

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



We are now more than half way through Term 3; the term is flying past and things are slowly getting back to 'normal'.

Restrictions has relaxed slightly in school meaning that we are now allowed to have assemblies. We have started to have weekly assemblies on a Friday morning and are slowly starting to bring our classes back together.

We have also started up some lunchtime clubs with a Netball Club and a Board Games club running so far. The VTO Homework Club for senior pupils has also restarted and we hope to start some more after school clubs soon.

Primary 6 and 7 are heading off to Lockerbie Manor for a 2 night residential trip and we've booked an overnight stay at the Millport Field Studies Centre for our Primary 5 pupils so things are looking up!

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Literacy for All

It's time to celebrate **World Book Day** with our Potato Challenge.

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Glasgow Counts

We're getting ready for **International Day of Maths** on March 14th with some outdoor fun.

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The Leader in Me

This month we will be working on **Leader in Me Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw.**

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



February Update

We've had a bit of a unsettled month; we've have Storm Dudley, Storm Eunice and Storm Franklin. We've had heavy rain, high winds and more snow! Despite the wild weather we've had a great month.

- On the 1st February we began our celebrations for Chinese New Year. 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. The children learned some Chinese traditions and customs.
- We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week from the 7-13th March. This year's theme was Growing Together. We considered how we have grown and discussed ways of helping others to grow.
- The 8th February was Safer Internet Day. With children accessing the Internet more than ever before it's important that they know how to keep themselves safe online.
- The 16th February was In-Service Day 4. While the children had a day off the staff received 'Hearts and Minds' training with our colleagues from St Blane's and St Mary's primary. We are looking to be more consistent with dealing with behaviour.

- On 21st February Carl and Kayal from P6/5 represented the school at a '100 Days from COP26' event in the City Chambers. The boys heard about what Glasgow schools learned during the conference and got to see some of our work in the presentations.

Main Events for the Children in March

- 1st - Pancake Tuesday 🥞
- 2nd - **Ash Wednesday** - Lent Begins
- 3rd - **World Book Day**
- 4th - First Friday Mass
- 11th - British Science Week
- 14th - International Day of Maths
- 17th - St Patrick's Day 🍀
- 25th - Non-Uniform Day
- 28th - World Autism Acceptance Week



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. 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.

Punctuality at the beginning and end of the school day continues to be a problem at the school. Good timekeeping is an important life skill for the children to learn. The Cordia breakfast club opens at 8am and school reopens for everyone else at 8.45am. This allows children to have some social time with their friends and be ready for the start of the school day at 9am.

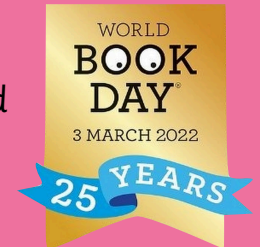


Literacy for All

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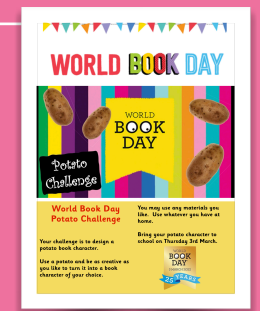


World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. We will be celebrating World Book Day on 3 March 2022. The mission of WBD is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.



This year, as always, every child on the school will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher to spend on a book. There will be specially published books costing £1 or the voucher can be put towards a more expensive book. The £1 books titles for this year can be found here: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

As you know we're not asking children to dress up as book characters this year due to the expense of the costumes...and the fact that it doesn't raise attainment in reading. Following on from the success of the Wooden Spoon Challenge last year, we've planned another family learning challenge for this year. Check out Facebook and Seesaw for the details of our World Book Day Potato Challenge!



Glasgow Counts

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As part of **British Science Week** which runs from the 11th-20th March, pupils will be participating in STEM activities in their classes. This year the theme is 'Growth' and we will be celebrating the diverse people and careers in Science and Engineering.



During this week we will also be celebrating **International Day of Maths** on the 14th March. This will provide an opportunity for us to learn about and celebrate the essential role that mathematics plays in breakthroughs in science and technology, improving quality of life, empowering women and girls, and contributing to the **Sustainable Development Goals** of the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations.

Mud Pi Day celebrates the mathematic constant, pi (π). It's celebrated on March 14 because this correlates with the first three digits of pi, 3.14. Children will be participating in a variety of activities allowing us to combine our love of outdoor learning with all things mathematical.



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Leader in Me

*"We must never become too busy sawing to take time to sharpen the saw."
Dr Stephen R. Covey*

During March we will be working to deepen our understanding of Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw.

Here is some of the language your child will be learning: Balance feels best. I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting sleep. I spend time with my family and friends. I learn in lots of ways and lots of places, not just in school I find meaningful ways to help others.



I don't know about everyone else but after life slowing down during the lockdowns everything seems to be getting very busy again; there seems to be no time to relax and unwind. To help deepen understanding of this habit at home, why not set aside some time each week to do something as a family; this might be simply going for a walk or having a 'movie night'. It doesn't have to have a cost involved. It's simply about finding time to relax together.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

