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November 2016 Newsletter

GIRFEC - GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD

Effective Contributors P1 & P2 Nativity

The boys and girls of P1 & P2 will be performing the Sleepy Shepherd on Wednesday, 7th December. There will be two performances - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. More information will be sent to P1 & P2 parents at a later date.

The children of P3 will take part in our Christmas service on Monday, 19th December at 1:45pm in Old Gourock and Ashton Church.

Responsible Citizens Choir

Our school choir, who have been rehearsing on a Monday after school, are in fine singing voice thanks to Mrs. Hunter! They will be performing at the Community Concert on Tuesday, 6th December in Clydeview Academy. All of the children can look forward to many performances over the next few months.

Responsible Citizens GIRFEC Cafe

Our first Girfec Games Café was a huge success and the evaluations suggested that everyone learned a lot about the wellbeing indicators. The guests were also really impressed with the knowledge shown by our P7 Girfec group who led this café and baked the delicious cakes served.

The café is held monthly and all parents have been invited to come along. Please email/call the school if you would like to come.

Health & Wellbeing Walking Bus

Some of the children from the Breakfast Club join the staff on a Wednesday morning to go on the Walking Bus. If you do not wish your child to go on the Walking Bus please notify the school.

Confident Individuals Physical Education

It is VITALLY IMPORTANT that ALL pupils have their P.E. kit with them on the appropriate days. P.E. is part of the curriculum and it is necessary for pupils' health and wellbeing, now and in the future, to take part in the programme.

We would encourage all parents to ensure their child/ren take part in this area of the curriculum as we are all aware of the benefits.

Confident Individuals Secondary

Our primary 7 children will be visiting Clydeview Academy on Thursday 9th November from 9:30am to 11:00am. The children will be involved in sporting activities with pupils from Moorfoot primary and Ardgowan primary. This will give all of the children a taste of life in a secondary school.

Partnership Working Co-operative

Our Hallowe'en parties took place on Friday 28th October and everyone had a great time. The children had many treats which were purchased from school funds. Some of our older pupils created fabulous Hallowe'en artwork which was displayed in the Co-op. The staff chose 4 of the Hallowe'en pictures and gave the children Hallowe'en goodies. Well done to Libby McCulloch, Duncan McColl, Justyna Pirsztel and Thomas McInnes.

Successful Learners Library Visit

Primary 1 pupils will visit Gourock Library on 23rd November. They will be taking part in activities organised by the Library staff using the books they received from Book Bug. Parents are also invited to come along that afternoon.

The Primary 5 pupils continue to develop their Reading skills in their visits to the library every three weeks.

Successful Learners

Health & Wellbeing

Great excitement! The primary 6 children have started their swimming lessons at the waterfront. Primary 5 can also look forward to swimming lessons later in the session.

WELL DONE! The Children who represented the school at the Sportshall Athletics on Tuesday, 1st November came first!

A big 'thank you' to Mrs Arthur, Mr & Mrs McGeehan and Mrs Jay for accompanying some of our cross-country runners to the Inverclyde Cross Country Competition. Well done to the pupils who took part. We were delighted with their performance.

Health & Safety School Gate

We would appreciate if P3-P7 parents collecting their children from the school gate at 3:15pm would arrange with their child to meet them further along the pavement. This would allow P1 and P2 children to safely make their way out of the gate to meet their parents and ease congestion.

Successful Learners

Late-Coming

Please ensure your child is in school before the bell rings at 9 o'clock. This gives them the opportunity to play with their peers, line up with their peers and be ready for the day ahead. **It is important all pupils are in school for 9 o'clock start!**

Please also remember on very wet days pupil entrances will be unlocked at approx. **8:45am** to allow them into school where they will be monitored by SMT and the janitor.

Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather conditions, parents will receive text messages to inform them of school closures. Please ensure that the school office has your correct up-to-date mobile telephone number.

You can also keep up-to-date with the school website as well as Inverclyde Council website.

Christmas Fete

This year's Christmas Fete will take place on Saturday 3rd December 10:00am - 12noon. As usual we would ask you to donate a gift for a boy and a gift for a girl, at a cost of £1 each and write on the parcel, boy - girl - or either. (These are for the Lucky Dip at the Fete.) The children are asked to bring these into school on Friday 2nd December and therefore may come dressed in casual wear - "Come As you Please".



Charitable Donations

Some parents felt that last year, particularly at this time of year, there were too many requests for donations to charities and money for events. Therefore, this year we will not be taking part in Children In Need or Kilts for Kids Day. However, Pudsey may make an appearance - to be confirmed.

Also due to cost, we have decided not to take part in personalised Christmas cards this year. However, we will be producing a special tea towel which will be available for sale - more details to follow later.

School Funds

Many thanks to those parents who are already contributing to school funds. We would appreciate if **every child** could make a voluntary contribution of **50p** to school funds on a weekly basis, as we depend on this funding to subsidise school trips (for **all** pupils) and pay for buses to transport pupils to their various sporting competitions/activities etc. This money is collected on a Monday morning.

Comments, Compliments & Complaints

As always if you have any concerns, compliments or complaints either myself or Mrs. McKay are available to meet with you or speak on the telephone. We are continually striving to improve your child's and your experience. However, if we are not made aware of problems or issues, we cannot work with you to find solutions.

School Website

As we update our school website and twitter account on a daily basis, please view and find out what's happening:-

<http://gourock-pri.inverclyde.sch.uk>



@gourockpr

Do you know you can now access our web site by scanning our QR Code below into your phone?



Dates for your Diary

8 th Nov	Flu Immunisation
9 th Nov	P7 Clydeview - Sport Event
14 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week
18 th Nov	P4 Assembly
21 st Nov	Book Week
23 rd Nov	P1 visit to library
25 th Nov	P6 Assembly
29 th Nov	Sportshall Athletics
1 st Dec	10:00am Fairtrade Café - Parents welcome
2 nd Dec	Bring Lucky Dip! and Come-as-you-please
3 rd Dec	Christmas Fete
7 th Dec	P1 & P2 Nativity
8 th Dec	Christmas lunch
9 th Dec	Hopscotch Theatre 'Aladdin' (school)
12 th Dec	P4 & P5 Christmas party
13 th Dec	P6 & P7 Christmas party
14 th Dec	P1, P2 & P3 Christmas party
19 th Dec	Christmas Service (P3 pupils)



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