



Rashielea Primary School Term Two Newsletter



Macmillan Coffee Morning



We had a fantastic coffee afternoon in the school last term, raising over £800 for this worthy cause! I'm sure you all agree that this is a wonderful amount of money from our school community and we would like to thank everyone who bought tickets, contributed raffle prizes and bought tickets. Thanks to the children and staff who made it all happen.



Pupils entertain our guests



We were so pleased that our neighbours from the Care Home, Little Inch, attended our afternoon too. We continue to foster this relationship further in the coming months as the children enjoyed having them and from the looks of things, the residents enjoyed it too.

Children In Need 2018



Rashielea Primary school will join in with this year's Children in Need appeal on 15th November. Primary 3 will lead the arrangements, sell the Pudsey Keyrings and badges and organise the collection of any donations. This will start from Monday 11th and finish on Friday 15th with an own clothes day. The children will collect donations from this and keep us informed of any other details through Seesaw.



Primary 6 & 7 Football

Well done to our hardy team of Primary 7 players who have begun to take part in our local league. We have started the season well and are currently mid table, with a game to look forward to this week. Our players look very smart in their new strips. Thanks once again to the Rotary Club and John the Coach



Parents' Association Christmas Fayre

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at the school's annual P.A. Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December from 10am until 1pm. Crafts made by the children will be on sale along with all the other goodies!



Library Visits



After our popular visits to our local library last session, all classes will be visiting the library throughout the month of November. We will keep you posted about dates and will no doubt be looking for some willing volunteers to accompany the children.

Parking

Can we please ask parents to follow the parking restrictions in place outside the school. This is to ensure that the children can walk to/from school safely. Please do not park your car at the entrance to Rashie Wood as this is unsafe and is affecting the residents who live there. Thank you.

Come Dine with me



On Friday 1st November, we had a spooky spectacular cooking competition. The children were challenged to produce an original recipe using pumpkin. They came up with some fabulous recipes including, pumpkin humus, pumpkin crispy cakes, pumpkin smoothie and pumpkin soup. Great fun was had by the whole school at assembly and our judges for the event gave their highest scores of the day to P3 for their crispy cakes. Congratulations to P3 all the other classes who took part.

Curriculum Matters

Literacy

Last session we began developing our approaches to writing. We piloted some of the strategies that the Development Officer discussed with us. One of these was the development of 'free writing' within the class. This provides the opportunity for children to write for enjoyment and develop their identity as a writer. If you ask your child about EWIC (Everyone Writing In Class) time they will be able to tell you about the things they have been writing and how much they have enjoyed them.

This session we have looked out with Renfrewshire Council to identify examples of good practice and following discussion and research on our Inset Day in October, our P7, P6, P2 and P1 staff have visited a school in South Lanarkshire to observe lessons and evaluate the effectiveness of their approach to writing. These will inform our next steps.

Learning Buddies

We have extended our Learning Buddies from last session with almost all Primary 5 - 7 pupils taking on the responsibility to lead the learning of younger pupils. They will be coached in how to teach specific skills in Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Well Being in Primary 1 - 3 pupils. The learning from this whole experience will go both ways as the older pupils will consolidate their learning while introducing the younger pupils to new ideas. The teachers are very excited to see how well the Primary 5 pupils carry out this challenge and will be there the whole way to facilitate this initiative and provide the teaching and support in order for the project to be a success. Watch this space for more information!

Numeracy



We continue to develop our approaches to Numeracy with more staff trained in SEAL. Working with the Attainment Challenge numeracy team we have all had further training in Number Talks, the use of concrete materials and bar modelling.

The approaches we have adopted have had a positive impact on our numeracy attainment and in closing the poverty related attainment gap. We are committed to further embedding these approaches to support all our children in achieving success.

Health and Wellbeing (HWB)

Renfrewshire Cross country

40 of our P6 and P7 pupils participated in a gruelling 2km course and all the children did their best and were a credit to us.

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Sports Scotland – Gold Award

Our Health and Well-Being Hub gathered evidence from all classes and applied for the Gold Award from Sports Scotland. This is a fantastic achievement and is an award that lasts 3 years. If you would like to know more about the criteria that had to be met for the children to achieve this reward, please visit sportsscotland.org.uk

Assemblies

This term our Monday assemblies have been focusing on the wellbeing indicators:

Safe – online safety, road safety, firework safety, Trick or Treating
Healthy – exercise, diet, rest, friendships, hydration

Each week we will focus on a separate area and explore what the children can do to live healthy, active lives.

Achieving -
Nurtured
Active
Respected
Responsible
Included

Anti – Bullying Week November 11th – 15th

All the children participated in lessons relating to Anti Bullying throughout the week of 11th – 15th November. Our House and Vice Captains worked together to prepare lessons for all the classes in the school, linking these to our school values. Our House Captains collaborated on a presentation for our Anti bullying Assembly to ensure everyone is aware that our aim is to be a school where bullying cannot thrive, where everyone knows what to do should they feel bullied or think someone else is being bullied.

Learning Through Play

P1 & P2 Play Pedagogy is well embedded and pupils have been having lots of fun whilst learning at the same time! Mrs Steedman & Miss Denholm have recently visited Bearsden Primary and Mrs Hillhouse visited Bargarran Primary to share good practice. Thank you for the donations of tyres, wood, pipes, logs etc. The pupils have been developing their creativity and imaginative skills and have been building some fabulous cars, boats and even a submarine! We have very kindly been given a Mud Kitchen from Renfrewshire Payback which the children are looking forward to making some mud pies! Any donations of wellies and waterproofs would be greatly appreciated.

PATHS Pals

Our Paths Pals have successfully completed their training from Kristy and are now mentoring in the P1-3 Playground. Their job consists of playing Paths Games and helping younger pupils to use their Paths language to solve small playground issues. All teams are doing a terrific job.

Renfrewshire Nurturing Relationships Approach

Rashielea Primary continues on our journey to become a nurturing school. The Nurture Core Group have reviewed the development work we did last session on Principle 6 - 'Transitions'. During Focus Pupil Group discussions all the children were very positive about the impact the soft start and welcome had on them in the morning.

All classes will display a visual timetable which pupils can refer to so they are clear about what they will be doing during the course of a day and an individual one is provided for those pupils who need it. We believe that if our pupils are happy and comfortable in school then they are ready to learn.

Some quotes from P6 and P7

'If you've had a bad start to your day it makes you feel happier and welcome'

'Sets you up for a busy day'

'Makes you feel like someone really cares about you and makes you happy to get on with the rest of your day'

'Happy start to day that means you are ready to learn'

This session we have worked with our Educational Psychologist and the Nurture PT for Renfrewshire Council to agree our next Principle – All behaviour is communication. We have had an input on our October inset day and our evaluation of this has identified our next steps. All staff are trialling the use of 'Language Cards' developed by a teacher from Mary Russell which focuses on how we, as adults communicate with the children in school and we will evaluate this next term.

Raising Attainment

As part of the Scottish Government's drive to raise attainment, our children in P1 to P3 will bring home either a Book Bug bag or a Read, Write Count bag. These are wonderful resources which should be used at home to encourage talking about learning and will be distributed towards the end of term.

Parental Engagement

We are further developing our approaches to reporting to parents this session. From parental feedback parents highlighted that they felt face to face meetings with their child's class teacher was the most effective way of sharing their child's progress. As a result of this we have a trial programme of reporting planned throughout the year.

SeeSaw, Twitter, Blog – used all year to share learning and achievements on an ongoing basis

Term 1 – informal Meet the Teacher

Term 2 – formal Parents' Evening

Term 3 – written report prior to formal Parents' Evening

Term 4 – formal Parents' Evening

At the end of the session we will be seeking your opinion on how effective this has been and to help us identify any next steps so please take the time to complete the survey in Term 4 when you receive the link through SeeSaw.

Absence Reporting

If your child is going to be off school due to sickness, holidays or any other reason, please call the school office on 0300 300 0156 to report this. Please do not use Seesaw to report absences as they must be reported to the office directly. Thank you.



Find us:

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Dates For Your Diary

Friday 29th November

Monday 2nd December

Saturday 7th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

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Friday 13th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

P4-P7 Open Day

School Closed – St. Andrews Day

Xmas Fayre – 10.00-1.00pm

P1-P3 Nativity 1.30pm

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P4-P7 Christmas show 1.30pm

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School closes 2.30pm for Xmas

School re-opens

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