge’ which was recently organised by Primary 6 & 7. This was a wonderful day with lots of fun for everyone. It was fabulous to see so many of our pupils taking on responsibility and really rising to the challenge. They raised a magnificent £469.85 for the Bishop’s Charity (MISSIO). Well done everyone!

Ascension Thursday – The Whole school will attend 10am Mass in St Peter’s Church on 30th May. You are all welcome to come along. Please let the school office know if you are able to walk to and from Church with the children. We would be very grateful.

Community Police Partnership

We have developed very good links with Bruce and Tommy, our Community Police Officers, who delivered Internet Safety talks for our senior pupils. I hope they all remember the important key messages.



Cyberbullying

Hopscotch theatre group recently performed a show which encouraged all of our children to think about how to stay safe while using internet and social media. Please ask your child to tell you about what they learned as this will help them to remember the important points outlined in the performance.

Assessment

Your child is continuously assessed through the year as part of the teaching and learning process. Often, at this point in the year, children will be completing work which would be described as summative assessment. The outcome of these assessments are not stand alone and, together with information from ongoing assessments and class work, help to form the teacher’s professional judgement of your child’s level of attainment.

Transition

Primary 7 pupils have participated in some transition events throughout the year. They will enjoy a two day visit to St Andrew’s Academy on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 May. Please remember to complete the necessary paperwork to ensure your child is able to attend.

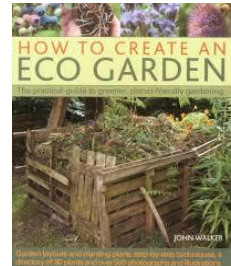
Primary 1

Induction afternoons will take place on 16th and 23rd May at 1.30pm. I look forward to meeting our new primary 1 pupils and their families very soon.

Classification

We are currently processing classification for school session 2019/2020. Please note that this is always subject to change but may give you an idea of next year's classes. Individual letters will be issued in the near future. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss any aspect of this.

P1	P3	P5/6
P1/2	P4	P6/7
P2/3	P5	P7



Eco Garden

I would like to offer a huge thank you to Renfrewshire Council's voluntary workforce who spent time during our spring break cleaning and tidying our eco garden. They were joined by Mr McIntosh who organised this for us and has arranged for them to return once per month to keep this area looking nice and inviting for our children. Staff have been busy planting with our children in class and we hope soon to fill the garden with various plants and vegetables. Please let us know if you have a keen interest in this area and would like to help out. We would also be very grateful to hear from anyone who has a particular talent for building fences – our Eco garden needs your help.



Improving Our Playground

A huge thank you to all of you for your fundraising efforts this year. We are looking forward to purchasing new items and equipment to make our school grounds brighter and more stimulating for our children. We will soon be asking for ideas from all of our families.

Outdoor Learning

Various activities take place most days in our school grounds. With this in mind, I would like to ask that parents ensure that they are not in our playground after 9am and before 3pm. This will allow pupils to engage in all learning experiences with minimal distraction.

Please remember to always report to our School reception if you wish to enter the school building. Parents are advised that they should not enter the building using any other door in order to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent Council

Our parent council have done a wonderful job, as always, organising many events throughout the year. Without your support our children would not be able to participate in many events as well as benefit from the generous funds raised. They are always very keen to welcome more members so please feel free to come along to their next meeting on 22 May at 6pm. I am aware that many of you come along to offer support during various events and this is very much appreciated. The Spring Fling will take place on Friday 17 May 3 – 5.30pm. I look forward to seeing many of our families there.

School Fundraising Group

Well done to the citizenship group who have organised events this year and raised the following

International Celebration Day in aid of Cancer Research £183.45

Wear your own clothes day £161.50

Drama Club



P6 and P7 children in the St Peter's after school Drama Club will perform 'The X Factory' on Thursday 23 May at 6pm. The Children have worked really hard and are looking forward to our performance. Children in the Drama show will be dismissed from school as normal on Thursday 23 May and should arrive back in school for 5pm. Doors will open at 5.30pm for the audience to arrive. All families are invited to attend. Tickets are £2 per adult and children go free. All money raised is for school funds. If you would like to purchase a ticket, call into the school office.

School Funds

We try hard every year to ensure that we do not ask for payment for the various activities offered to our children. This year so far school funds have provided the following:

Victorian classroom – Scotland Street Museum

Science Centre

Kelvingrove Art Galleries – where the children took part in a workshop

McDougals Pirate Show – Whole School

Cybersafe performance by Hopscotch

M&M production of Peter Pan

Seaworld Loch Lomond

Costumes, props for Christmas concerts, Drama show

Trip to Glasgow Airport a wonderful experience for the children

Christmas Gifts for all pupils

Leavers Hoodies for P7

Provided Tuckshop at Lockerbie Manor Trip

Chicks for P1/2

Coaches were provided for various events throughout the year such as P7 Transition events at St Andrews Academy, Football/Netball tournaments, West College Scotland,



Summer Outing

This will take place on Friday 21 June, we will visit Calderglen Country Park. Coaches will leave the school around 9.15 and return for 3pm. Let's hope for a lovely summer day.

Letters and Consent forms will be issued shortly and should be returned to the school as soon as possible.



M&M – 'The Wizard of OZ'

This will be performed for all children on Wednesday 29 May at 9.15am. Primary 6 pupils will receive a workshop lasting one hour at the end of the performance.

Primary Engineering Event

The children in Primary 5 have been working hard on Primary Engineer STEM challenge. They learned about electric aerodynamics, circuits, gears and friction, then used what they had learned to design and build their own powered vehicle. Two teams of children (Mateo de Medina Doig, Joseph Fallon, Imogen Porteous and Lola Punton) took their vehicles to the Renfrewshire celebration event at AFRC, Inchinnan, where they competed with P5 – 7 pupils from across the authority. Both teams demonstrated a great level of understanding and were very supportive of each other and the other participants. The girls were awarded a medal for the 'best Themed Vehicle' and certificates for coming second place in the competition. Fantastic effort.

Cultural Showcase Event

St Peter's Primary were invited to participate in Paisley's Cultural Showcase in the Tannahill Centre on Monday 13 May. Four children will represent our school (Alana Lochrie, Ava Parkinson, Joseph Lochrie, Miyah Anderson). They will go to the showcase with Mrs McLean in the afternoon and will present our display boards. Children will showcase learning from across all stages in the school including P3/4's visit to the Airport, P6/7 Paisley pattern designs, P5 information booklets about Paisley and P7's work on St Mirin.

School Property

I am delighted to inform you that all of the broken shutters protecting our windows were fixed during the Spring Break. These are now in working order.

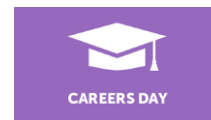


Wi-fi Upgrade

This was enhanced recently and we now have full access in all areas of the building. Our children will benefit from improved access while using our laptops and ipads during various learning opportunities.

School Improvements

As you know, your views are always very important to us at St Peter's. This is the time of year where we review the year's progress and set priorities for the coming session 2019/2020. You are invited to attend a 'drop-in' session on 21 May 3.30 – 5.30pm. I will be available to listen to your views/thoughts and discuss any aspects of school life which are important to you.



Career day

Well done to James Lochrie who was a wonderful HT for the day. He did a fabulous job and chaired a very purposeful meeting with all of our class winners. They helped to give their ideas for shaping the future of St Peter's.

Class Winners

P1	Michael Roberts	P4	Charlie O'Neil
P1/2	Annie Spencer	P5	Antonia Jones
P2/3	Shay Timoney	P5/6	Jessica Raeside
P3/4	Sophia Taylor	P6/7	James Lochrie
		P7	Monika Ragauskaite

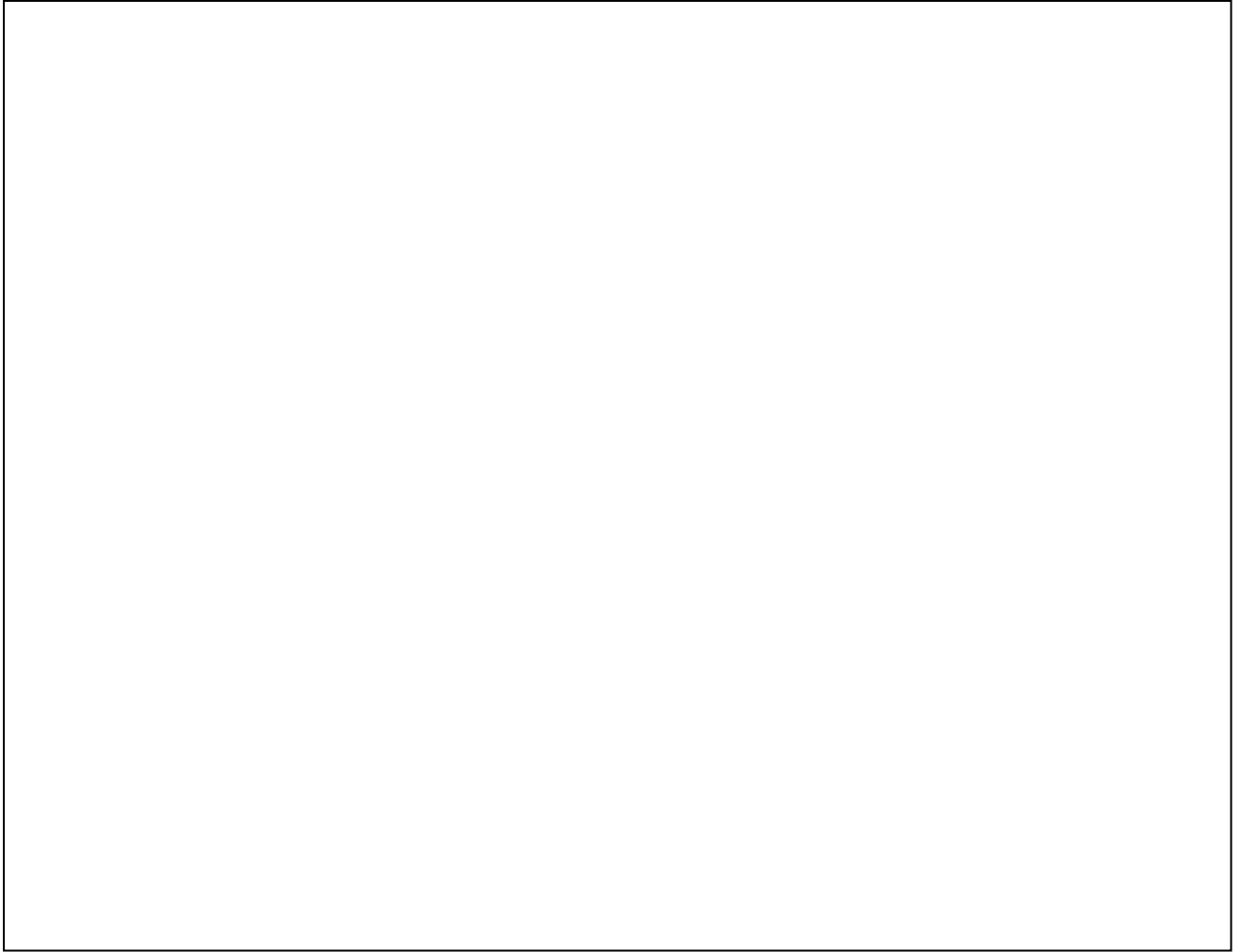
Thank you for the support you offer to your children to enable them to participate and give of their best during such activities.

I look forward to our continued partnership. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school should you wish to discuss any matters.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher

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