

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



We have been advised to continue with the Coronavirus mitigations until the October Week break; this is an extension to the 6 week period we were advised of originally.

It is highly unlikely that face to face Parents' Evenings will take place again this year but as soon as we have any further information on this I will share it with you.

We've already had more positive cases this term than in the whole of the last school year so please continue to do your part to help keep our school community safe. Any child displaying symptoms should **NOT** attend school, parents should wear a face covering at drop off and pick up times and remember to maintain social distancing at these times.

Hopefully the positive cases will begin to level off and some of the restrictions will be able to be removed. If we all play our part we will hopefully be able to return to normal more quickly.

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Literacy for All

Thanks to everyone who purchased a book from our Amazon Wish List. We can't wait to distribute them to class libraries.

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Glasgow Counts

We had a very successful Maths Week Scotland and even managed to win a prize!

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The Leader in Me

This month the whole school are deepening our understanding of Habit 2: **Begin with the End in Mind.**

Glasgow Improvement

Glasgow's Improvement Challenge



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

I don't know how everyone else feels but it's as though we blinked and September was over! They say time flies when you're having fun and we're clearly having loads of fun because time is passing very quickly.

- On the 3rd of September the votes in our House Captain Election were counted. The Blue House voted Lewis Barbour as their Captain. Jay Martin was voted in as the Green House Captain. Chloe Johansen is the new Red House Captain and the Yellow House elected Tyler Atala as their House Captain.
- On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th our P4-7 pupils attended the Glasgow Science Festival at the Botanic Gardens. The festival was run by the Glasgow Science Centre in conjunction with the University of Glasgow. The pupils enjoyed lots of practical, hands-on science activities.
- On Thursday 9th the photographer from the Glasgow Times was in school to take a photo of our Primary 1 pupils for their Starting School edition. We can't wait to see the children in the newspaper.

- On Monday 20th our Primary 2 and 3 pupils went to the BBC to support some of their classmates who were starring in the game show Swashbuckle. Our pupils looked fantastic in their pirate costumes and were a very enthusiastic audience. Primary 2 had a very early start, meeting at 7.30am. We were amazed that they managed to get to Stair Street in time to catch the bus!

Main Events for the Children in October

- 1st - First Friday Mass
- 4th - Flu Immunisation
- 4th - Primary 4 to Children's Wood for Author visit with Nicola Davies
- 8th - **School Closed** for In-Service Day 3
- 11th - 15th - **School Closed** for October Week Holiday
- 21st - Tempest Photographers in to take P1 and P7 Class Photos
- 29th - Class Halloween Parties



PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT – ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance is one of the key indicators of academic success. In September our attendance rate was 91.1%. Well done everyone!

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 or you can do this in advance online at www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence.

It is also important that children are on time for school each day. Imagine how you would feel if you turned up late for a meeting or an appointment. Imagine walking in after everyone else had arrived. Now imagine how your child feels if they arrive late for class once everyone else has settled down to work. Good attendance and punctuality are important skills children need for the world of work.



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Literacy for All



Mrs O'Neill has given out the Reading Passports for the **First Minister's Reading Challenge** and the children all have these in class. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and remind them to record the book when they come into class.



Thursday 7th October is **World Poetry Day** and this will be a focus for some of the children's literacy tasks this week. Do you have a favourite poem or a poem you remember studying at school? Please talk to your child about this or maybe look at some poetry online.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a library book from our **Amazon Wish List**. We now have a great selection of books which reflect the cultural diversity and the families in our school community. These will be put into class libraries after the October Break.

Glasgow Counts

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We had a fantastic **Maths Week Scotland** and we were so impressed with all the fantastic work and activities the children took part in. One of the challenges we took part in was that **STEM Glasgow** daily activities and we were fortunate to have won a set of 5 '**Makey Makey's**' which are STEM invention kits that can challenge the children to build fun playful inventions. We can't wait to try them out!

We will continue to use **Sumdog** as it has been shown to help improve children's mental maths abilities as well as improve confidence. All pupils should now have their logins. If you don't then please contact Mrs Burke via seesaw.



As part of Maths Week Scotland we were awarded a small grant which we will use to buy maths themed story books and outdoor learning maths resources.

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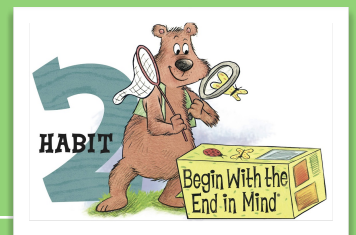


Leader in Me

“Without involvement, there is no commitment. Mark it down, asterisk it, circle it, underline it. No involvement, no commitment.” - Dr Stephen R. Covey

During October we will all be working to deepen our understanding of 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 deepen your families’ understanding of Habit 2 you could write a family Mission Statement. By establishing who you are as a family, how you want to be known, and how you plan to do it, you are practicing Habit 2. Keep it simple, one to two lines, so the youngest family members can memorise it and find it meaningful. Let us know how you get on!

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

