

Term 2 Newsletter



It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term 2 already and Christmas will soon be here! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Gardenrose for their hard work this session. This newsletter gives a flavour of some of the opportunities offered.

The cost of living crisis continues to affect us, some more so than others. Gardenrose is working in partnership with Cash for Kids, South Ayrshire Toy Bank and South Ayrshire Clothing Bank to support many of our families. Please contact the school office if you require support.

2023 is going to be an exciting year for all of us. We are approaching the last 6 months of Gardenrose Primary and Early Years Centre and will be celebrating the history of the school before our doors close at the end of June. We will be holding an Open Day at Gardenrose Primary on Saturday 25th March and more details will follow. Staff from Gardenrose and Cairn have been working closely together this session to prepare for our merger in August. Children throughout the school have been sharing learning experiences, getting to know one another and building positive relationships before moving in to our new campus. These joint activities will continue in the new year. We will be holding our first joint Parent Council meeting on the 26th January and all parents are welcome to come along, details will follow.

Work is proceeding at pace in the new campus. The roof will be finished by Christmas and the building will be watertight. Internal work is well under way and staff and pupils will visit the campus in the new year to see the progress being made.

Pupils will have the opportunity to vote for our new Culzean Primary uniform in January. The finalists' entries have been sent to the design team and as soon as the preferred option is chosen, it will be sent to the factory to begin production.

We will send you regular updates of progress in the new year as it will be June 2023 before we know it!

Have a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and an enjoyable, relaxing holiday.

Fiona McDougall

Halloween Parties

There were some spooky goings on at the school for Halloween, with parties being organised by both the school and the parent council.



Primary 5



Primary 6



P.1 – 3 Halloween Party



Parent Council Halloween Discos

Remembrance Day



Two Primary 6s, Imogen and Finlay represented the school at the Greenside on Remembrance Day. On Remembrance Sunday, Primary 7 pupils, Tynam, Kaila and Eva attended the war memorial on behalf of the school to pay their respects to the fallen. In school we held a minutes silence and Primary 7's presented a very poignant and informative assembly to the rest of the school.

Author Visit

The author, Marion Husband came to the school and visited Primary's 3 and 4 to share her new book "The Friendship Bench". She read to the children and answered any questions they had.



CLD Arts & Crafts

Community Learning and Development delivered afterschool Christmas Crafts Workshops for parents and pupils from Primary 1 - 3. The activities included decorating biscuits and making tree decorations, what a lovely way to spend time together.



Children in Need

Primary 3 organised all our Children in Need activities this year and they did an amazing job. There was a fitness session, competitions and the all-time favourite ... soak the teacher. They raised an amazing £656!!



P.2 Pudsey Ready



Pupils soaking Miss Caldwell



Lots of fun and games



P.3 getting ready for the afternoon



Miss Pollock getting drenched!

Football Team

Our football team have had 5 fixtures this term. Here are some of them in action at Carrick Academy, who have kindly let us use their astro for our games. The boys would like to thank Stuart and Cammy for giving up their time to train and coach the team.



Dance Competition

Some of our Primary 5s and Primary 7s took part in the South Ayrshire Dance Competition at Troon Concert Hall. The girls had been practising hard with their dance leader from Carrick and were great on the day, showing confidence in demonstrating their skills in front of an audience at such a large venue. Well done Maci, Emily, Emeli, Maci, Maisie, Emily and Abi.



Our dance troupe

Choir

Our choir have been very busy this term entertaining the town. They sang at our Christmas Fair, then performed at the Greenside and then went to Fairknowe to entertain the residents.



Gardenrose choir at the Greenside



Singing at Fairknowe

Babies

We have two babies due over the Christmas period. We would all like to wish Mrs Wade and Mrs Park, who have both now started their maternity leave, all the best for their new arrivals.

Nativity

This year, the Primary 1 - 3 nativity was called Bethlehem Bake Off. We have now had both performances and it was amazing!! There was super singing, great acting and lots of lines to remember and what a great job all the pupils did.



Christmas Lunch

Our pupils were all looking very festive for our Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day. Lots of cleared plates!



P.4 Joint Learning Day



The Primary 4's from Cairn Primary joined us for a Craft and Design Day. The two classes worked together in teams to build a model that could house a light. The children then presented their ideas to the other groups. There was lots of creativity and great teamwork (and mess 😊).



P.5 & 6 Joint Learning Day

The Primary 5s and 6s from Cairn also came up to Gardenrose for a day. The focus for them was science. They conducted a number of experiments including chemical reactions to make bath bombs, chemical properties and changes and creating circuits. They also did some coding and had a shot of the virtual headsets.





Gardenrose Primary School

Rights Respecting School Newsletter, Term 2



What is a Rights Respecting School?

A Rights Respecting School is a community where **children's rights** are learned, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted.

Committee Members

- P1 - Emily
- P2 - Erin
- P3 - Jaxon
- P4 - Jenna
- P5 - Fiona
- P6 - Finlay McD
- P7 - Kyle

This term we have been learning about...

- Article 15 - The right to choose your friends
- Article 5 - The right to ensure your rights are protected
- Article 16 - The right to privacy
- Article 9 - The right to live with your parents
- Article 10 - The right to live with your family in the same place
- Article 12 - The right to give your own opinion
- Article 3 - The right to make your own decisions

Class Charter: The process of developing a class charter can serve to unite the class. It develops a sense of ownership of the classroom and learning.

Maisie (P7)

Winner of RRS school mascot



Our whole school playground charter

Created by the RRS committee



Campus Progress


Morgan Sindall have sent the undernoted update to us which we have shared with pupils. They are hoping to come to the school in January to deliver a more detailed presentation on how the works are progressing.



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Progress on Site

The structure is now complete, with the external envelope works progressing across each elevation of the building. We are anticipating that roofing works will be complete by the Christmas break which will allow internal works to progress. Brickwork is being built to all elevations of the primary and secondary school, with glazing and roof lights being installed across each area. External cladding has commenced to the northern side of the games hall.



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The final sections of concrete slabs will be complete by 12th December, allowing the birdcage scaffolding to be erected so that we can access the finishing works above the pool.

With the last sections of concrete slab now complete, we will be in a position to recommence teacher visits in early 2023.



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Primary School External brickwork and scaffolding.



Games Hall external envelope and cladding progressing.



Games Hall external envelope and cladding progressing.



M&E plant being installed to main roof.



Nursery roofing being completed.



Nursery windows being installed.



Internal works to the Nursery progressing.



Best wishes

this Christmas

from everyone at Morgan Sindall Construction

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Term 3 Dates for Diary

9 th January	Pupils Return
1 st February	Scots Poetry Competition
w/b 6 th February	Health Week
10 th February	School Holiday
13 th February	School Holiday
14 th February	In-service Day (closed to pupils)
21 st February	P.7 Burns Supper
2 nd March	World Book Day
w/b 13 th March	STEM Week
17 th March	Red Nose Day
25 th March	Gardenrose Open Day
3 rd April – 14 th April inc	Easter Holidays