



Thursday 12 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the first term already! Now that colder weather has arrived, please can you ensure that your child comes to school equipped with a winter jacket. Thank you.

I hope that you all enjoy a relaxing break over the October week holiday. We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 23 October.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Buchan

Head Teacher of Primary.

ENGAGING PARENTS' EVENTS

ENGAGING PARENTS -The ROMANS PRIMARY 5A and 5B

The first engaging parents' event, presented by Primary 5A and P5B was a great success. The children shared a body of factual knowledge they had learned about this ancient civilization and included some strong singing and acting to enhance their presentation.





We were thrilled to read the positive feedback from our audience -

'Brilliant job Primary 5. I loved learning about the Romans.'

'I had a wonderful afternoon- great presentation! Well done!'

'You were all amazing! Excellent singing and performing it was a great show!'

'Lovely to hear you all being so enthusiastic and to hear all the bits and pieces of information that you know.'

ENGAGING PARENTS' EVENTS

A list of events in our annual programme of engaging parents' events is outlined below. All parents and families are warmly welcome to visit the school to see the children display their classroom learning.

All events usually take place in the **Main Hall** and start at **1.30pm**.

We invite all visitors for tea/coffee in the Refectory afterwards.

Date	Showcase Event	Stage
Thursday 21st December	Christmas Nativity - 'It's a Baby'	Primaries 1ABC
Friday 16 th February	'Chinese New Year'	Primaries 2ABC
Wednesday 21 st February	Scottish Opera Schools' Workshop 'Vikings! The Quest for the Dragon's Treasure' Start time 2.15pm.	Primaries 5B, 6A, 6B
Friday 15 th March	'Ancient Egyptians'	Primaries 3AB
Friday 22 nd March	'World War Two - the Home Front'	Primaries 7AB
Tuesday 26 th March	'The Easter Story'	Primaries 4AB



PLANNING FOR HALLOWEEN

We are inviting children in Primary 1-7 to come to school dressed up on **Friday 27th October**.

Please note the following points -

- Children should not dress up as witches or warlocks or anything that may frighten others.
- No football strips are permitted.
- Children should not bring in any props.

Children are invited to dress up in a theme that may relate to a class topic -

P1: Nursery rhyme or fairy tale character P2: People Who Help Us

P3: Health practitioner, or something linked to the Healthy Living topic.

P4: Weather (sun, rainbows, a weather presenter etc.)

P5: Romans

P6: Scotland

P7: A famous person who has made a positive contribution to the world.

There is no expectation that the children will have a class party to celebrate Hallowe'en, but teachers may plan to offer children a few activities linked to the Hallowe'en festival.



Groupcall: Texting parents about absence



From **Monday 23rd October**, we will use Groupcall text messaging service to alert the main contact of pupils if their child is marked as an unknown absence at 9.30 am. This is an automated system that generates text messages based on the school electronic register.

If you are the main contact and have changed mobile number since the annual data update in August, please contact us with your new number.

Please continue to contact the school to advise of absences with as much notice as possible. Email remains our preference with the absence line also available. Details of both are below.

Email: absence@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk.

Absence line: 0141 576 2526

Queries and updates to contacts: info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

CONTACTING YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER

I wanted to remind parents that the method of contacting your child's teacher is through info@jordanhill.glasgow.sch.uk

All messages are passed on to staff who will contact you. Please do not send messages through Teams or Seesaw. Thank you for your support with this matter. Mrs Benjamin is the key contact person for parents of children in P1-P4 and I am the contact person for parents of children in P5-P7.

INJURIES

From time to time, children can injure themselves with a range of breakages and fractures etc. If your child sustains an injury, it would be very helpful if you contact myself or Mrs Benjamin in advance of your child returning to school. That gives time to decide about whether or not an emergency egress plan is required, based on the medical information parents have been advised.



MOBILE PHONES IN PRIMARY

In Primary, children are not permitted to use mobile phones in any part of the school grounds.

However, we recognise that some parents of children in the upper Primary, usually Primary 7, choose to give their child a mobile phone so they can make contact after school finishes.

We have strict rules around the small number of pupils who bring a mobile into Primary. All mobile phones must be switched off and put inside schoolbags before pupils enter the school grounds, and it should not be switched on again until pupils leave the school grounds.

Primary pupils are reminded about these rules regularly in Assemblies.

KELVINGROVE MUSEUM ART COMPETITION

Every year, we bring a class of pupils along to Kelvingrove galleries to take part in the annual Art Competition. I'm delighted to let you know the following pupils have been selected by the judges:

Silver medal

James McLeod P5A

Bronze Medal

Molly Lucie P7A

Highly Commended certificate

Harry White P4B

Commended certificate

Bethany Ayers P7A

Sophia Russell P4B





Our Medal winners were invited to a prize giving in Kelvingrove Museum in September where there was a display of medal winners' artworks in the museum.

Congratulations to our winners. Many thanks to all children who took part and to Mrs Fleming, whose commitment and enthusiasm made it a special event for our children.

HARVEST APPEAL

Thank you all very much for the generous donations of harvest food. With the help of our House Captains, the Lodging House Mission collected it and were very grateful for our support.

