

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



We are now less than 2 weeks from the end of the first term and it's certainly been a busy term!

By the time we get back after the October week it'll be almost time to celebrate Halloween. This year our Halloween parties will be held in class on Monday 31st October. As usual the school will provide treats for the children so they will not need to pay anything on the day.

Children can come to school wearing their costumes in the morning. (Please make sure they wear a warm coat or jacket over the top as they will be out in the playground at break times as usual.)

We would ask that children leave scary masks at home and don't come to school wearing scary face paint. **Please remember that these are children's parties and costumes related to 18 rated TV Shows or movies are not appropriate**

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Literacy for All

We are celebrating 'National Poetry Day' 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 learning about **Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind.**

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



September Update

It definitely feels like we're getting 'back to normal' with the children getting to experience visits from coaches, trips and outings like we did pre-pandemic. The children are also now making use of all the learning spaces in the school rather than being confined to their classrooms.

- On 15th September our Primary 4 pupils went to the Emirates Stadium to watch a tennis match. The children cheered on the USA against Kazakhstan in the Davis Cup and were delighted when the USA won the match. Many thanks to Miss McLay and Mrs Gray for applying for the tickets and accompanying the children at the end of the school day.
- On 20th September, Miss Burke, our new STEM Lead, arranged for the children to visit 'Bodyworks: Science Centre on Tour'. The children all attended workshops to learn about the human body, digestion and how DNA is built. The roadshow was paid for with the money raised during August's Non-Uniform Day and subsidised by school funds.
- On the 21st September a group of 32 P6 and 7 pupils began a 4 day John Muir Award experience with the instructors from Blairvadach at Pinkston Basin. Our aim is that every child leaves school with an accredited

award. We're providing opportunities for the children to learn skills for learning, life and work.

- Maths Week Scotland began on 26th September. Hopefully you'll have seen the fabulous work covered on our social media. We won a prize of £100, to be spent on maths resources, from the Glasgow Improvement Challenge Glasgow Counts team.

Main Events for the Children in October

- 4th - World Teachers' Day
- 7th - First Friday Mass
- 10th - Hopscotch Theatre Company
- 11th - International Day of the Girl Child
- 14th - **School closed: In-Service Day 3**
- 17th - **School closed: October Week**
- 24th - **School Reopens**
- 28th - Non-Uniform Day
- 31st - Halloween Parties



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 for September was 93.32% which is down from August's rate of 95.63%. Primary 3 were this month's best attenders with an attendance rate of 94.73%. Let's try to improve attendance this month!

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



National Poetry Day takes place Thursday 6th October. This year's theme is The Environment. National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. Each year we come together because voices, words and stories help to bridge understanding in our community. To find out more check out the website: <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/celebrate-national-poetry-day/>



We are now being offered class visits back to Hillhead Library, which is another bonus as the children benefit greatly from these visits. Primary 4 will be the first pupils to visit and we hope to arrange visits for other classes soon. As we continue to encourage the children to read for enjoyment it is vital that we surround them with a variety of books and stories.

Our 'Word of the Day' has now launched. This will be sent out daily to pupils and families. We hope to introduce a new word every day and help to improve the children's language. Please join in at home!

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Glasgow Counts



As a school we aim to have a Growth Mindset approach to teaching and learning Numeracy and Math. We do this by promoting the messages that: everyone can do well in numeracy and math, we use the concrete, pictorial, abstract approach to teaching and learning to show that mathematical problems can be solved with many different insights and methods, we discuss how mistakes are valuable, as they encourage brain growth and learning, and we discuss how mathematics will help all our pupils in their lives, not because they will see the same types of problems in the real world but because they are learning to think mathematically and develop strategies to apply their learning to real life problems. We do this through daily numeracy and math lessons, through cross curriculum learning and also through taking part in celebrations throughout the year such as Maths Week Scotland which was a great success.



It was lovely to be able to invite parents and carers back into the school to take part in our Stay and Play sessions for **Maths Week Scotland**. We are aiming to continue these with some classes and more information about this will be sent out shortly. Over the course of the week, 127 parents and carers attended the sessions. We hope to provide lots more opportunities for Family Learning as the year progresses.

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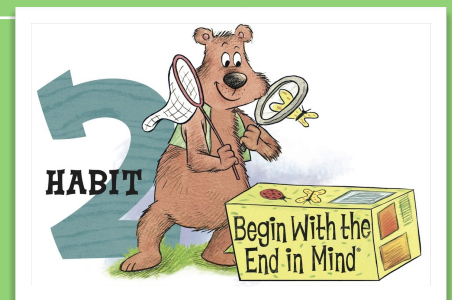
Leader in Me

“To achieve goals you’ve never achieved before, you need to start doing things you’ve never done before.”

Dr Stephen R. Covey

During October we will be learning more about **Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind.**

Here is some of the language your child will be learning: Have a Plan. I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and vision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.



To help your child with Habit 2 at home, you could write a family Mission Statement. What does your family want to be known for? What big goals do you want to achieve? What unique talents or skills do we have? Choose the 3 most important. Mission Statement should reflect what you want your family to stand for.

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

