



January - March 2018



Please keep up to date with all that is going on in the school by checking our Glow Blog and joining us on Twitter.

You can find us here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/StJosephsPS/> or google St Joseph's Primary, Whitburn. Our Twitter handle is: **@StJosephspswhit**. Our Twitter account is now linked to our blog so you will receive a tweet each time we post anything new on the blog. Everyone is excited to show you what they have been learning. Please feel free to post comments and suggestions. We hope you can easily find the information you are looking for.

Playground Safety

Thank you for your co-operation in keeping our playground clear of adults in the morning, making it easier to see the pupils. When the whistle is blown for the pupils to line up in the infant yard, the gate will be closed. This will allow staff to supervise the pupils in their lines. The gate will be opened by staff for any latecomers. Could parents also please leave pupils at the start of the big playground, to ensure only children are inside the yard. Supervision will be in place at this time.

Online Safety

In school we regularly remind pupils about the importance of being safe online. As Parents, please make sure you are aware of your child's online activities. You might find it helpful to start with a family discussion to set boundaries and agree what's appropriate. Or you might need a more specific conversation about an app or website your child wants to use or something you're worried about. There is a website which was set up for Safer Internet Day and the NSPCC and CEOP websites also have some great information on this subject:

www.saferinternetday.org.uk

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



Sacramental Preparation

Father Sebastian and Deacon Ronnie have arranged preparation events for upcoming sacraments in P3 and P4. If you wish your child to receive the sacrament and have not yet contacted the parish or school, please do so as soon as possible.

P3 Reconciliation

1 Mar 7pm Parent Meeting - Sacred Heart Church, Armadale

22 Mar 7pm First Reconciliation - St. Joseph's Church

P4 Eucharist

2 June 10 am First Communion

School Car Parks

The area around the car parks becomes extremely busy at drop-off times. This has resulted in the school bus being unable to access the school and leave afterwards. It can also mean a queue of cars, as people stop to drop children off in the car park area. This presents a risk to our pupils who are coming to school.

The two car parks directly outside the school are for staff use and should not be used for parents for parking or for dropping children off.

No one should be parked or dropping off in the school bus drop-off zone.

Outdoor Education

Lowport Centre – Primary 5 children are looking forward to their trip to Lowport to take part in lots of outdoor activities. This will take place on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March.

Ardeonaig – Preparations are well under way for our P6 visit to Ardeonaig. This will take place from Wednesday 11th April – Friday 13th April.

Education City

All pupils from P2-7 have home access to Education City. This allows them to do activities at home and can be useful to reinforce learning and in particular in times of bad weather if children are unable to come to school. All pupils have been issued with login details which should be in their homework diary.

The School Office

To tackle the increased amount of administration, the office will remain closed on a Wednesday afternoon. If your enquiry can be dealt with another time this would be appreciated. Thank you.



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We would encourage all parents to use our ipay cash system online. The web address is www.ipayimpact.co.uk

The iPayimpact online payment system gives you a more convenient and flexible way to make payments online. By making cashless payments online, you know that your money has reached the establishment safely. You can view your account statement, payment history and check when payments need to be made. Cashless payments help the school to be more efficient as administration time in the office is reduced. As you know Mrs O'Shaughnessy is already very busy! **Please remember to inform the office if you change your email address.**

Once a week, take a peek!

Please check your child's hair regularly.

Treatment can be prescribed by your doctor or purchased at the pharmacy.



Snacks and Birthday Cakes

Unfortunately, due to the number of children who have allergies, we are unable to allow children to bring in Birthday cakes for their class. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. Also, please remember that children are not allowed nut products in school, this includes Nutella and chocolate/nut filled croissants.

Class News

The children have settled back into the new term and their topic activities are well under way.

Primary 1, 1/2 and 2 are studying Scotland this term.

Primary 1 are reading 'There Was a Wee Lassie who Swallowed a Midgie' by Julia Donaldson.

Primary 1/ 2 are enjoying activities based around 'The Gruffalo's Wean'.

Primary 2 are excited to be learning about Katie Morag and Tartan.

Primary 3 are learning about Scottish Food & Drink.

Primary 4 are studying Heroes and Villains

Primary 5 have been studying the poetry of Robert Burns and are beginning a topic about Japan.

Primary 6 are studying The Jacobites. P6R are reading the novel 'A Wrinkle in Time' and P6W are enjoying 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo

Primary 7 are studying Scotland and will be participating in a novel study of 'The Divided City' by Theresa Breslin.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 5th Feb - NYCOS for P4 (12 weeks)

Thu 8th Feb - Storyteller Visit for P3-7

Mon 12th & Tues 13th Feb - February Break -School closed

Wed 14th Feb - Mass & Ashes in school

Wed 21st Feb - Netball Tournament

Sun 25th Feb - P4 Presentation on Our Father - 10am Mass

Mon 26th Feb - Fair Trade Fortnight

Thu 1st Mar - World Book Day

- P3 Reconciliation Meeting for Parents -
7pm Sacred Heart Church, Armadale

Mon 5th Mar - Book Fair Week

Wed 7th Mar - Nursery Mothers' Day event

Thu 8th Mar - Parent Consultations - times to follow

Fri 9th Mar - Start of British Science Week

Tues 13th Mar - Ragbag Collection

Wed 14th Mar - Netball Tournament

Thurs 15th & Fri 16th Mar - P5 visit to Lowport

Fri 16th Mar - Celebration of Feast of St. Joseph - Church

Wed 21st Mar - P7 Glasgow Trip - further details to follow

Thu 22nd Mar - P6 Cross-Country Festival

- P3 First Reconciliation - 7pm St. Joseph's
Church

Fri 23rd Mar - End of Term - finish for Easter Break

Mon 9th April - Staff and Pupils Resume

Wed 11th - Fri 13th Apr - P6 trin to Ardeonnaia

NYCOS

The National Youth Choir of Scotland will be coming into school for 12 weeks commencing Monday 5th February to work with all of our Primary 4 children. This is a great opportunity for children to develop their musical talents.

ECO Club

Mr Toner and the ECO club have begun a lunchtime club. This club is for Primary 4-7 pupils. We look forward to the exciting projects they will undertake in our school.

Rag Bag Collection

Our next Rag Bag collection will be on Tuesday 13th March. This can help raise funds for our school. If you have any old clothing please pop it in a bag hand it in before this date.