

# SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



It's hard to believe that the school year is almost at an end. Despite the challenges of the Covid pandemic the children have continued to enjoy a wide variety of experiences in school, and thankfully, at residential experiences which are now permitted again.

We've got a very busy month ahead with lots to pack in before we break up for summer on the 24th, especially for our Primary 7 pupils!

As much as I hate the inevitable 'Return to School' adverts that appear before the term has even finished...our new uniform supplier **Aspire Academy Glasgow** will be in school to run a Pop-Up shop on Thursday 16th June from 9am.

You can come along, see the uniform items and try them on your child for size. You can buy them at the pop-up shop or order online and have them delivered to your home address.

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### Literacy for All

Encourage your child to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge through your local library.

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### Glasgow Counts

This month we will celebrate our final **Sumdog** competition. Let's give our best effort!

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### The Leader in Me

Please encourage your child to keep up the Habits over the summer break.

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



## May Update

During May our new Pre-Entry pupils and their parents came to visit the school and our Primary 7 pupils went off for a big adventure at their secondary schools. I can't believe how quickly this school year had gone in!

- During the month of May, 19 of our pupils took the next step on their journey of faith as they received their First Holy Communion at St Gregory's and St Charles. As always we'd like to thank Fr Allan for his ongoing pastoral care of the children.
- On 17th May Primary 7 pupils took place in a Netball Festival at John Paul Academy which also involved Primary 7 pupils from our Learning Community partners primaries: St Blane's and St Mary's. The PE staff then came into school on Wednesday 25th May and gave a coaching session to P6/5. The plan is for a bigger focus on netball in the coming school year with coaching from the PE staff and senior pupils.
- On 18th May, 12 new Young Leaders of Learning were excited to take the part in their online 'Education Scotland' training.

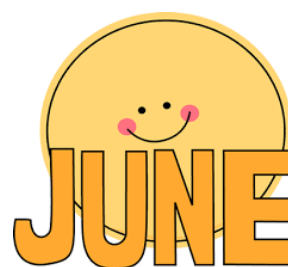
These children will now work with partners schools to help lead school improvement.

- On 24th May our Primary 7 pupils started their transition days at John Paul Academy, All Saints Secondary School, Notre Dame High School and Hillhead High school

### Main Events for the Children in June

- 1st - P7 Go Yellow Walk, Bellahouston Park
- 2nd - **School closed for Queen's Jubilee**
- 3rd - **School closed for Queen's Jubilee**
- 9th - P1 to Riverside Museum/P7 Prom
- 13th - Sports Day, 1.30pm, Firhill Complex
- 14th - Confirmation, 7pm In St Charles
- 16th - P7 Graduation, 1.30pm
- 17th - Leavers' Mass, 10am in St Charles
- 24th - Mass at 10am

**School closes for Summer at 1pm**



## 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.

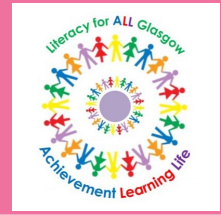
We have a number of families stopping early this term to go on family holidays for the first time since the Pandemic started. This is understandable after the unsettled couple of years we have had but we would urge that, going forwards, holidays be booked for the school holidays to avoid disruption to learning.

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



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## Literacy for All



This year we have continued to work on raising attainment in writing; staff have undertaken training and the children have been introduced to different genre of writing. We have also continued to work on reading and talking and listening.

As you know we took part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge in an attempt to encourage the children to read for pleasure. We'd love you to encourage the children to continue to read throughout the school holidays.



The **Summer Reading Challenge** encourages children aged 4-11 to set themselves a Reading challenge to help prevent the summer Reading 'dip'. This year, the Reading Agency is partnering with Thea science Museum group for **Gadgets**, a science and innovation themed challenge that will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. The Challenge will launch in libraries in Scotland on Saturday 25th June. we recommend getting in touch with your local library to get more details. Please share photos of your child taking part through our social media channels.

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## Glasgow Counts



As a school we strive to ensure that we are doing all we can to deliver the Glasgow Counts aims which is "to fill young minds with a sense of agency and endow them with the motivation, courage and belief in their power to influence their own futures."

As we come to the last month in our school year it is lovely to be able to look back and remember all the wonderful successes and celebrations we had with numeracy and maths. We appreciate that even through the challenges this year has brought you have supported us in our celebrations such as **Maths Week Scotland**, the NSPCC **Number Day**, outdoor learning activities, our monthly **Sumdog** competitions and of course any learning from home tasks that were set.

We are looking forward to the next school year when we can welcome you into the school again to attend organised workshops and to celebrate the learning of your children. We have one final Sumdog competition for this school year which begins on the 10th June, and I will send out a reminder of this closer to the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Burke



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**Leader in Me**

“Leadership is communicating people's worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves.”  
 Dr Stephen R. Covey

Despite the Pandemic the children have continued to develop their leadership skills by continuing to learn about the Leader in Me Habits in class. Next year we will return to mixed stage Pupil Leadership groups working together to take forward school improvement.



Our Primary 7 pupils had the chance to lead school tours recently when the Pre-Entry parents were in for a visit. We hope that this is something our pupils will get more opportunities to do when the new term starts.

As the school year draws to a close, the Habits are not something to be put away until the new term begins. Please remind your child to continue using the Habits throughout the summer break. We'd love to see examples of the children developing their leadership skills at home so please share these with us on our social media during the break.

**MAY HIGHLIGHTS**

