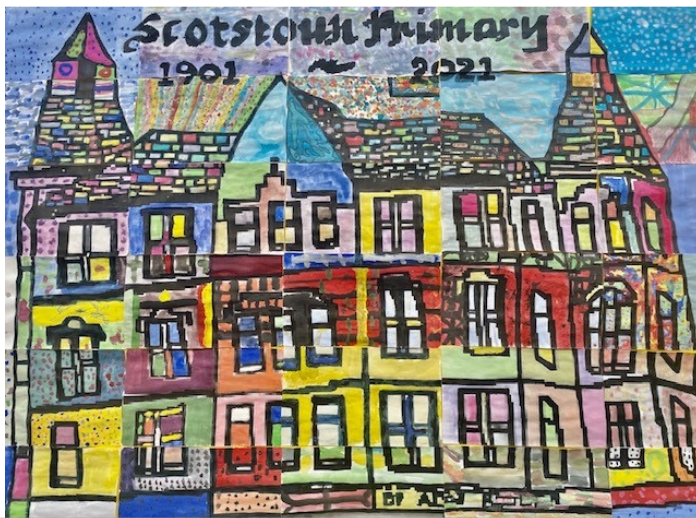


January Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our January newsletter and another busy term. The children have settled well into school life after the holidays and are back in the swing of things. We have lots going on in the school this term and I have provided some further details in this newsletter.

With best wishes,
Mrs McGill

School website

We have been developing a new school website this session and moving away from the current host site to a GLOW Blog - don't worry, no GLOW login is required! It is easier to update, manage and navigate. Mr Boyd, and previously Mrs MacKenzie, have been working at populating it with what we hope will be useful information. We would like to find out what would be helpful for you to have on the website and will be sending out a short survey in early February to ask you some questions about content. We are also asking for anyone with an interest or skill in web design or communications to see if they would be willing to give us a little bit of time to help us finish and launch the school website. Thank you for your help with this.

Car Free Zone

Please remember that the car free zone is in operation from 8.15 - 9.00am and 2.30pm - 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. There have been a number of £50 fines issued this month as the zone is enforced more rigorously.

Parents' Workshops

We have been looking at our numeracy and maths curriculum over the last two school sessions and implementing Glasgow City Council's approach called Glasgow Counts. Ms Waters has been leading this initiative across the school and will be holding parent workshops to explain some of the strategies and approaches. The first is for P1-P3 parents and will take place on Thursday 16th Feb from 2pm.

Play Approaches at Scotstoun

Our play curriculum focussed on P1 and P2 is an area we have been continuing to develop. Last week we had a visit from a leader of learning from Glasgow City Council to speak to staff, observe the learning going on and see how the children interacted with the play opportunities. The visit was a resounding success with our visitor being "blown away" with what they saw. We were very pleased with the feedback! Thanks to all staff for their hard work in this area.

Garden Muck In

We are hosting a series of Garden Muck-Ins to help tidy up our school grounds and MUGA and get them ready for Spring. No gardening expertise necessary - all that's needed is enthusiasm. They take place on Monday 6th Feb and Friday 17th Feb from 3pm until dusk and Saturday 25th Feb from 9.30am until noon (community ground). We will be creating a willow tunnel, revamping planters, creating gardens and building bug hotels. If that sounds of interest then we would love to see you then! Thank you to our Outdoor Group parents for organising.



Christmas Events

Thank you so much for your support with all our Christmas events. We raised a fantastic £3881 at the Christmas Fair which is amazing. It will really go a long way to support in our children's experiences such as outings, visiting specialists, outdoor space and class events. Your donations to the Heart of Scotstoun foodbank were extremely generous. The children enjoyed the Christmas parties, the visit to the panto for P4-P7 and watching the Nativity performance starring P1 who were well supported by the P2 narrators and P2 and P3 choirs and musicians. It was a great festive celebration!



Community Partners

We are delighted to be able to continue developing our community partnership links which allow us to enhance the experiences and learning of our children. To give you a flavour; Eco Drama are providing an expressive arts based residence for P5-P7 classes, Glasgow Life are providing football coaching for P4, Celtic coaches from the Celtic Foundation are delivering the joy of moving programme with P5-P7, Dogs Trust are visiting assemblies, Rangers football club are working with P2 on their get ready for sport programme, Glasgow's Youth Music Initiative are delivering sessions to P1 - P2 and are supporting an iPad band in P7, a local tennis coach is providing a tennis after school club to P3 and the Eco Kids have linked with the Glasgow City Council Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Department to carry out a community litter pick. I said it was a busy term!

February Dates for your Diary	
Date	Event
30th January	Storytelling week. Please contact Mrs McKinnon if you can help out by telling a story to a class/classes.
30th January	Celtic Connections Scots Song workshop for P4a
30th January	Eco kids to community litter pick
31st January	PTA meeting 3pm
2nd February	P3a to Whiteinch Library
3rd February	Scotstoun PS to present to Glasgow City Council HTs re play curriculum
6th February	New bike shelter being fitted Duncan Avenue playground
6th February	Garden Muck In
9th February	P3b to Whiteinch Library
10th February	P1 reading and phonic parent workshop 8.45am
13th and 14th February	Holiday
15th February	Inservice
16th February	P2a to Whiteinch Library
16th February	P1-P3 Glasgow Counts workshop 2pm
17th February	Acts of Kindness Day
17th February	Garden Muck In
21st February	PTA Bingo Night
24th February	P2b to Whiteinch Library
25th February	Garden Muck In - community space
27th February	Diversity for All - P7a and P7b

In case you missed it...

We have had children taking part in different events both in school and in the community

- P1 led an open afternoon showing their families their learning from their toys and games topic.
- All classes made and sold Christmas crafts at our Christmas school fair.
- All classes visited our literacy lounge supported by our pupil librarian team.
- Our Reading Cafe opened after school for families.
- P5a and P5b visited Whiteinch library.
- The Bells won our second house treat of the year. Well done!
- Some classes sent letters to local care homes.
- P4 - P7 attended Sleeping Betty at Maryhill Community Centre.
- Santa visited all classes during their Christmas parties.

