

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



As we begin the month of May we remember especially the pupils who will be receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time as they make their First Holy Communion.

Our pupils will receive the Sacrament for the first time on the 1st and 15th of May at 12:00 Mass in the Oratory of St Charles and at 10am on Sunday 8th May in St Gregory's. We ask that you remember the children and their families in your prayers.

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Mary, more than anyone, can show us Jesus, lead us to him and teach us to know and love him.

As a family you could pray the Rosary at home or write your own family prayer to Mary. You could make your own altar to Our Lady by setting up a table or a corner of your home and dedicating it to our Blessed Mother. You could add fresh flowers or make paper flowers.

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Literacy for All

This month we're combining reading with mental health as we Keep the Heid and Read!

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Glasgow Counts

This month we will celebrate our annual **Financial Education Week** with the children.

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The Leader in Me

You can help practice the 7 Habits at home; get the whole family involved.

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



April Update

We arrived back after the Easter break we'll rested and ready to learn and have managed to pack lots in.

- The 20th April saw our last group of Primary 1 pupils complete their Forest School block at the Children's Wood. All of our Primary 1s have now completed a six week block of Forest School Sessions with our community partner, Andrea.
- Our primary 4 classes had a visit from the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to animals. The children learned how to look after domestic pets.
- The infants have been enjoying the Irish Dancing lunchtime club run by Miss McQuade and Miss Payne. The children have been working on their jumps and their turned out toes. We're hoping they will put on a display for us before the end of term.
- A group of our Primary 7 pupils have been taking part in rowing sessions at the Firhill Basin. These sessions have been provided free of charge by Firhill Youth Project and Community Sports Hub. We are so lucky to have this resource on our doorstep.

- In the last week of term eight of our classes visited the Mitchell Library as part of the **Wee Write Festival**. The children met different authors and got to hear about what it takes to become a writer.

Main Events for the Children in May

- 1st - First Holy Communion - St Charles
- 2nd - **School closed for Bank Holiday**
- 3rd - Financial Education Week
- 5th - **School closed for In-Service Day**
- 6th - First Friday Mass
- 8th - First Holy Communion - St Gregory's
- 9th - Mental Health Awareness Week
- 11th - Pre Entry Visit 1
- 15th - First Holy Communion - St Charles
- 17th - Pre Entry Visit 2
- 18th - National Numeracy Day
- 19th - Outdoor Classroom Day
- 26th - 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.

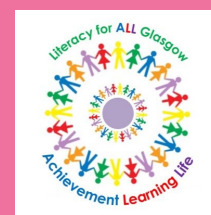
This term I will be inviting some families into school to discuss ways we can work together to improve their child's attendance. We would like to ensure that all of our pupils get the best possible chance to succeed in life.

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.



Literacy for All

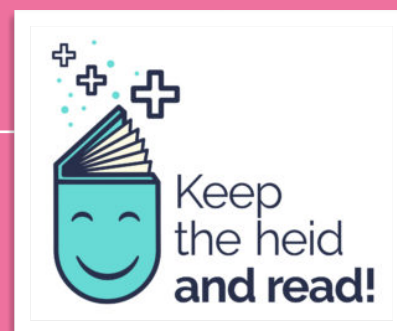
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A national reading moment, called '**Keep the Heid and Read!**' will take place on Wednesday 11 May, during [Mental Health Awareness Week 2022](#).

Readers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to pledge to read for just six minutes on 11 May – and they can read anything, from books and magazines to comics, graphic novels and blogs.

Why? Because taking some time to yourself to relax and things things you enjoy, like reading, is important to help look after your mental health and wellbeing; to help you 'sharpen the saw'. It has been scientifically proven that reading for just SIX minutes a day boosts your mental health by 68%.



All you have to do is make a reading pledge on the [Keep the Heid website](#), which includes entering your location. Those who pledge are also in the running for £100 in book tokens.

Glasgow Counts

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Tuesday 3rd Mays sees the beginning of our annual **Financial Education Week** which is designed to help the children develop an understanding of the decisions that we make around money, our needs and our wants.

Financial education teaches the basics of money management: budgeting, saving, debt, investing, giving and more. Research shows that financial education makes children and young people more likely to: save money. have a bank account, and be confident with money management.



Please use this week to begin conversations with your child about the basics of managing money through budgeting, saving, and understanding debt. To help your child learn more about money at home you could check out the activities on this website: <https://moneyheroes.org.uk/parent-hub>



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Leader in Me

"The core of any family is what is changeless, what is always going to be there - shared vision and values."

Dr Stephen R. Covey

As a Leader in Me School, we believe that every member of your family has greatness!

Leader in Me provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead.

As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

As we work continually to develop your child's leadership skills at school, you can help at home too. I've shared this 7 Habits Bingo Board through Seesaw. There are lots of ideas to develop the habits at home. We'd love to hear how you get on!

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families				
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Habit 1: Be Proactive Identify your vision and plan your actions. Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind Visualize your life's purpose and the habits that will help you achieve it. Habit 3: Put First Things First Prioritize your tasks and focus on the most important ones first.	Habit 4: Think Win-Win Seek solutions that benefit everyone involved. Habit 5: Understand Others Listen to others' perspectives and feelings. Habit 6: Think Win-Win Seek solutions that benefit everyone involved.	Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw Renew your mind, body, and spirit through regular self-care and rest.	Habit 8: Be a Good Listener Listen to others' perspectives and feelings. Habit 9: Be a Good Speaker Communicate your ideas and feelings clearly.	Habit 10: Be a Good Leader Inspire others to follow your lead and achieve their goals.
Student Name: _____				

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

