

St Louise Primary School

Summer Newsletter



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:



- P3 and P2 have benefited from the multi-sports lunchtime club last term, and this has now moved down into P1.
- P5 had their final Youth Music Initiative lessons and thoroughly enjoyed these and this term our P4 class will benefit from a block of these lessons.
- All classes took part in the annual NSPCC workshops 'Speak Out Stay Safe' which is a great addition to our health and wellbeing lessons with a clear focus on child protection.
- P7s provided a lunchtime music club last term for P6s and our STEM Leaders provided a club for P4. All who participated enjoyed the experience.
- Luke from EK Tennis Club provided a few of our classes with tennis sessions last term as part of their PE lessons.
- As part of the P7 transition programme, P7 parents and carers were able to attend an information evening to hear about the high school and what to expect.
- P3 and P4 have had cricket inputs as part of their PE lessons last term.
- We thank active schools for training our current P7 pupils in Boccia and for providing some of our classes with sessions as part of their PE.
- Some of our classes received karate taster sessions as part of their PE lessons last term and the parents and carers of P1/2 got to share in this at the recent Find Out Session. Thank you to all those who attended Find Out Thursday, as always it was a great opportunity to share in your children's learning.
- P5, P6 and P7 have received handball sessions last term as part of their PE lessons. We are very thankful to all the community groups who volunteer their own time to provide our young people with so many opportunities in sport as part of the curriculum.
- Thank you to all our families for supporting the Hospice Heroes Day. We had a visit from Faye and Hope from Kilbryde Hospice and collectively raised a total of £219.07.
- Thank you to all our pupils and their families for supporting our 'Wear it Blue Day for Damu'. The P7s always lead a fabulous day of fundraising and we raised a total of £510.13 for a school in Malawi.
- World Book Day was a great success and it was lovely to see the children coming to school with their favourite book and being able to discuss why they chose it.
- Well done to all the P7s who took part in the Cross-Country event.
- Well done to our P6 Euroquiz team who represented us so well at the SLC heat in Newton Farm Primary.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten charities fundraising, we had great fun raising money for such good causes.
- Well done to everyone who took part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel event, our school racked up 821 journeys with P7 completing 178 of these, helping us to finish 612 out of 1196 schools.
- Well done to our school dancers who were absolutely amazing at the recent dance festival in Calderglen High.
- Four of our P7 pupils attended the recent SLC COS3 climate event in Hamilton and brought back some very interesting facts and ideas on how we can support sustainability and climate change.
- I think you will agree that the Easter Egg Design many of our children were involved in designing and creating was fantastic and could be seen at the EK shopping centre over the Spring holidays.

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 on Saturday 31st May and we ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers during this time.



School Summer Fayre

Our Parent Staff Group will have the annual Summer Fayre on **the evening of Friday 6th June**. Please come along and support us.

We will have a Dress Down Day in the school on Thursday 22nd May and would ask any children who can, to bring along raffle and tombola donations for the Fayre. We will gratefully accept all donations across this term and these can be handed into the school office.

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 have organised the annual St Louise Feast Day Disco in our school hall for **Wednesday 7th May** and children are asked to bring a non-perishable food item as entry to the disco. These will be donated to our local foodbank. A letter will be issued to pupils with further information and we would ask that you return the tear off slip to the school with emergency contact details and any other relevant information for that night. Children will enter through the dining room door on the night and should bring their own water bottle with them. At the end of each disco, parents/carers will be invited to enter the gym hall by the P4 door, collect your child and leave through the main entrance door. Parent Council members will be on hand to direct.

P1-4 will have their disco from 6.00 - 7.00pm

P5-7 will have their disco from 7.15 - 8.15pm



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 or plain black, blue or grey leggings/tracksuit bottoms**.



Wider Achievement Wall

Thank you for your support in continuing to build our St Louise Wider Achievement Wall. We are all very proud of their achievements. **Remember if your child has done something out with school which you feel deserves recognition please complete the online form available from the school website and send any pictures into the school office.**



St Andrew's Hospice/Kilbryde Hospice Fundraising

On Friday 16th May, all classes will take part in a range of activities including a Teddy Bear's Tea Party, a Wear Yellow Walk and Sunshine Walk to help raise funds for both Kilbryde Hospice and St Andrew's Hospice. All children will be provided with a sponsor form and all monies raised will be split between both charities. Further information on each event will be shared with children nearer the time.

P1 Transition

Our new P1 pupils for August 2025 have received an email inviting them and their parents/carers to our induction days.

Parents' Evening / End of Year Report

Our Parents' Evening is held in our school. Please ensure you have access to Parent Portal as this is where you will be able to opt in for a parents' evening appointment and be able to see and read your child's end of session school report card.

If you have any difficulties accessing Parents Portal or are unable to sign up, please contact the school office.

School Uniform Orders

Our school uniform is available to order online and the following page has been set up.

<https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/st-louise-primary-school.html>



Please note that you are also able to buy school uniform from any other retailer.

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 and school's policy on appropriate clothing to wear in school which includes appropriate outdoor jacket/blazer.

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.

In St Louise, children are not permitted to use mobile phones or any personal digital devices that can take pictures, send messages or make phone calls.

When children bring these devices to school they must be switched off and kept in their bags.

When pupils are found to be using these devices and not following the school policy on this, they will need to leave their device at the school office in the morning and then collect it at the end of the school day.

Pupils who bring expensive items like this into school, do so at their own risk.

Please bear in mind that our breakfast club starts at 8.15am and there is no adult supervision in the school until this time. **Playground supervision starts at 8.30am and only children who are attending the breakfast club should arrive at school before this time.**

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

Tuesday 22 nd April	Pupils Return
Wednesday 23 rd April	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 1 st May	In-service Day – Pupils Do Not Attend
Monday 5 th May	Holiday – Schools Closed
Wednesday 7 th May	St Louise Feast Day Disco 6.00-7.00pm (P1-4) 7.15-8.15pm (P5-7)
Friday 9 th May	10.00am St Louise Feast Day Mass - OLOL
Wednesday 14 th May	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 15 th May	Parents' Evening – Appointments must be booked via Parents Portal
Friday 16 th May	P1-3 Teddy Bears' Picnic P4-7 Wear Yellow Sunshine Walk
Tuesday 20 th May	5.00pm P7 Parent/Carer Information Evening for Auchengillan
Wednesday 21 st May	9.15am Find Out Wednesday
Thursday 22 nd May	Dress Down Day – Donations for Raffle and Tombola for Summer Fayre
Friday 23 rd May	Holiday – Schools Closed
Monday 26 th May	
Tuesday 27 th May	6.00-7.00pm P7 Open Evening – STA&STBs – Parents/carers and pupils to attend
Wednesday 28 th May	P4 First Communion Practice – St Vincent's Church
Wednesday 28 th May	P7 Induction Days – STA&STBs
Thursday 29 th May	
Thursday 29 th May	10.00am Ascension Thursday Mass - OLOL
Saturday 31 st May	10.00am P4 First Communion – St Vincent's Church
Week beginning 2 nd June	St Louise Sports Day (Day TBC)
Tuesday 3 rd June	11.00 P7 PFFA Mass – St Bride's Church
Friday 6 th June	6.00-8.00pm Summer Fayre
Monday 9 th June – Thursday 12 th June	P7 Auchengillan
Tuesday 17 th June	1.30pm P7 Leavers' Mass – St Louise Primary
Monday 23 rd June	1.15pm P7 Leavers' Assembly – St Louise Primary
Wednesday 25 th June	1.00pm School Closes

Holiday

Please note that the school will close on **Wednesday 25th 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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