

St Louise Primary School

Summer Newsletter



SNSA

As part of the Scottish Government's National Improvement Framework, our P1, P4 and P7 pupils will take part in the Scottish National Standardised Assessments over the month of May along with any of our school based assessments. If you would like any further information on this please visit the parents/carers section of the website at <https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/> and if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



First Holy Communion

As you know, our P4 children are making their First Holy Communion this month and we ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this time.



PSG

Please come along and support the Parent and Staff Group at our various meetings across the school year. Each session there will be information on the meeting dates and minutes in the parent section of the school website. Everyone is welcome, and we really do need your help. All parents/carers are considered to be members of the group. We look forward to seeing you there and will make you feel very welcome.

If interested, please contact St.LouisePSG@gmail.com for more information or visit the parent section of our school website.



PSG St Louise Feast Day Disco

Our Parent and Staff Group organised the annual St Louise Feast Day Disco for Wednesday 9th May and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families, as we were able to support a number of our local foodbanks.



Gym Shoes

To ensure children are able to fully participate in PE lessons and from a safety aspect, could I please ask that you check your children's gym shoes throughout the school session and replace them when they have become too small or have become damaged from wear and tear. Teaching staff will also encourage children to bring them home and to let you know when new shoes are needed.

Safety First

For Health & Safety reasons jewellery should not be worn on gym days. If you cannot remove your child's earrings could I ask that you provide him/her with plasters to cover them. Also a gentle reminder that our PE kit is a **white t-shirt** and **royal blue shorts**.



Road Safety

This session we were keen to try and set up a walking bus as part of the school travel plan but due to a lack of responses we have been unable to do this. Next session we would like to try and explore this avenue again and would ask you to consider volunteering for this in the new school year.

Could I please ask that whoever drops your child off and picks them up from school follows the safety guidance in place. This includes children following the safest route around the car park and into the school as some children are still being walked across the car park and this is extremely dangerous.

I would also ask that you limit your speed while in the school car park and be mindful of cars coming in or leaving the school. The speed limit in the school grounds is 5 mph.



Wider Achievement Wall

Thank you for your support in continuing to build our St Louise Wider Achievement Wall. The children are enjoying seeing the wall being built brick by brick every time one of their achievements is put on. We are all very proud of their achievements. **Remember if your child has done something outwith school which you feel deserves recognition please see the office for an achievement form.**



School News

We have been very busy here in St Louise Primary over this last term and here is a snapshot of some of the things we have been involved in:

- We celebrated Robert Burns Day with our annual assembly where children got to showcase their dancing, poetry and artwork.
- P7 completed their work with the ICT department from STA&STB's and transition continues throughout the year with further inputs from the Drama and English departments.
- All classes received a 'Handwashing Workshop' from student nurses at UWS who were impressed with both the behaviour of the children and the questions they were asking.
- P6 have taken part in two workshops with Heathy Knowe and Nil by Mouth and will now work on a joint project to highlight their learning on Sectarianism.
- Our Travel Plan was launched at an assembly on 1st February and is available to download from the school website. We have had a small return to the leaflets asking for help with a walking bus and will try again to get more interest in this.
- P7 Digital Leaders did a great job in leading the school on Internet Safety Day.



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- Our Athletics Club is up and running and we are grateful to our two volunteers (Holly and Cara McAney) who are doing a great job.
 - P6 received an Eczema Workshop from the outreach team who discussed skin types, how to look after your skin and what to do in different situations.
 - Thank you to Mrs Docherty and P7 for organising 'Wear it Blue for Damu Day'. The children had a fantastic day and our wonderful, generous families, pupils and staff raised just under £800.
 - Our Find Out Thursday and pre World Book Day launch went well with lots of fantastic work around books and reading strategies. Our Find Out Wednesday allowed our parents and carers to engage in activities around RE and to work together on this focus.
 - 25 of our P6 and P7 pupils took part in the East Kilbride Cross Country Event and 2 of our pupils (Francis and Brodie) made it into the finals which were held on 27th March and congratulations to Francis who came in 3rd place overall. They were also able to go in our lovely new tracksuits so thank you to the PSG for these.
 - Our reading club over the session went well and we thank our parent Mrs Cooper for giving up her own time to coordinate this.
 - Thank you to our Fairtrade group, Mrs Docherty and Miss Mooney for a wonderful Fairtrade Café where we had performances from P2 and P6.
 - We relaunched our 'Listen to Me' service during an assembly at the beginning of March and we have had a great number of children using this to talk to staff about their worries but also about positive things in their lives.
 - Thank you to our other Mrs Docherty who organised a range of exciting experiments for all classes to take part in during British Science Week.
 - Thank you to our wonderful grandparents in P2 who joined us for an afternoon of reminiscing and chats about their own childhoods to support the class topic.
 - Our Lenten charity fundraising events are went well with lots of money being raised for our charities while at the same time having lots of fun. The total sum raised was £604.45.
 - P4 had a fantastic time at the Whitelees Windfarm to support their topic on renewable energies.
 - Well done to our P7 pupils, Mrs Cassidy and both Mrs Dochertys for organising Spanish Cafes with lots of different stations on colours, numbers, vocabulary, food and Spanish culture, which allowed the P5 pupils from Our Lady of Lourdes to get a taster session on their L3 language of Spanish as part of the 1 + 2 strategy. This invitation was returned when our P5 children visited Our Lady of Lourdes on 15th May where they learned a lot about Spain and the Spanish language from the P7 pupils.
 - P4-7 received an author visit from Keith Charters and he really inspired the children about reading and writing.
 - Explore Learning recently attended our school assembly to launch a 500 word Writer's Award competition with the pupils in our school. Children were encouraged to do this over the spring break and any child who wanted to participate in the competition put their writing forward.
 - P2 had a very successful visit to Scotland Street School where they were able to hear and see what school was like in the olden days.
 - This term we had a very successful 'Financial Education Week' and thank you to Mrs Mack for organising lots of the events. Each class has had a visit from Kilbryde Hospice, Bank of Scotland and Nationwide. All classes were given a £3 budget to buy ingredients for their 'Ready Steady Cook' session. We had a wonderful variety of careers for our children to hear about in our World of Work event in the hall and were impressed with the range of skills our parents and carers have. We have also relaunched the Credit Union and children are now able to use this service again. Thank you to Mrs Mack for organising and volunteering to collect monies every Wednesday morning. Term 3 was rounded off with a wonderful array of talent in our annual talent show.
 - Our P7s and staff had a wonderful time at their residential trip to Auchengillan and many faced their fears and challenged themselves but most of all the teamwork across the week was wonderful to see.
 - P4-7 classes were involved in handball taster sessions which they enjoyed and some our P4 and P5 children will now attend the handball festival on 14th June.
 - P3 enjoyed their trip to the Kelvingrove museum where they were able to explore further the areas they were learning about in class for their history focus on Ancient Egyptians.
 - Our school took part in a successful VSE and our own self-evaluation was validated by the team who spoke highly of the pupils and what they saw.

- 2 PFFA pupils met in St Vincent's Primary with other P7 children from across the learning community to take part in a moderation activity around the award itself and the workbook used to record activities.

Gentle Reminders

We are hopeful that the recent good weather will continue over the coming months and it is lovely to see so many of our pupils wearing their full school uniform and blazers. Can I please remind you of the council's and school's policy on appropriate clothing to wear in school which does not include denim jackets or leather/biker jackets.

Can I remind you to check your child's hair for head lice on a regular basis? The guidance suggests that parents/carers should aim to check their children's hair once a week during normal hair washing. Information leaflets with useful advice and guidance are available online. You can access useful advice from www.onceaweektakeapeek.com. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further help.

You can help us tremendously by letting us know as soon as possible if your child is absent from school. It is also helpful if you could send in a letter to your child's class teacher to inform us of any pre-planned absences.

Can I also ask that on your child's return to school, following a period of absence, that a note is provided for the class teacher. This is necessary even if you have telephoned while your child was off as we require this information for our records.

Please bear in mind that our breakfast club starts at 8.20am and there is no adult supervision in the school until this time. Playground supervision also doesn't start until 8.30am and for safety reasons, we would ask that children are dropped off or arrive at school as nearest to these times as possible.

The first car park as you enter the school is open to the public, however, the next car park after this is a staff car park and is not open to the public.

All these procedures are in place to help ensure the safety of our children and I thank you in advance for your co-operation with these.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27 th April	St Vincent's First Communion Preparation Day
Wednesday 1 st May	9.25am Find Out Wednesday
Thursday 2 nd May	P7 Drama Input from STA&STB's
Friday 3 rd May	PSG Race Night
Monday 6 th May	School Holiday
	Respect Me Week – Positive Relationships
Tuesday 7 th May	In-service Day
Thursday 9 th May	1.30pm St Louise Feast Day Mass
	P7 Drama Input from STA&STB's
	PSG St Louise Disco (6.30-7.30pm P1-3) (7.45-8.45pm P4-7)
Thursday 9/16 th May	Netball Tournament
Sunday 12 th May	1.00pm OLOL First Communion
Wednesday 15 th May	1.30pm P5 to OLOL for Spanish Café
	7.00pm PSG Meeting
Thursday 16 th May	P7 Drama Input from STA&STB's
	3.15pm Parents' Evening
Saturday 18 th May	10.30am St Vincent's First Communion
Monday 20 th May	12.25pm P1 Multisports
Monday 20 th May	7.00pm P7 Parent Information Evening 2 – STA&STB's (Parents and Pupils)
Tuesday 21 st May	P7 Induction Day 1

	10.45am Rosary with legion of Mary
Wednesday 22 nd May	P7 Induction Day 2 9.30am New P1s Induction Day 1
Thursday 23 rd May	3.00pm Family Learning Club
Friday 24 th and Monday 27 th May	School Holidays
Tuesday 28 th May	9.30am Football Tournament 10.45am Rosary with Legion of Mary
Wednesday 29 th May	1.30pm New P1s Induction Day 2
Thursday 30 th May	1.30pm Ascension Thursday Mass (OLOL Church – all welcome) 3.00pm Family Learning Club
Friday 31 st May	9.15am P7 Community Integrated Project 6.30pm Summer Fair
Monday 3 rd June	12.25pm P1 Multisports
Tuesday 4 th June	9.30am P5 Games - Ballerup 9.30am New P1s Reading Workshop
Wednesday 5 th June	10.00am P6 Kilbryde Hospice Sunflower Walk 1.30pm St Louise Sports Day
Thursday 6 th June	Netball Festival
Friday 7 th June	Whole School Summer Trip – Heads of Ayr Farm
Monday 10 th June	12.25am P1 Multisports
Tuesday 11 th June	Whole School Healthy Day / Outdoor Learning 12.00 New P1s Lunch in Dining Hall
Thursday 13 th June	10.00am Mass for PFFA P7 children – OLOL Church 3.00pm Family Learning Club
Friday 14 th June	9.15am P7 PSG Treat Day – Strathclyde Park P4 and P5 Handball Festival
Monday 17 th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass
Thursday 20 th June	3.00pm Family Learning Club
Monday 24 th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 28 th June	1.00pm School Closes

Holiday

Please note that the school will close on **Friday 28th June at 1.00pm**. On behalf of all the staff and pupils here in St Louise Primary, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and partnership working this year, and to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Yours sincerely

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