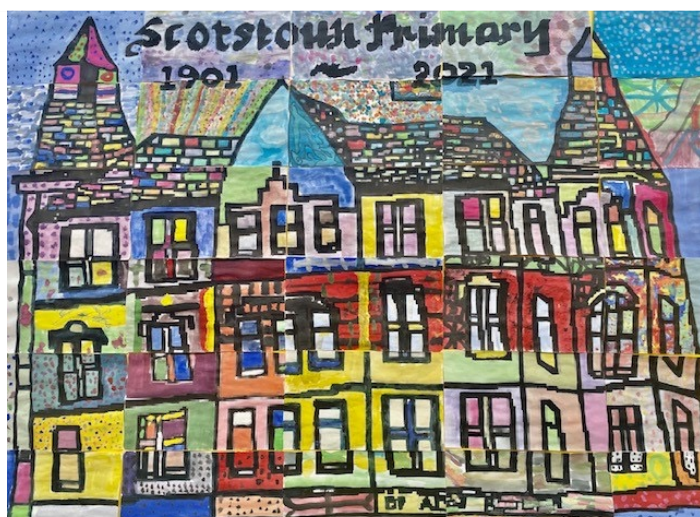


March Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March newsletter. It has been another busy month at Scotstoun Primary and a busy end to term 3. There has been lots going on in the school and I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of that. I hope you and your families have a refreshing and relaxing Spring holiday and we look forward to the new Summer term and all the fun and learning that comes with it.

With best wishes,
Mrs McGill

Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mr Boyd and his wife and they welcome their new baby boy into the world. Everyone is doing well and we are looking forward to meeting the new arrival. Mrs McKenzie has returned from her maternity leave and has replaced Miss Sweeney in Primary 3a on Monday and Tuesday and will provide support across the school for the rest of the week. Thank you to Miss Sweeney for her enthusiasm and commitment to all aspects of school life at Scotstoun Primary.

We welcome back two student teachers after the Spring holiday. Miss Duff will return to Primary 5a and Miss Rae will move to Primary 1b to complete their placements here. We wish them well for this final teaching block prior to their probationer year next session.

Retiral News

We will be wishing Mrs Rogers and Mr Stewart all the very best for their retiral from Scotstoun Primary in June. They have both worked at Scotstoun for a long time and have known and worked with many children and families over the years. We will be sorry to see them leaving us and we wish them a happy and healthy retirement when it comes. They leave with our thanks for their commitment to the school community.

World Book Day

Well done to everyone who participated in our World Book Day with our theme of dressing as a word. The creativity and imagination of the children and staff was amazing – in fact I think we had a few people dressed as creativity! Thanks to Mrs McKinnon for organising the family book quiz and well done to the winners.

Scotstoun Stars

The Scotstoun Stars took to the stage at Knightswood Secondary School last week to perform their hip-hop routine as part of the City of Dance heats. The Stars, being girls from P4-P7, performed so well impressing the audience. The girls, led by the P7s and coached by Jo our Active School's co-ordinator, practiced so hard at lunch time and break times to perfect their routine. Well done girls!

Scots Verse

We carried out our Scots Verse competition for P4 – P7 after a break of two years this term. The standard was so high and Ms McFarlane, an English teacher from Knightswood Secondary and myself were extremely impressed by the performers poise and polish as they performed. Well done to Adam in P7b for his fantastic performance which gained him the title and to Mollie (P7b) and Savya (P5a) who were the runners up.

Football Strips

A massive thank you to a very generous anonymous donator who has provided brand new strips for the P7 and P5/6 football teams. They wore them during their games on Monday and they looked fantastic. Some children modelled them for us at assembly. They looked fab! We are very grateful for the kindness and generosity of this person – thank you!

Earthquake Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated home baking to our bake sale to raise money for the earthquake appeal supporting families affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We had so many delicious cakes and sweet treats to sell and we raised a fantastic £400 which we donated to the @decappeal

Parents' Meetings

The term's parents' meetings were well attended as usual with almost all parents and carers attending the sessions. If you did not manage to attend, a follow up phone call will be arranged for you to allow you to speak to your child's teacher about their progress. The book swap was popular as an idea with families with lots of positive comments about its eco-friendly and low-cost approach. Thanks to everyone who donated books for it. Some of these have been added to our class libraries and to the Literacy Lounge.



Collaborative Improvement Visit

Last week we hosted a collaborative improvement visit at Scotstoun as part of our planning for improvement approach. We invited four headteachers from Battlefield, Garrowhill, Blackfriars and St Conval's primaries and a member of the central education team to the school to look at how we teach writing, what's working well and areas we could focus on. They meet with the senior leadership team, visited classes, spoke to children, staff and some parents. They then provided us with feedback about our school. They were so impressed by our well mannered, enthusiastic children who are proud of their school. They found the children to be very articulate and keen to learn. They recognised the hard-working staff who are proud of their children and have positive, nurturing relationships with them. Areas for development were identified and will form part of next year's school improvement plan.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
20.4.23	8.45am and 2.15pm drop in for P5 and P6 parents for iPads
27.4.23	P2A to Whiteinch Library
1.5.23	May Holiday
2.5.23	Parent Council meeting 6.30pm
4.5.23	P1A to Whiteinch Library 10.30am
8.5.23	Bank Holiday (Coronation)
9.5.23	P6 trip to the Science Centre
10.5.23	Childsmile for P1 & P2
11.5.23	Childsmile for P3 & P4
25.5.23	In Service Day
26.5.23	May weekend
29.5.23	May weekend
31.5.23	Sports Day
1.6.23	P1-3 trip to Finlaystone Country Park
3.6.23 (Saturday)	Summer Fayre

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 contact the school office to complete a form which allows us to administer that.

We are also a nut free school as we have children who are allergic to nuts. Please don't send nuts or sweets with nuts in them into school. This also means that there is no peanut butter or Nutella used for sandwiches. Thank you for your support with this.

Could you please ensure that everything your child brings to school is label with their name? We have a growing pile of navy blue cardigan and sweatshirts which don't have a name on them making them really difficult to find their owner.

In case you missed it...

- Primary 7s have a fantastic trip to Ardentenny in March. 64 children attended and had an absolute ball taking part in the all activities. Thank you to all the staff who attended and gave their time and energy in to making it such a successful trip.
- Primary 1b visited Whiteinch Library.
- A team of girls represented the school very well at the recent North West Active Schools netball festival. Well done to Ada, Phoebe, Sylvie, Willow, Alex, Millie, Gaida and Rosie.