



St. Peter's Primary School



Education Resources

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October 2024 Newsletter

St. Peter's Primary School aims to promote a climate of 'excellence' and 'belonging'. I am delighted to have observed our children working hard to settle to learning and to help others feel included in play and socialisation.

Vision Values and Aims Refresh

Many thanks to the children, Pupil Leadership Groups, families, staff and Fr King who participated in the refreshed 'Vision Values and Aims Consultation' in September 2024. The children are delighted to present our new overview to our wider school community.



Pupil Voice

Learning participated in a pupil voice activity relating to the expenditure of the Participatory Budget on Friday 4th October 2024. The outcome of pupil involvement dialogues will be communicated to parents/carers for further consultation and information. The School Captains have communicated that they wish P4-7 to produce a Christmas Show based on a theme about an Elf alongside the Primary 1-3 Nativity. Watch this space for further information! Groups of children from Primary 1 to 7 participated in a consultation on classroom management and organisation. Learner responses were positive across the school and there was a clear message from the children that they generally feel settled, cared for by staff and nurtured. Learners were able to identify key learning resources and communicated that they feel involved in class life through a range of roles and responsibilities. Most children consulted explained that learning was interesting and some children indicated that they now feel motivated by the prospect of additional learning challenges. The staff are encouraged by the positive drive of the children to continue to improve learning and skills. Some children explained that diversity was respected in the decision making of the class, the resources available and the breadth of learning offered.

Pupil Leadership Roles

Primary 7 learners participated in the SLC Side Kicks Leadership Programme led by SLC Active Schools. The children learned about pupil leadership, the skills involved in leadership and their potential roles in managing resources and events. Primary 6 and Primary 7 are currently offered the opportunity to act as digital leaders in sharing their knowledge, understanding and skills in technologies with younger learners. Junior Road Safety Officers will be involved in reviewing the Travel to School Plan with supporting SLC Travel Officers. Plans are in place to offer Primary 5 to 7 children the opportunity to run Playtime Clubs in the months of October and November 2024.

After School Clubs in October 2024

After school clubs are spread across the school year to offer learners at all stages an opportunity to participate in at least one club. The clubs are restricted in numbers and are offered on a first come basis. The October and November club offers are as follows:

Chess	P5-7	22nd October to 12th November 2024
Play Club	P1-2	24th October to 21st November 2024
Multi-sports	P6-7	7th October to 9th December 2024

Faith Life - Food Bank

Congratulations to the children of St. Ninian House who won the Our Lady's Birthday Food Bank Collection Challenge achieving a score of 1810 points. Many thanks to all families who contributed items for our local Food Bank. These items will be forwarded to the Food Bank in the month of October to mark the children's charitable acts and in celebration of the month of Our Lady.

Parent Partnerships

In the absence of a Parent Council or PTA for school session 2024-2025, the school aims to offer shorter term opportunities for parental engagement in the wider life of the school. These opportunities will be event specific and time contained to reduce time pressures on individuals offering support.

General Reminders

School Improvement Plan / Standards and Qualities Report

A summary of the School Improvement Plan 2024 –2025 and a copy of the Standards and Qualities Report 2023-2024 are available to access from the School Publications section of the school website.

School Uniform

Many thanks to parents/carers for supporting the children to present to school in full uniform. Reminder children should wear white shirt, tie and grey trousers / skirts or pinafores. Polo shirts can be worn on PE days only. Children should wear black or red school shoes. Any trainers worn should be fully black in colour (black self-coloured trainers). Children wearing blazers are reminded to bring a waterproof jacket for inclement weather. Children will be encouraged to engage in outdoor learning. Staff may select any day of the week to offer outdoor learning opportunities. As a result, it is advised that children bring a waterproof jacket to school.

Parental Collection Notice

Reminder to all families that individuals dropping off and collecting P1-4 from school should be aged 16 or over. The school will not permit children from P1-4 to leave school with an individual under the age of 16. This is a safeguarding measure to ensure children are collected by a responsible adult. Parents/carers of Primaries 5-7 are requested to complete a permissions form to indicate their intentions for their child. The children will not be released to walk home unless the permission form is completed to safeguard the children.

P1 Change of Clothes

Please could we ask that children of P1 have a change of clothes available in school. Clothes will be kept on their peg and used in the event of a lunch spill, toileting accident etc.

Notifications of a Change to Medicines

Reminder that all medicines (including over the counter medicines and cough sweets) must be recorded on an Administration of Medicines Form. These must be submitted directly to the school office.

Notifications of a Change of Address / Emergency Contacts

Reminder to all parents/carers that the school should be notified of any changes of address or emergency contact details. All data should be accurate and up to date to enable the school to respond swiftly and appropriately to any emergency circumstance.

Mobile Phones

Children are asked not to bring mobile phones or digital devices to school. Mobile phones which are brought to school on parental request should be submitted to the school office at 9am and collected at 2.55pm. Mobile phones will not be permitted to be used in the school environment. Children bringing mobile phones or digital devices to school do so at their own risk. The school will not take any responsibility for loss or damage.

Monitoring Attendance

The school will continue to promote positive school attendance. The School Leadership Team monitors attendance and seeks to support families when attendance drops below appropriate levels. It is beneficial to the children to maximise attendance to enable them to engage in learning and wider experiences. Improved attendance of over 95% is a priority. The school will aim to continue to set the percentage threshold for attendance at 90%, in 2024-2025, in line with South Lanarkshire Council data. Any child with: attendance below 90%, patterns of in- attendance which are not substantiated by Health Professionals or exceptional circumstances, late arrivals and late pick-ups at monthly periodic review will automatically be assigned to the school Attendance Monitoring and Tracking Pathway which involves liaison with parents/carers and, where necessary, referral to linked Education or other agencies. In addition, the school continues to set high standards for improvement in the school's overall average for school attendance which will be reviewed regularly.

Communications

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01698 281277 or email office@st-peters-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk if you have any queries. The school office staff will aim to direct your call/ email to the relevant member of staff. I look forward to continuing to work with all children, staff and families, in partnership and in a climate of mutual trust, inclusion, equality and support. As per South Lanarkshire Council, I remind parents/carers that all communications should be conducted cordially and with courtesy. Violence and aggression, either physical, verbal or in writing, towards staff is not acceptable.

Calling the School

If calling to provide information to the school or to collect your child earlier than 3pm, please contact the school before 2.40pm. School office staff are **not** available to answer the school phones between 2.40 and 3.00pm. If planning an earlier collection time, please ensure your child is collected before 2.40pm as office staff are **not** available to support collections between 2.40pm and 3.00pm. During these times, support staff support the preparation for safe exit of the children. The Senior Leadership Team monitor requests for early collection. Patterns of early collection which are not relevant to scheduled appointments will be recorded and discussed with parents/carers.

Health and Well-being Foci for October

Please see below the school's thematic health and well-being and global citizenship foci for the month of October 2024. It would be a support to learning if parents/carers can discuss these themes with the children at home to help them relate ongoing learning to their home and the wider world.

Health and Well-being	Whole School Themed Foci (October)
Attachment Pledge	Have their voice
Emotion Works	Green Cog - Behaviours - What I do? How I show my behaviour?
Building Resilience	Look on the Brightside
Nurture Principles	My classroom offers a safe base
GIRFEC Indicators	Supporting my health - physical, ,mental, social and emotional
UNCRC	P1, P3, P4 and P6 —Article 24 P 2—Article 31 P5—Article 33
International and National	Challenge Poverty Week Care Experienced World Mental Health Day
Global	United Nations Day World Cities Day
School	Digital Leaders Enhancing pupil leadership in digital technologies

I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with parents /carers in supporting learners to engage in a range of learning opportunities and experiences in a climate of mutual trust and respect.

Kind Regards

CL Mullen

Head Teacher

Calendar Dates and Parental Engagement Opportunities

Learning Showcases

- 12.09.24 Rm 1 at 2.20pm
- 31.10.24 Rm 6 at 2.20pm
- 13.02.25 Rm 4 at 2.20pm
- 24.04.25 Rm 5 at 2.20pm
- 05.06.25 Rm 3 at 2.20pm

Class Assemblies

- 11.10.24 Rm 4 at 2.20pm
- 29.11.24 Rm 3 at 2.20pm
- 24.01.25 Rm 5 at 2.20pm
- 28.03.25 Rm 1 at 2.20pm
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 at 2.20pm

Class 'X' Twitter Showcase Weeks

- 19.08.24 Rm 1 P1 Starting School
- 26.08.24 Rm 3
- 16.09.24 Rm 4
- 07.10.24 Rm 5
- 21.10.24 Rm 6
- 04.11.24 Rm 1
- 18.11.24 Rm 4
- 02.12.24 Rm 5
- 09.12.24 Christmas
- 13.01.25 Rm 3
- 03.02.25 Rm 6
- 24.02.25 Rm 3
- 03.03.25 Rm 1
- 17.03.24 Rm 4
- 03.04.25 Talent Show
- 28.04.25 P7 Residential
- 06.05.25 Rm 1
- 02.06.25 Rm 5
- 17.06.25 Rm 6 Leaver's Celebrations

Leavers' Celebrations

- 23.10.24 Leaver's Celebration Meeting at 4.30pm
- 28.04.25 P7 Dalguise Outdoor Activity Centre
- 17.06.25 Leavers' Mass
- 17.06.25 Leavers' Assembly
- 17.06.25 P7 Celebration Meal / Activity

PTA Meetings - Provisional Dates

- 18.09.24 AGM Conference Room at 5pm
- 02.10.24 First Meeting of New Group at 5pm
- 27.11.24 Conference Room at 5pm
- 05.02.25 Conference Room at 5.15pm
- 07.05.25 Conference Room at 5pm
- Date of Shorts and Shades Disco tbc

Faith Life - Provisional Dates

- 06.09.24 First Friday Mass at 10am
- 08.09.24 Our Lady's Birthday Class Charities
- 12.09.24 P1 Blessing at 2pm
- 11.10.24 Mass Month of Mary at 10am
- 01.11.24 All Saints Mass at 10am
- 06.12.24 Advent Mass at 10am
- 20.12.24 Christmas Celebration Mass at 10am
- 07.02.25 New Year Mass at 10am
- 11.02.25 Reconciliation Meeting at 6pm
- 11.02.25 Communion Meeting at 6.30pm
- 11.02.25 Confirmation Meeting at 7pm
- 05.03.25 Ash Wednesday at 10am
- 01.04.25 Reconciliation at 6.30pm
- 17.05.25 First Holy Communion at 10am
- 10.06.25 Confirmation at 7pm
- 20.06.25 End of Term Thanksgiving Mass 10am

Planned School Events

- 08.09.24 Our Lady's Birthday Food Bank
- 23.09.24 Climate Week
- 07.10.24 Challenge Poverty Week
- 28.10.24 Care Experienced Week
- 31.10.24 Hallowe'en Games
- 01.11.24 UNCRC Coffee Morning 11.30am
- 08.11.24 Photographs
- 11.11.24 Anti-bullying Week
- 14.11.24 Parents' Evening
- 21.11.24 Science Day led by Mr Milwain
- 10.12.24 Christmas Nativity / Show
- 11.12.24 Christmas Nativity / Show
- 13.12.24 P 1, 2 and 3 Party
- 16.12.24 P6 and P7 Party
- 17.12.24 P4 and P5 Party
- 19.12.24 Flu Immunisations
- 30.01.25 World of Work Day led by Miss Keatings
- 07.02.25 Multi-Cultural Day led by Mr Tarrier
- 11.02.25 Safer Internet Day
- 27.02.25 Caring for Climate Coffee at 9.15am
- 06.03.25 World Book Day
- 03.04.25 Talent Show led by Mrs Wilson
- 29.04.25 New P1 Induction 1 at 1.45pm
- 08.05.25 New P1 Induction Lunch at 12pm
- 14.05.25 Health Day led by Mrs Kane
- 21.05.25 Parents' Evening
- 29.05.25 New P1 Induction Day 2 at 1.45pm
- 12.06.25 Sports Day led by Mr McSorley
- 13.06.25 House Treat
- 17.06.25 Leaver's Celebrations
- 18.06.25 Fun Day led by Mrs Goudie
- 19.06.25 Class Transition Switch Day
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UNCRC Coffee Morning Fundraiser



Friday 1st November 2024

Rooms 1 and 3 invite their parents/carers/ grandparents/ parish to our 'Celebration of Children's Rights' Coffee Morning Fundraiser on Friday 1st November 2024 at 11.30am.

Rooms 1 and 3 hope to entertain you with a song, poem or maybe even a short dance.

Tea, coffee, diluting drinks and biscuit will be available to help you enjoy a little relaxation, a blether and some happy smiles.

We would be delighted if you families could donate shop packaged goodies, biscuits, cakes and raffle prizes to help us provide refreshments.

£1 entry at the hall door.

Any additional donations welcome and gratefully received!

All monies raised will be used to purchase Chromebooks to support or drive to enhance digital device availability for learning across all stages.

Many Thanks!

Cost of School Day



UNCRC Coffee Morning Parent Fundraiser Group Offer



We invite up to 5 parents/carers to join our UNCRC Coffee Morning Parent Fundraiser Group.

As mentioned earlier in the Newsletter, in the absence of a Parent Council, or PTA for session 2024-2025, we are offering a range of new short term event specific parent initiatives to reduce the commitment expectations of the more formal longer term working projects. It is hoped that this new model for parental engagement, could support parents/carers and families to support specific events.

Can you help?

Are you free on Thursday 31st October 2024 to help set up the hall for the UNCRC Coffee Morning Fundraiser?

Are you free on Friday 1st November 2024 to help distribute refreshments and organise the raffle?

If the answer is yes - please email the office team on
gw14stpeterspsoffice@glow.sch.uk



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Health and Safety Update

PE Health and Safety Notice

For health and safety, children with longer than shoulder length hair should have their hair tied up for PE, unless for any medically specified reason (informed to the school by parent/carer). It is advised that earrings are not worn on PE days. If it is not possible to remove stud earrings, they should be taped up for PE. All drop or loop earrings must be removed for participation in PE and physical activities. All other jewellery should be removed for PE lessons. All children should wear appropriate indoor shoes (plimsolls) when participating in PE indoors. Children will not be permitted to wear Crocs, boots, high heeled typed shoes, slippers or shoes with no covered heels as indoor shoes or for PE due to the safety risk to children. Indoor shoes should be shoes that are not worn outside to reduce wear damage to floors and carpets. In addition, we encourage children not to wear false nails to school. Children will not be permitted to participate in PE, Muga or Trim Trail activities whilst wearing false nails (this includes any type of nail augmentations e.g extensions which are not the child's natural nail) due to the risk of harm or injury.

Traffic Management Health and Safety Notice

Families are reminded that children are asked to exit the school via the pathways provided. As part of our Traffic Management Systems, children should not cross the car park. It is hugely important that adults collecting children also observe this rule to ensure the children are supported to follow the safety rules. Vehicles blocking or parking at emergency or main gate exits or out with parking bays or the drop off zone will be asked to move their vehicles to a safe location. A consultation meeting has taken place regarding congestion on Hightstonehall Road outside the perimeter fences of St. Peter's Primary School, Neilsland Primary School and Woodlands Nursery with a view to considering measures to reduce parking in the area, eradicate parking on pavements, prevent engine idling and minimise additional safety risks to pedestrians and other road users. A further update will be provided in due course. In the interim, we would join with Neilsland Primary School and Woodlands Nursery to encourage children and families to walk to school, ride bicycles or scooters to keep active, reduce congestion and minimise impact to the environment. In addition, children bringing bikes / scooters to school should dismount and walk with the equipment in the school grounds to avoid accident or injury to themselves or others.

Inclement Weather Health and Safety Notice

A reminder to families that in the event of inclement weather (ice, snow, high winds) requiring the closure of some school gates the children will enter the building through the main pedestrian access gates and follow gritted pathways to the PE hall where they will be supervised by staff. Risk assessments of the outdoor pathways and playground areas are completed at regular intervals throughout the school day. Updates on the weather forecast or any advance weather warnings are considered.

Many thanks for all your support!



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Families may purchase a range of items, insurances, holidays, TV and internet packages over the Christmas period and throughout the school year which could earn the school some extra funds free of charge. The school is funded a percentage of the items or services purchased. Please refer to the easyfundraising.org.uk website for more details.

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