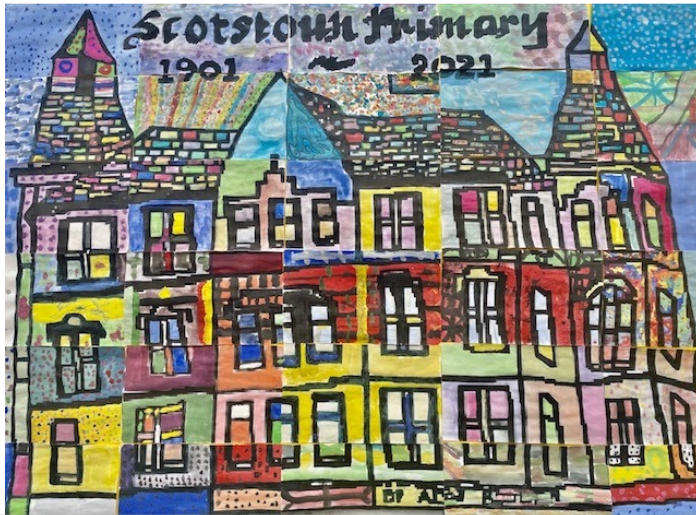


October Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to October's newsletter and the end of the first term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. It has been a very busy and quick start to the school session and I'm sure before we know it we will be immersed in preparations for Christmas! However, we aren't quite there yet with lots of activities to keep us busy and learning until then.

Kind regards,
Mrs McGill

Staff Update

Ms Robinson who works in the school office has been successful in gaining a secondment to Knightswood Secondary school as Home School Support Worker. We are really sorry that she won't be with us for the rest of the school year but wish her all the very best in her new role. Mrs Barry will now be working Monday and Friday to help support in the office.

We are looking forward to welcoming a number of student teachers to Scotstoun Primary in the coming weeks. This month Ms Ross-Davie will be joining P4a until the end of November. Supporting Initial Teacher Education is an important part of school life as school placements are a key part of the training of the teachers of tomorrow.

Car Free Zone

Please remember that the car free zone is in operation during the hours of 8.15 – 9.00am and 2.30pm until 3.15pm. No cars should access the area around the school unless they have a permit during these hours. It is still an issue in some cases and has been more noticeable when we have had bad weather. Please ensure that anyone else who is collecting your child knows about this zone and the restrictions in place. A £50 fine can be issued to drivers who break this law.

Lost and Forgotten Items

We have already accumulated a large volume of lost property and it is very difficult to return items to the appropriate child if they don't have names on them. The lost property (which is currently overflowing) is located in the entrance on the Ormiston Avenue. Please feel free to come and have a look through it either at the beginning or end of the school day and we can hopefully reunite some items with their rightful owners!

PARENTS' NIGHTS

We are delighted that parents' evenings will be taking place face to face this term. We are trialling an online booking system for this which has had a few technical issues. We really appreciate your patience with this and hope that we manage to get this ironed out.

PTA Events

Thank you very much to the PTA for organising the upcoming calendar of events for the year. Not only are they a way to raise funds for the school (we have raised a fantastic £1403.80!) but they are also a wonderful way of meeting other families and getting to know the school community better.

Parent Council

The Parent Council has its AGM in school on Tuesday 22nd November @ 6.30pm and all are welcome. Any parents wishing to join the committee will be elected during this meeting. If you want to find out more, please email scotstounprimary-parents@googlegroups.com.

Halloween



Thanks to everyone for joining the Halloween parties earlier this week, everyone looked great! Children can also come to school dressed up on Monday. There are costumes available in school for those who need one.

Cultural Day



We really enjoyed cultural day this week. This day was facilitated by Ms. Cameron, our EAL teacher. The idea to run this day was given to her by one of our children. Language Ambassadors ran sessions to help celebrate the range of cultures in our school. If you would like to get involved, please contact Ms. Cameron on gw15camerongrace1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk.

Harvest Collection



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection of food and toiletries for the Heart of Scotstoun. Amanda from the centre was delighted with the collection and the impact it would have on local families.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Event
25th October	Ms Ross-Davie starts in P4a
26th October	Cultural Day
28th October - P3.	Sleeping Beauty performance for P1 - Netball Tournament for some P7s P5s to Science Centre
31st October.	Children can wear fancy dress
1st November	P4s to Museum of Rural Life
2nd November	Book Fair arrives
3rd November	P7a visit to Whiteinch Library
4th November	Outdoor Classroom Day
7th November	P1 enrolment week 2 P7 children to Glasgow Pupil Voice Forum
8th November	Parents' meeting 5.30pm - 8.30pm
9th November	1.30pm - 3.00pm New P1 families introduction to Scotstoun Primary
10th November	Parents' meeting 3.30pm - 6.30pm P7b visit to Whiteinch Library
11th November	Remembrance Day
14th November	Anti-bullying week
15th November	Flu vaccinations 5.30pm - 7.30pm New P1 families introduction to Scotstoun Primary 6.30pm Family Games Night (PTA)
17th November	P6a visit to Whiteinch Library
22nd November	6.30pm Parent Council AGM
23rd November	P7 vision screening
24th November	P6b visit to Whiteinch Library
30th November	P5a visit to Whiteinch Library



Health and Safety

We would ask that you keep us up to date with any medical conditions your child may have. In addition, if your child has to take medicine for a short period of time, please come into the School Office to complete a form which allows us to administer that.

Families are reminded of the importance of checking your child's hair regularly for head lice. School nurses no longer do this and it is not authority policy to send out letters when a child is reported to have head lice. The advice remains the same, immediate treatment by lotion recommended by a pharmacist, then automatic repeat treatment 7 days later. Please be vigilant.

Digital Platforms

As our approaches to digital learning and communication has changed as the whole school is using SeeSaw to communicate with families and share learning, I thought it was worthwhile to give you an update on that. We will continue to use SeeSaw as our main digital platform along with Teams if we must move learning online. In your annual data check pack, you will have received a consent form for Teams which would allow your child/children to join in online. We are not planning to create Google Classrooms for classes and add children this year. The feedback had been that too many digital platforms can be confusing about what goes where and we have decided to streamline down to SeeSaw and Teams along with GroupCall as our main ways of communicating with families.

P1 Enrolment

P1 enrolment week takes place during the week of 7-11 November 2022 for children due to start school in August 2023. Any child who will attain the age of 5 years between 1 March 2023 and 28 February 2024 is eligible to start school in August 2023. To register you should now complete and submit an online application no later than 11 November 2022. For online applications visit Glasgow City Council website - Schools and learning - Enrolment. If required paper applications can be requested by contacting Glasgow City Council - 0141 287 8000. There are two opportunities to visit the school with your child, have a tour and speak to school staff. The dates and times are:

9th November

1.30pm - 3.00pm New P1 families introduction to Scotstoun Primary

15th November

5.30pm - 7.30pm New P1 families introduction to Scotstoun Primary

We are looking forward to seeing you and your child there.

In case you missed it...

We have had children taking part in different events both in school and the community during term 1.

- P2- P4 worked with Saffron our artist in residence during their Out to Play sessions with Eco Drama. They developed their creativity skills using the outdoor spaces about the school.
- P3 a and b visited Stirling Castle as part of their learning about castles. Despite the rain, they had a fantastic trip.
- Weekly football festivals have begun at Scotstoun Leisure Centre after school on a Monday. P5 and 6 and P7 teams represented the school each week coached by Mr Grijalba and Mr Gavin.
- We took part in Maths Week Scotland with classes focusing on the theme of "The Beauty of Maths". Thanks to Ms Waters for organising.
- Lickety Split visited the school and P1 children took part in their Porridge and Play session – they loved it!
- P4a and P4b attended the Davies Cup sessions for schools at the Emirates delivered by Sports Leaders.