



ST.FILLAN'S P.S.

Newsletter

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

St Fillan's Day Celebrations

On Thursday, the 19th January we celebrated the feast of our school's patron saint, the Feast of St Fillan in our school. We staged a dress down day for all the children and the children learned about the role of their patron saint and took part in a number of activities recognising the school Patron. Thanks to our PTA for providing the children with a little treat. We are all looking forward to next week on Thursday 26th of January when Father Peter will celebrate Mass on his return from annual leave.

Burn's Day 2023

A reminder that next week in recognition of the work the children have been learning about Robbie Burns, we will hold our annual Burns assembly on Wednesday 25th of January. The children will be allowed to dress down in Tartan and/or Blue and white (non-uniform).

Celebrating success assembly/Rev Galbraith retirement

Next week we will be having our first Celebrating Success Assembly of 2023. One of our school friends Reverend Galbraith from Old Cathcart Parish Church is retiring and we have invited him to say a fond farewell and thank you for helping us support our school community over the last number of years.

A Team

Grateful thanks to the parents of Monroe in P7 and Interlocked Construction who have generously sponsored brand-new rain jackets for our A Team. Don't they look fantastic?



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Pantomime

Our Nursery Class and all P1-P7 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Hopscotch Theatre group last Friday when they retold the tale of Jack and the Beanstalk with a modern twist. Grateful thanks to the Mum of Harris in P3. Mrs. McCall's amazing fundraising venture not only paid for visit of the theatre group, but also provided juice and treats for all the pupils. It once again goes to show how blessed we are to have such amazing Parent/Carers!



Queen's Park Football Club

We continue to enjoy very positive links with Queen's Park Football Club. This week, Mhairi Gordon kindly delivered two bags of new footballs for classes to use during PE sessions.

Also this week, P6A and P6B started working on a Developing the Young Workforce project led by Rachael Caddell. The pupils enjoyed questioning Craig Joyce (Women's Team Manager), Ellie Kane (Women's Team Captain) and Suzanne Grant (who has 104 international caps for Scotland).



P7b update

Mrs Gibb, our Principal Teacher, will return to P7b on Monday 23rd January. Miss Fulton has secured another position at Pirie Park Primary School. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Fulton for everything she has done since she came to St Fillan's in August. As well as ensuring a smooth transition for P7 she accompanied the children on their residential trip to Ardentinn. We wish her all the very best in her new position.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank Mrs Gibb for her support in her role as acting Depute Head Teacher over the last few months. I know that she is very much looking forward to her return to Primary 7 for the remainder of their time here in St Fillan's.

Nursery update

Next week staff will be completing 'Observation Week' looking at children's interests and areas of development/challenge. If there is anything you would like to discuss with your child's Keyworker then please let us know.

We are looking for parents to join us for stay and play or to read a story to the children please arrange a date if you are interested.

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Please remember that all children should have suitable outdoor clothing when coming to nursery for outdoor play. Please remember to label your child's clothing.

Social Media

We would advise all parents to speak to their child about social media safety and to check their social media with them. We have been made aware of some of our upper school pupils taking pictures of other children and sharing them on social media without their consent.

We will also speak to the children about keeping safe online at assemblies and in class in school.

Health and safety

As requested over the weeks since Christmas I ask that you ensure that your child does not bring electronic smart watches of any kind to school. There are still a small number of children attending school with these watches. These devices are not appropriate for use in school, as similar to mobile phones; these watches can take pictures and/or record/film/facetime/video call etc. In addition we are not insured for any damages that may occur.

Please also note that energy drinks, chewing gum or lollipops are not appropriate to be brought into school for snacks.

Thank you for your support with this matter.



Parking Buddies

We have pleaded with our school community over the last 5 years to support us with our parking arrangements in order to keep the school and the surrounding streets as safe as possible. We would like to extend a huge thanks to our Parent Council who managed to source funding for the purchase of Parking Buddies to remind parents of the School Car free zone campaign which has now been labelled 'Safer Streets'. Our JRSO team spent time assembling them during the week and we have been using



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them to remind everyone of the importance of not parking within this zone. Please continue to support us with this as there has been an increase in the number of cars parking on the path outside the school over the last few weeks and the Community Police will issue tickets to any unauthorised vehicle parked in this area.

Parking in and around the School

I have been contacted again by neighbours of the school to ask that parents DO NOT PARK ACROSS DRIVEWAYS near the school. It is imperative that we have good relations with our neighbours in the community and consideration of their necessity to access their properties would be much appreciated.

Road Safety and Parking on Crompton Avenue/Safe Streets Campaign Reminder

A reminder that it is not permitted to drive down Crompton Avenue between 8.30-9.15am and 2.45-3.30pm as the school is part of a school free car zone scheme run by GCC. This has been in place since session 2019-2020. Please note that the Community Police have been issuing tickets throughout last session and will continue to support the school by reminding the public of the restrictions that are still in place and must be obeyed.

Car Park

Please do not use the school car park at any time for dropping off your child including breakfast club and after school (Exemptions for blue badge holders). **Parents/carers and children must also use pedestrian areas only when accessing the school grounds.** As I highlighted on other Newsletters there are other City Building staff who drive through the main gate from 8am and will be unaware that parents have been incorrectly using this gate as a pedestrian walkway. This could have serious repercussions and result in an accident.

Glasgow Libraries

Attention all bookworms and budding young writers! A New Year is the perfect time to try something new! This winter visit your local library and discover a new author or give creative writing a go by participating in one (or all!) of our free six New Chapter Children's Library Events at **The Mitchell Library**, **Woodside Library**, **Bridgeton Library**, **Partick Library**, **Library@TheBridge** and **Milton Library**.

1. New Chapter Children's Writing Workshop: BUILDING COMICS THE LEGO WAY

Mitchell Library, Saturday, 28 January 2023 14:00

For our first New Chapter Children's Writing Workshop we welcome LEGO author Gary Chudleigh to the Mitchell Library for an introductory session on plotting and writing comics. Gary will go through the entire creative process from conception to script and share what it's like to work with big name brands.

Suitable for ages 7-11.

Book your free ticket at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/new-chapter-childrens-writing-workshop-building-comics-the-lego-way-mitchell-library-28123>

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2. New Chapter Children's Author Event: Amy B. Moreno

Woodside Library, Saturday, 4 February 2023 14:00

Our first New Chapter children's author event welcomes Amy B. Moreno to Woodside Library to share her book *A Billion Balloons of Questions*

Eva's life is full of big balloons of questions that she carries around all day -- until she finds the answer she's looking for. A humorous and heart-warming bilingual story about young children's natural curiosity – with warm and vibrant illustrations.

Join author Amy for a fun interactive session. Involving a reading of her wonderful book followed by an art activity.

Suitable for children aged 4-7.

Book your free ticket at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/new-chapter-childrens-author-event-amy-b-moreno-woodside-library-4223>

3. New Chapter Children's Author Event: Anne Brusatte

Bridgeton Library, Saturday, 11 February 2023 14:00

For our second of three children's author events we are delighted to welcome Dinosaur Dream team - Scottish author Anne Brusatte and Palaeontologist Steve Brusatte to Bridgeton Library to share their picture book *Dugie the Dinosaur*.

Did you know that dinosaurs once lived in Scotland, and that paleontologists today find dinosaur bones and footprints on the Isle of Skye? Anne and Steve take you back to Scotland's Jurassic park 170 million years ago, with their story *Dugie the Dinosaur*. Followed by a fun craft activity and the chance to ask Steve - a paleontologist at the university of Edinburgh - anything you want to know about dinosaurs!

Free Family Event suitable for children ages 3-8

Book your free ticket at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/new-chapter-childrens-author-event-amy-b-moreno-woodside-library-4223>

4. New Chapter Children's Writing Workshop: Writing Funny Stories

Partick Library, Saturday, 18 February 2023 14:00

For our second writing workshop we welcome author Tom Nicoll to Partick Library for an introductory session on writing funny stories.

Tom is an award-winning writer of funny books for kids, including *Level Up*, *Boyband of the Apocalypse* and *There's a Dragon in my Dinner*. His 13th book, and first picture book, *There's Nothing Faster Than a Cheetah* was published this year. In this workshop he'll be exploring what makes us laugh and sharing his top tips for writing funny stories. Suitable for anyone aged 7-11 who likes to laugh and/or make other people laugh.

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Book your free ticket at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/new-chapter-childrens-writing-workshop-writing-funny-stories-partick-library-18223>

5. New Chapter Children's Writing Workshop: Map a Fantasy Adventure Story

Library@TheBridge, Saturday, 25 February 2023 14:00

New Chapter Children's Writing Workshop, lead by award-winning author Juliette Forrest at Library@The Bridge, showing how to map a fantasy adventure story.

Join Juliette at the library, where she will be helping everyone to create a map of their own magical world in this fun, interactive workshop perfect for children aged 7 to 11. Expect map-drawing, tips on how to build exciting worlds and adventure!

Book your free ticket at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/new-chapter-childrens-writing-workshop-map-a-fantasy-adventure-story-librarythebridge-25223>

6. New Chapter Children's Author Event: Alison Murray

Milton Library, Saturday, 4 March 2023 14:00

Our final New Chapter children's author event welcomes Alison Murray to Milton Library to share her picture book Pooka.

Visually striking and sensitively told, Pooka is the story of one small girl who is empowered by a visit from a magical nature sprite to positively transform her city.

Join author Alison for a reading of her inspiring story about believing in yourself no matter how small you may feel, followed by a fun craft activity.

Free Family Event suitable for children ages 3-8

Book your free ticket at: <https://www.glasgowlife.org.uk/event/1/new-chapter-childrens-author-event-alison-murray-milton-library-4323>

If you would like any additional information on the programme please contact sarah.summers@glasgowlife.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Please appreciate that dates and times may be subject to change. Additional dates may be added in subsequent newsletters.

25.1.23 Burn's Day Celebrations

13.2.23 Holiday

14.2.23 Holiday

15.2.23 In-service

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28.2.23 Confirmation for P7 7pm at Christ the King Parish Church

31.3.23 Close for Easter holidays 2.30pm

Communicating with the school leadership team

Please remember that we are using the form system to facilitate communication. **If there is a matter of urgency** that you wish to discuss please use the link [here](#) and the matter will be addressed as soon as possible. This form should not be used to report absences as this should be reported to the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr Brian Bourke, Headteacher.

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