

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



It's hard to believe that we're in week 4 of the new term already. Time is flying in; it'll be September weekend before we know it! The children have impressed us with how well they have all settled in. They look fantastic in their new uniforms! We will continue to encourage full school uniform as the term goes on.

You may have already noticed that Mrs Bonar isn't in school every day; she has dropped to three days to spend some extra time with her new granddaughter Grace. Mrs Bonar will now be available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays each week. After a successful interview at the end of term Mrs Burke is now Acting Depute Head on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We also have 6 new teachers in the school: Miss Ferguson in Primary 2, Mrs Starrs in Primary 3, Miss McLay in Primary 4a, Miss Cooke in Primary 5a and Miss Ferrier who works throughout the school. We hope to invite you in to meet the staff and see the changes to the building soon.

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Literacy for All

We are promoting 'reading for enjoyment' this month.

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Glasgow Counts

We're getting ready to take part in the annual **Maths Week Scotland!**

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The Leader in Me

This month we are working on **Habit 1: Be Proactive.**

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



August Update

All of the children have now returned from the summer holidays and our 25 new Primary 1 pupils have settled well. Everyone is working hard and the children are looking very smart in their uniforms. I would so that you ensure your child's name is on their uniforms as we have a growing lost property pile already!

- On the 19th August our P2-7 pupils attended Mass to celebrate the start of the new school session. We are very lucky to have Father Allan as our Chaplain as he is always so welcoming to the children and so pleased to see us in the church.
- On 22nd August Tempest Photography were in school to take individual and family photos. The proofs were all sent home on the day and photos can be ordered directly from the company online. Tempest will be back at a later date to take class photos of our Primary 1 and Primary 7 classes.
- On 23rd August we had our first Whole School Assembly in two and a half years! Our Primary 7 buddies helped the Primary 1s to find the gym and sat with them during the assembly. It was lovely to have everyone together again.

- On the 25th August we welcomed our first visitors into the school to work with the pupils. North Kelvin Sports were in to work with P7 on their Bridges and Barriers Programme. It's great to have coaches back in the school again.
- The 26th August was our first Non-Uniform of the new school year. This raised £184 which will contribute to the cost of the Bodyworks Roadshow in September.

Main Events for the Children in September

- 2nd - First Friday Mass
- 8th - International Literacy Day
- 15th - P4 to Emirates Arena for David Cup
- 20th - Bodyworks: Science Centre on Tour
- 21st - P6 and 7 pupils to Pinkston Basin
- 23rd - **School closed: September Weekend**
- 26th - **School closed: September Weekend**
- 27th - Maths Week Scotland
- 30th - Non-Uniform Day



PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT - ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors which contributes to academic success. Glasgow City Council deems 90% attendance as acceptable.

Our attendance rate was August was 95.63% which is amazing. Primary 1 were the best attenders in the school with an attendance rate of 97.11%. Let's try to keep this up.

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.



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Literacy for All



Once again Glasgow Improvement Challenge are running the '**Glasgow Loves Reading**' campaign in all Glasgow schools from Monday 12th until Friday 16th September. The campaign raises the profile of reading for enjoyment across the city by encouraging a culture of reading for all learners. We have been gifted a variety of texts for early, first and second level and these books have been given out to each class to enjoy in their class libraries.



We have also been able to reopen our school library; this is now situated at the very top of the school. Each class has been assigned a time to visit the library to enjoy the books we have there.

This year in our Glasgow Improvement Challenge work we will be working to raise attainment in Listening and Talking. Keep your eyes peeled for our '**Word of the Day**' which is launching soon.

We look forward to seeing you in school soon. Mrs O'Neill

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Glasgow Counts



As a school we will continue to embed **Glasgow Counts** key strategies to encourage and motivate all children to enjoy and succeed in maths.

As most of you already know we use **Sumdog** as an online resource; Sumdog has been shown to help Improve children's mental maths abilities as well as improve confidence. All pupils should have their own login and password for this so that it can be used at home. Primary 1 parents will receive their child's login details soon.

The first Sumdog contest will take place during **Maths Week Scotland**, which runs from 26th September - 2nd October. The theme this year is 'Beauty of Maths'. During this week we will be exploring the beauty and creativity in the world of maths.



We look forward to being able to welcome parents back into the school for different maths activities and workshops over the course of the year.

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Burke

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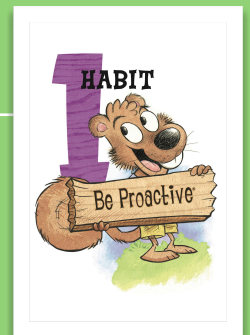


Leader in Me

“Proactive people are agents of change and choose not to be victims, to be reactive, or to blame others.”
 Dr Stephen R. Covey

During September we will be working to deepen our understanding of **Habit 1: Be Proactive**.

Here is some of the language your child will be learning: You're in Charge. I am a responsible person. I take initiative. I choose my actions, attitudes, and moods. I do not blame others for my wrong actions. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.



To help your child be proactive at home, you could get them to help lay out their uniform for school the next day and pack everything they need in their school bag.

Our Support for Learning workers will be awarding house points to children they spot being 'proactive' in the playground at break times.

AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

