

SAINT CHARLES' PRIMARY & LCR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! 🎉

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas break, although welcoming them back on the 4th was a bit of a shock to the system.

As we begin 2023 we've got lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children. Our lunchtime and after-school clubs will be restarting and there will be something on offer every day. Hopefully every stage will get the chance to attend something. Letters about these clubs will come home next week. We've also got residential trips this term!

Unfortunately the planned strike action looks to be going ahead and the school will be closed on Tuesday 10th January and again on Monday 16th January.

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Literacy for All

Primary 1 are about to receive their Primary 1 Bookbug Bags.

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Glasgow Counts

We are working to develop and sustain a positive maths mindset!

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The Leader in Me

This month we are learning about Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood.

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



December Update

December was our busiest month yet! The month was full of lovely Christmas activities and it was great to be able to have our school families back in to celebrate with us.

- On the 6th December we held our first Christmas Fayre since 2019! The hall was packed and it was lovely to see families getting into the Christmas spirit and doing some Christmas shopping.
- On the 7th our LCR families came into school to watch the children's Christmas movie. A huge thank you to Miss Armstrong for putting the film together. It was fantastic.
- The 8th and 9th December saw 2 sold-out performances of the senior school Christmas show. The children, and staff, worked so hard to get ready and the singing was fabulous! The recorded shows from the previous 2 years were great but there's nothing to beat a live audience.
- The 9th was our Christmas Jumper Day and we raised £365 for the St Gregory's Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who donated to this worthwhile local cause.
- The infants had their Nativity Play on the 15th and 16th and again we had 2 packed performances.

It's really not Christmas until the infants sing 'Jesus was a Baby.'

- On the final day of term on the 22nd, we celebrated Christmas Eve Eve Eve, starting with breakfast with Santa. There were Christmas crafts, Christmas movies and a Christmas Sing-a-Long to end the day.

Main Events for the Children in January

- 4th - School re-opens
- 6th - First Friday Mass
- 10th - **Strike Action - School Closed**
- 16th - **Strike Action - School Closed**
- 20th - Wear **RED** for Chinese New Year
- 27th - Non-Uniform Day



PROMOTING ACHIEVEMENT - ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Glasgow City Council deems 90% attendance as acceptable. We have just been sent the school's attendance for 2022 and we continue to be above the Glasgow average.

Our attendance rate was November was 91.23%; December's rate fell to 85.38%, which is well below the acceptable level. Primary 3 were the best attenders in December with an attendance rate of 89.05%. Let's work to get back above 90%!

It is important that you officially report your child's absence via the **Pupil Absence Reporting Line**.

This is now easier than ever as you can just call the school office on **0141 946 1391** and choose **Option 1**. You can also do this online at www.glasgow.gov.uk/pupilabsence.



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Literacy for All



Our 'Playing with Sounds' sessions for Primary 1 were due on 10th January but the school will now be closed on Tuesday due to strike action, these will now begin on Tuesday 17th January. Details of these sessions have been sent out through Seesaw.

Primary 2 and 3 pupils received their Read, Write, Count bags before the Christmas break. Hopefully the children are making use of these resources at home.

Every child in Scotland receives four free Bookbug Bags between birth and age five to help children develop an early love of stories, songs and rhymes. The bags for Primary 1 pupils were delivered before the holidays and these will be introduced to the children by their Primary 7 Buddies during a Paired Reading session. The children will then bring these home to share with families.



So far we only have two children who completed the Glasgow Libraries' Christmas Reading Challenge. If your child took part, get them to bring their certificate in and they'll be invited to Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher.

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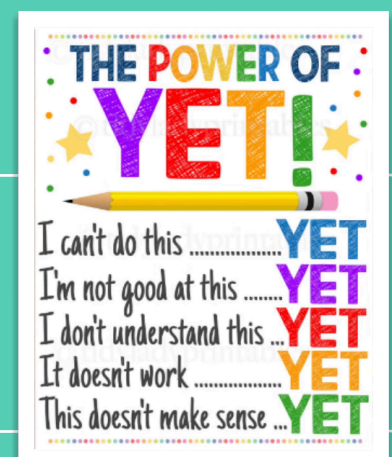
Glasgow Counts



This month we will be focussing on ensuring we are continuing our Growth Mindset approach to learning and teaching numeracy and maths, as research has shown that pupils with a growth mindset will make better progress than those with a fixed mindset.

Pupils with a growth mindset: believe that talents can be developed and great abilities can be built over time, view mistakes as an opportunity to develop, are resilient and think about how they learn.

How you can help at home: through discouraging phrases such as "Don't worry I was never good at Maths" or "I don't like Maths" and through encouraging your child to take risks and not to be frightened to fail. Remember the power of "yet", if your child says "I can't do it", add the word "yet" at the end of their sentence.



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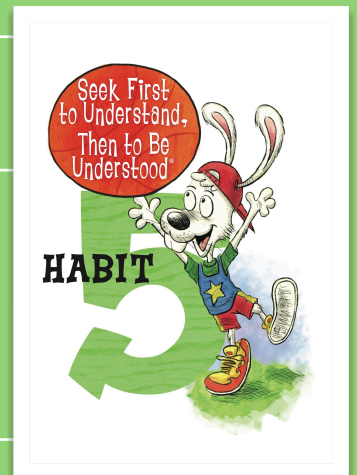
Leader in Me

‘When you listen with empathy to another person, you give that person psychological air. And after that vital need is met, you can focus on influencing or problem solving..’ Dr Stephen R. Covey

During January we will be learning more about Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood.

Here is some of the language your child will be learning in class: Listen Before You Talk. I listen to other people’s ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas. I look people in the eyes when talking..

How often do we only half listen because we’re too busy or to concerned with trying to solve a problem for someone without really hearing what they’re saying? We’ve shared this video before but it perfectly illustrates what we often do: <https://youtu.be/-4EDhdAHrOg>



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

