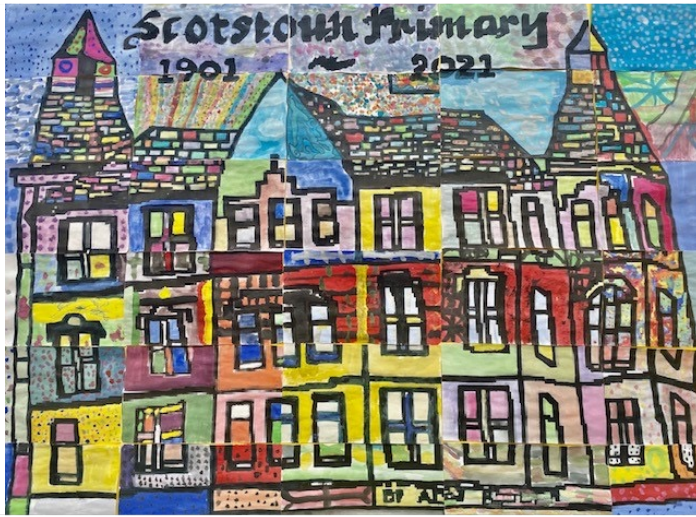


February Newsletter



Garden Muck In

Thank you to our children and families who were able to come along to the Garden Muck In sessions held during February. Our raised beds were cleared and made ready for Spring planting, a litter pick in the community garden was carried out and planting willow saplings took place. We have planned a willow outdoor classroom and a maze - you can see the before picture below. Looking forward to seeing what it look like as it grows!



Earthquake Appeal

We are holding a bake sale on Friday 3rd March to raise funds for the @decappeal earthquake appeal. All donations of baking would be gratefully received as we aim to raise as much as we can to support this appeal. Please send them to school on Friday morning with the container labelled with your child's name and class. Primary 7 will be organising this for the school. A parent has been in touch to highlight that the Nurture Centre in Cambuslang is serving as a hub for donations of clothes, nappies, baby food and tents etc.. The drop off point is 4 Glasgow Road, Cambuslang. G72 7BW. Thank you for your support.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our February newsletter. I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. This month always feels a bit lighter with definite signs of Spring and longer days helping us all enjoy being outside a bit more.

With best wishes,
Mrs McGill

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March with this year's theme being "You are a reader". World Book Day tokens will be given to every child and they can be exchanged at Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's, Morrisons, The Works, Waterstones or WHSmith for a free book. There's a Family Book Quiz on from 3pm, design a bookmark competition (these will be professionally printed and given to visitors and helpers at the school). Children can bring their favourite books to school and they will be given a chance to read through out the day. We are asking children (and adults!) to come to school dressed as a word! You could wear a crown for the word royalty, wear pyjamas for sleepy, red for hot or some left over tinsel for Christmas. I'm looking forward to guessing what everyone is!

Hello and Goodbye

Welcome to the new families who have joined our school this term. We have new children who have joined us in P1a, P3a, P3b, P4a, P4b, P5a and P5b. Our school role is now 430. We are delighted to have you all as part of our school community. Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Grant who has decided to move on to pastures new following maternity leave and also Mrs Farooq who has left us recently. Thank you for your contribution to Scotstoun.

Sumdog Success

Each year we participate in Sumdog challenges where children compete against other classes and schools locally and nationally. In the recent Glasgow wide competition, Scotstoun has showed real success! Two P5 pupils were in the daily top 10, P6b were daily winners and P6a with Mr Stewart won the entire competition. The children (and staff) were very motivated to take part and show off their skills. What an achievement!

Storytelling Week

This year we took part in Storytelling Week for the first time this year as it fitted in well with our school improvement focus on reading. We had a range of activities going on in the school. Thank you to the parents and carers came in to read stories to their child's classes. P1s cooked up a story soup and P6 performed their stories so well to a fantastic audience of P2s. We have asked the children, through our literacy focus groups, what we can do to make next year better.

Primary 7

Primary 7 is always a busy year but this year's Primary 7 have got term 3 off to a flying start. They have their residential trip to Ardentinney coming up in March, transition planning with their new high schools and they have started a school newspaper. Their first edition of the SPS Express was hot off the press this week with news of the FM's resignation, an interview with a local business and a look at issues close to the school. Well done to all involved!



Play Sessions

We have been delighted to invited parents, carers and some grandparents of children in P1 and P2 into school to join their children during their big play sessions this month. As well as having opportunities to develop their learning through play in the classroom, each class has timetabled slots where they come to the main hall and learn through play with in a context which changes regularly. There are areas or zones where the children play such as construction, a writing table, science focus and technology. The feedback from families who have visited has been really positive and the children have enjoyed sharing their learning.



March Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
27th February	Diversity for All - P7a and P7b Class Photographs
28th February / 1st March	Proposed industrial action
2nd March	World Book Day
3rd March	Bake sale for earthquake appeal
6th - 8th March	P7 to Ardetinney residential outdoor centre
9th March	P1/2 visit Whiteinch Library
14th March	Parents' Night (5.30pm - 8.30pm)
16th March	P1a visit Whiteinch Library Parents' Night (3.30pm - 6.30pm)
21st March	Parent Council meeting
23rd March	P1b visit Whiteinch Library North West Dance Heats
28th March	PTA Easter events 6pm - 7pm P1-P3 party 7.15pm - 8.15pm P4-P7 disco
31st March	Easter Bonnet parade (P1-P3) Decorate an Easter Egg (P4-P7) Easter Egg hunt (whole school)
	School closes 2.30pm

In case you missed it...

- Sylvie from P7 and Yu- Xin from P5 represented us so well at the Scottish Young Musician's festival. They performed beautifully.
- P4a and P4b took part in a Celtic Connections Scots song workshop which they really enjoyed.
- The Eco kids took part in a litter pick on the local nature walk and collected sic bags of rubbish.
- P2 and P3 classes visited Whiteinch Library.
- Our new bike shed has been installed - there's even a pump for tyres in there too.
- Our P1 reading and P1-P3 numeracy workshops were really well attended.
- P2 a and P2b visited a farm as part of their learning about farm to fork.
- Our PTA bingo event was a full house with lots of families joining us
- The National Sleep helpline has change their opening hours to include a morning session. This free resource can help families learn more about their sleep and develop better bedtime routines. Contact information in the picture.

the national sleep helpline

50% Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

03303 530 541
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am

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*Survey of 1,000 sleepless children, Aug 2021