



Rashielea Primary School - Term 1 Newsletter



Learning for Today, Inspiring for Tomorrow!

Welcome back after our summer break! A special welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils and the other pupils who have moved to Rashielea Primary School this session. All the children have settled very well into their new classes and are already displaying our school values. Thank you to all our families for the children looking very smart in their school uniforms.

The partnership between staff, parents and the wider community is a vital part of the culture in Rashielea Primary and contributed to our Vision, Values and Aims which underpin our school motto:

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In Rashielea we are working together to equip our children with the skills and confidence needed in today's society in a safe, nurturing environment where everyone is valued, treated equally and encouraged to do their best and achieve success.

Our shared values are :

- ❖ Kindness
- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Honesty
- ❖ Responsibility
- ❖ Ambition

Through our shared values in Rashielea Primary we aim to:

- Treat others as we wish to be treated and create a safe, nurturing environment
- Create a supportive, caring environment where all children, families and staff feel valued and are treated equally
- Encourage everyone to make good choices by creating an open, trusting ethos
- Support everyone to take ownership of their own behaviour and actions, showing consideration for themselves, others and their environment
- Work together to enable everyone to do their best, achieve their dreams and feel a sense of achievement in all that they do

This session we will be working with the children to write our vision and aims in child friendly terms.



Improvement Plan

This session we will be focusing on:

- continuing to implement the Health and Wellbeing Programme PATHS alongside our Nurturing schools
- developing our approaches to writing by introducing aspects of the Renfrewshire approach
- continuing to develop our approaches to numeracy and maths, including number Talks, CUBES, Maths in a context and Learning Walls

Our School Improvement Plan and Standards and Quality Report for parents and carers are available on our school blog.

House Captains and Vice Captains



In total, we interviewed 48 children for the above positions so as you can imagine it was a very difficult choice to make! Every one of the pupils interviewed did an excellent job, displaying the values of Rashielea Primary School perfectly. They made us very proud. Not everyone can be chosen and we stuck to the following three areas to focus on: their application, their interview and comments from the class teacher. Taking this all in to account, we made our selection. Well done everyone for taking part and well done to our captains and vice captains who are already busy planning their first event. The appointments are as follows:



House	Captain	Vice-Captain
Lomond	Annie Bryans	Jaime Paterson Olivia Pollock
Tay	Scott McKenzie	Lynn Johnstone Mirren Sloan
Ness	Jayden Dunn	Christopher Ingram Keely McConville
Rannoch	Sophie Findlay	Ruby Redmond Copper Spalding

Pupil Hubs/ Pupil Leadership

Pupils will have the opportunity to lead initiatives within the school through our hubs, which will begin after the October break. Children will have the choice as to which kind of group they would like to be involved with and will work with cross-year groups to drive forward agendas such as outdoor learning, blogging across the school, ECO issues and establishing good community links. In this way, children get an opportunity to lead an area of learning that is of interest to them and relevant to their lives but which will also benefit the whole school.



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Achievements and assemblies

Out of school achievements continue to be celebrated within classes and displayed using our “Rashie’s Got Talent” board in the hall. It is early days, but we already have children up on our board for all to see! Please feel free to email via the school email address – rashieleaenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk – with any details of achievements. We are keen to hear about the children’s swimming, running, scouting, baking.....

Our weekly assemblies are a positive end to each week. Held on a Friday afternoon, they include all staff, teaching and non teaching, who award children who have displayed the school values well that week. This is a time each week where we focus on the positive, share good news stories and celebrate success.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

This session reporting will take place each term:

Term 1 – Meet the Teacher and Parents’ Nights

Term 2 – Interim Report (except for the classes participating in our SeeSaw trial)

Term 3 – Parents’ nights

Term 4 – End of Year Report

In addition throughout the course of the year

- profiling will be trialled in some classes (SeeSaw)
- Blog posts will be kept up to date
- Twitter feed will have regular posts
- Jotters will be sent home termly (please return with comments sheet the following day)
- Homework diaries
- Events and shows
- Stickers, certificates and awards

Please remember if you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact us. You can write a note in the diary, send a letter/email, call the school or drop in and the class teacher and/or a member of the leadership team will be happy to help. We have an open door policy to address any concerns promptly and pride ourselves on the positive relationships we have with our families. We would request that you do not use social media as a means to raise any issues but rather that you contact us directly.

Parking

We would kindly ask you refrain from parking in Rashiewood, the street immediately next to the school when dropping off/picking up your children. This area is very busy with children walking to/from school and is not a safe place to park your car. The residents of the street have also raised their difficulties they’ve had at times being unable to leave or enter their properties due to the area being congested. Your support in assisting us resolve this issue would be greatly appreciated.

Bike racks

Our bike racks are situated outside the Primary 5 classroom. Cycling is a great way to get to school in terms of encouraging an active lifestyle and helping the environment. We would encourage the children to cycle to school when possible. For safety reasons, all children should dismount before entering the playground and should walk their bikes out at the end of the day. Helmets should be worn. Scooters can be chained to the racks.

Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to bring a full water bottle to class each day and they can drink plain water throughout the day. Diluting juice, flavoured water and fruit juice can be consumed at break and lunch.



Wet mornings

If the weather is unsuitable for the pupils to remain in the playground (heavy rain, snow, ice etc) then the children will be allowed into the school at 8.50am. On wet mornings please plan your journey to arrive as near to 9am as possible.



No Dogs in the Playground please



Some of our pupils are afraid of dogs and we have had issues with dog fouling.

Active Schools Clubs

The clubs for this session begin the week commencing Monday 17th September, finishing on Thursday 29th November 2018. There are a variety of clubs running over the school day this session including Ballet, Running Club and Mini Kickers. To see the full list of clubs available and to sign up online please go to

<https://rlrashielea.class4kids.co.uk>

We would encourage as many of the children sign up for active schools as possible as health and well-being is a fundamental part of the school curriculum. Exercise during the school day improves overall fitness and also supports learning in the classroom too.



Save the Date

Please refer to the page below for important dates for your diary this session.





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SAVE THE DATE

Friday 14 th September	Maths week – dress up day
Tuesday 18 th September	P4-P7 Science Centre Trip
Friday 21 st September & Monday 24 th September	School Closed (Holiday)
Friday 28 th September	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon (1.30-3.00pm)
Tuesday 2 nd October & Thursday 4 th October	Parents' Nights
Wednesday 10 th October	Pupil flu Vaccines (NHS)
Monday 15th October until - School Closed (Holiday)	
Friday 22 October (inclusive)	
Monday 22 nd October	School Closed (IS)
Tuesday 23rd October	School re-opens to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd October	School Photographs
Thursday 28 th November	P4-P7 Open Afternoon (2-3pm)
Friday 30 th November	School Closed (St. Andrews)
Wednesday 12th December	P1-P3 Nativity (1.30pm)
Thursday 13 th December	P1-P3 Nativity (9.30am)
Friday 21 st December	School Closes 2.30pm (Holiday)
Monday 7 th January 2019	School re-opens