

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



We're now entering the final term of the 2021/2022 school session.

This term our Primary 7s will begin to visit their secondary schools as they prepare to move on to the next step of their school journey. We will welcome next year's Primary 1 pupils and this year their parents will be able to join us for the transition visits; finally a wee bit of normality!

Our friends at North Kelvinside Primary School were supposed to be moving into their new building after the Easter break but there has been a delay and their new building hasn't been finished so they'll be with us a bit longer. We'll keep you updated on the progress of their move.

We've got loads to pack into the last school term of the session so we're in for a busy 10 weeks. Please make sure that you are checking Groupcall and Seesaw regularly as this is how the reminders will be sent out. If you need help with either of these, please contact the school office.

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Literacy for All

Join in with us as we celebrate **World Book Night** and share your photos.

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Glasgow Counts

Have you heard of micro:bits? We've secured funding for a class set!

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The Leader in Me

This month we will be working on Leader in Me Habit 8: **Find Your Voice.**

Glasgow's Improvement Challenge



Glasgow Improvement Challenge

- Raising attainment in literacy and numeracy through targeted support and interventions in primary schools
- Improving children's health and well-being through nurturing approaches and increased participation in physical health and sport
- Supporting families to be better able to support their child's learning and development
- Enhancing leadership of senior staff



March Update

We had another very busy month! Unfortunately we had our highest ever number of Covid cases amongst the children so we were counting down the days to the Easter break so that everyone could get a well deserved break.

- A group of our Primary 6 and 7 pupils went for a three day residential trip to Lockerbie Manor. This was our first residential experience in over 2 years so it was lovely to get back to providing this for the children. The group took part in archery, climbing, raft building and team building exercises. They were a credit to the school.
- The children celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March and brought some fabulous potato book characters they'd made at home to school.
- We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week from the 7-13th March. This year's theme was Growing Together. We considered how we have grown and discussed ways of helping others to grow.
- During British Science Week we launched our new STEM Suite. Children will now have

weekly sessions in the room with the chance to explore the resources. Many thanks to Nadine Fraser for organising a fundraiser to buy Lego for the room. Thanks also to everyone who donated. The children have had great fun with the Lego during their visits so far.

- During the last week of term the children took part in our annual Health Week which, as always, coincides with Autism Acceptance Week.

Main Events for the Children in April

- 1st - First Friday Mass
- 1st - School Closes at 2.30 for Easter Break
- 19th - **School Reopens at 9am**
- 22nd - Earth Day
- 23rd - World Book Night
- 29th - Non-Uniform Day



PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT - ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance at school is important for children to attain at school. Our attendance rate continues to be around the 90% that Glasgow City Council deems acceptable. Reporting an absence via the **Pupils**

Absence Reporting Line is now easier than ever as you can just call the school office on 0141 946 1391 and choose Option 1. You can do this online at www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence.

Punctuality at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be a problem at the school. Good timekeeping is an important life skill for the children to learn. The Cordia breakfast club opens at 8am and school reopens for everyone else at 8.45am. This allows children to have some social time with their friends and be ready for the start of the school day at 9am.



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Literacy for All

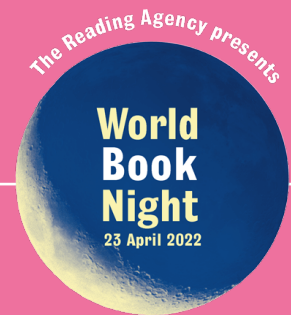


World Book Night (23rd April) is for everyone, whether you read regularly or less often, it is the perfect opportunity to celebrate books and the difference they make to our lives. There are so many ways you can get involved.

Read a book during the **Reading Hour** from 7-8pm and share what you are reading on social media using #ReadingHour and #WorldBookNight to join the celebration.

Donate books you have finished reading so that someone else can enjoy them too! Look out for Book Exchange boxes on the school railings on the 22nd and get swapping.

Of course the entire sentiment of World Book Night will be lost if people don't actually take the time to sit down and read a book! So be sure to take the time to read along with the children; we can all be reading role models encouraging the children to have fun while reading.



Glasgow Counts

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Well done to everyone who took part in March's **Sumdog** competition. A recent study demonstrated that using Sumdog for just 30 minutes a week almost doubled children's fluency in maths and that is why we continue to use it as a tool to improve our children's mental maths abilities.



As the weather is improving and you're out and about a bit more it is useful to use these opportunities to notice how maths is always around us and have some fun exploring maths and learning while on the move. Don't forget to share anything you find via Seesaw, Facebook or Twitter.

Now that our **STEM Suite** is officially opened, we will continue to timetable this each week as part of each child's learning. Our theme for next month is **Innovation**. We have also managed to secure funding for a class set of micro:bits, these pocket-sized computers will help to introduce the children to how computers work and develop fluency in concepts and languages of computer systems and foster digital creativity.

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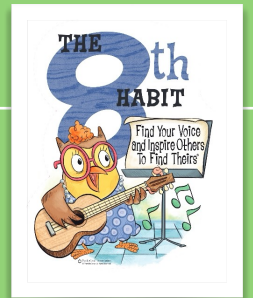


Leader in Me

"People simply feel better about themselves when they're good at something."

Dr Stephen R. Covey

During April we will be working to deepen our understanding of Habit 8: Find Your Voice and Inspire Others to Find Theirs.



Here is some of the language your child will be learning: I have found something that I am good at and really like doing. I am proud but do not boast. Instead I use my expertise to help and inspire others.

The eighth habit teaches us that as people we are more alike than different. The children will learn that when differences cause problems, putting themselves in others' shoes is the first step to understanding and respecting them. This habit helps to develop empathy.

Do you know what your child is good at and really likes doing? Do you tell them that they're really good at doing it? Do you encourage them to use what they're good at to inspire or help others? It's something to think about!

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

