



St Cuthbert's Newsletter



Welcome

It has been an incredibly busy term at St Cuthbert's Primary and Nursery and the newsletter is here to keep you informed. Enjoy!

New School and Nursery Website

We are delighted to launch our new look website which we hope will be a useful information hub for all of our parents and the school community.



The website will host school and nursery publications, the holiday calendar, pupil support resources for parental use and much more to be added in the coming months.

We will use the website to post announcements and provide important information updates as well as continuing to use X and Parents Portal to celebrate our pupils.

Confirmation & Reconciliation

Congratulations to all of our P3 Reconciliation children and the P7 Confirmandi who received their Sacraments over the past few weeks. All of the children committed themselves and prepared well with the support of their teachers and parents/carers at home. We look forward to celebrating with our First Communicants on Saturday 11th May at 11am.

Road Safety



Please continue to remind your children about road safety when entering and exiting the school and nursery. We also ask all drivers to take extreme care for the safety of all. Thank you.

Pupil Equity Fund



Playground Development

We have made significant investment over the past few months towards identified school improvement priorities aimed at supporting all of our pupils in achieving positive destinations, socially, emotionally and academically.

These include:

- Fully resourcing every stage within the school for the Maths Recovery programme being introduced in August 2024.
- A refreshed school wide writing programme, offering a more dynamic approach to teaching and learning for the children, including digital resources to support skills development.
- Purchasing the Phonics International's reading programme to be utilised within the P1 and P2 classrooms to help apply and consolidate learning.

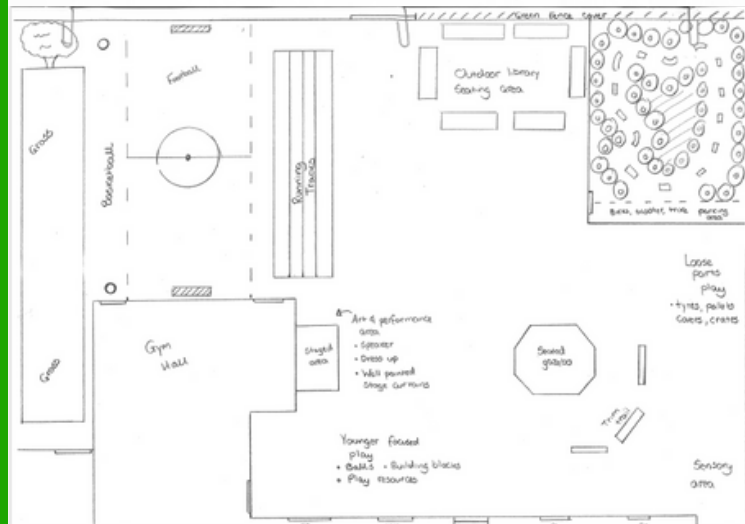


- Investing in additional support materials to be used during 1:1 and small group interventions
- Refreshing the P4-P7 Class Novels resources including the purchase of seven additional novels. Every stage now has one novel a session that will correspond to their class topic.
- Additional Chromebooks have been purchased to ensure that each child has access to one during their class sessions. Further Chromebooks have also been purchased to help support children who benefit from assisted technology within the classroom to access their learning.
- New play resources have been purchased for primary one and two to help compliment their play based classroom environment, providing a breadth of opportunities and experiences for our children.
- We will continue our partnership with Barnardos, supporting pupils and families across the school.

During the recent staff, pupil and parent consultations, developing our school playground was identified as a very clear priority by all parties and plans are underway to address this.

The vision for our playground is to create a well resourced, inviting space that promotes outdoor play and learning. A playground that will inspire our pupils to develop new skills, showcase their creativity and have fun with their friends.

This move will see the playground being opened up to all children, removing the current zonal system in place.



Between now and the summer (and beyond), we will work on the development as detailed above, creating a range of areas within the playground for pupils to explore and play.

This includes:

- A sports area
- An outdoor library & seating area
- Wheeled area for bikes and scooters
- A performance area
- Loose part play section
- A sensory area
- An Infant play area
- Introduction of planters to incorporate trees and flowers into the environment

Further details will follow on how you can support this development in the coming months.

School Update

World Book Day

World Book day was great fun with every class joining in the activities. Most children decided to dress up and there was some great imagination on display. The themed lunch helped to complement the classroom activities. Any opportunities we can find to have some fun and promote a love of learning we will look to embrace.



Lenten Fundraising Week

What a week we had in aid of supporting our three chosen charities; Missio Scotland, SCIAF and Alzheimer Scotland. Thanks to all the children for taking part and to you for your generous support. Having fun while supporting others - the St Cuthbert's way!

Growth Mindset

Our Primary 7 pupils led the first Growth Mindset Award Ceremony this term. The whole school have been focusing on our monthly mantras with the first being **“challenge- we love a challenge”** Congratulations to all nominations and our winner!



Participatory Budget Grant



We are delighted to have been successful in our grant application to the community participatory budget, receiving £1000 to extend our Sharing Caring service. The investment will see our Share and Care provision, which currently operates Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday and Friday, become available throughout the week from a new dedicated premises on school grounds. We are proud of our community and will always strive to support the families that live here.

School Update

Attachment Award

We are so proud to have received the first piece of our attachment-informed, trauma sensitive accreditation jigsaw. We were successful in our 'Act to make a difference' pledge submission and now look forward to working towards the 'Hear the Voice' pledge. Congratulations to our fourteen Primary 7 Attachment Ambassadors and staff members who are leading the school so well in this important cause.



SLC Attachment Strategy

South Lanarkshire Council Attachment Strategy Pledge

We will.....

See the 'whole person'

Hear their voice

Recognise behaviour as communication

Respond with compassion

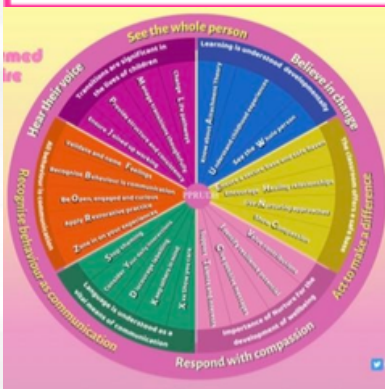
Act to make a difference

Believe in change

HEAR THEIR VOICE

What does this look like in St Cuthbert's School and Nursery?

- Parents and carers have opportunities to provide feedback on school and nursery policies, procedures and practice and share ideas for improvement
- Pupils and families are given a voice to express concerns and there are systems in place to encourage communication between school and home
- Pupils are asked for their views and given a say in matters affecting them
- Pupils, families and staff are all informed and consulted on the implementation of attachment approaches
- Staff health and wellbeing is prioritised and self-care promoted



School Showcase

St Cuthberts is home to children with passion, talent and skill and we couldn't be prouder 🌟



Primary 1 and Primary 7 loved hearing Mr Wedlock read the Gruffalo this morning as part of World Book Day! They then worked collaboratively to sequence events in a story they had read together! Well done!! 😊



The student teacher in Primary 1, Miss Zubek, took the children to Morrisons last week to look for some foods that are grown and foods that come from an animal. They had lots of fun and ticked off all the items on their checklist 🥬🥛✅



What a fantastic morning at the Cross Country Event @ActiveSchoolsSL Well done everyone 😊



Primary 2 have had a busy day today! This morning they were learning the 'Bowtie Method' for mental addition. 🎀👧 This afternoon they have been creating more symmetrical butterflies and creating diagrams of the human body, identifying and correctly placing some organs! 🫁🫧🧠🦋



Primary 5/6 today discussed Lent and the significance of giving up something or trying to do something positive. We used Lego to illustrate our lent promises 🧱🙏🕊️🙏🕊️



Be sure to follow us on Twitter/X @stcuthbertsps to stay up to date with the wonderful learning experiences taking place!

Nursery Update

Nursery Garden

The nursery has been successful in gaining a grant from Clyde Valley Housing Community Fund for £280. This will be used towards our nursery garden for improvements.

Many of our resources and equipment in the garden still need fixed as they were destroyed in the storm and we are still looking for volunteers to help. Please speak to Mrs Collins if you can lend a hand.

We are also looking for donations such as, an outdoor slide and a little wooden picnic benches if anyone has one they would like to donate



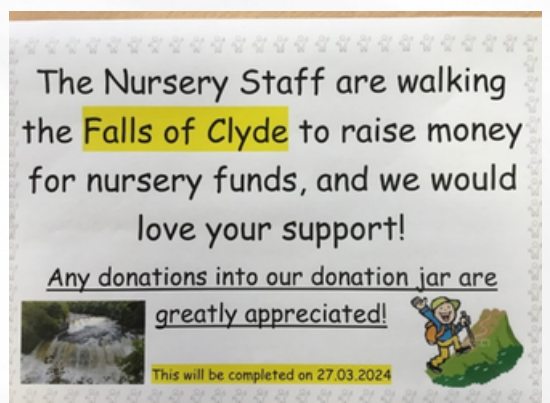
Chinese New Year

We celebrated Chinese/Lunar new year this term and have now entered **The year of the Dragon**. Kaleb's mum and dad came to the nursery and shared their knowledge about this special event. Kaleb's mum even read a story in Cantonese. A special thanks to helping to lead our celebrations

Nursery Sponsored Walk

The nursery staff are doing a sponsored walk at the Falls of Clyde to raise money for nursery funds. This will take place on the **27/03/2024**.

Our donation jar will be on the table outside the nursery entrance for anyone who would like to donate.



Easter Party

The nursery is having an Easter Party on Wednesday 27th of March. We will have an Easter bonnet parade in the morning (All Easter bonnets will be made in nursery), party games and a visit from a special visitor.

Nursery Showcase

St Cuthbert's Nursery @StCuthNursery · Mar 14

We have enjoyed being independent and creating our own sandwiches for snack. Selecting, spreading and slicing! Snack is a great place to enjoy choice and conversations @SLCEarlyLearn #earlyyears #snack #beingme #earlyyearsmatter



St Cuthbert's Nursery @StCuthNursery · Mar 6

Some fun in the sun this afternoon ☀️



St Cuthbert's Nursery @StCuthNursery · Feb 28

📖 the Lending Library is back in action 📖
Please check for your child's day on the outdoor notice board and come choose a fun book to explore!



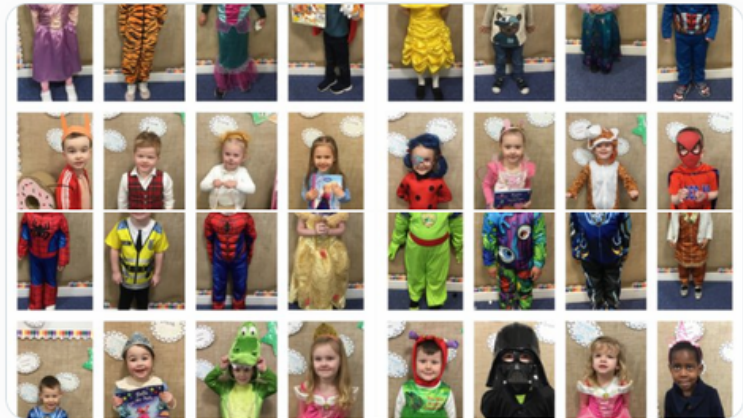
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We visited our friends in Douglas view care home today where we joined in with a song and dance session with special visitors which was lots of fun. We enjoyed this experience and look forward to our next visit. @HC_One #douglasviewcarehome #beingme



St Cuthbert's Nursery @StCuthNursery · Mar 7

Lot's of us have come to nursery dressed as our favourite book characters for world book day today @SLCEarlyLearn #earlyyearsliteracy #beingme #worldbookday



St Cuthbert's Nursery @StCuthNursery · Mar 6

As it is approaching world book day, we have been learning about the roles of Author and Illustrator. We then had fun being Author and Illustrator of our own very own stories. Our story books are proudly displayed in the nursery playground. #earlyyearsliteracy @SLCEarlyLearn



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Dates for your Diary

Please find below a list of the upcoming school and nursery dates for your diary to help you plan for term 3. Any changes to the dates listed below will be communicated out through the usual channels.

March 2024	
Wed 27 th March	Nursery Easter Party
Mon 25 th March	P7 pupils leave for Ardentinny
Thurs 28 th March	P7 pupils return from Ardentinny
Thurs 28 th March	School closes at 2.30pm for the Easter holidays
April 2024	
Mon 15 th April	School re-opens at 9am
May 2024	
Thurs 2 nd May	School closed: In-service Day
Mon 6 th May	School closed: May Holiday
Sat 11 th May	First Holy Communion 11am – St Ninian’s Church
Wed 15 th May	Parent Council Meeting
Fri 17 th May	Report Cards Issued
Wed 22 nd May	Parents’ Evening
Fri 24 th & Mon 27 th May	School closed: May Holiday
June 2024	
Mon 3 rd June	P1 Induction Afternoon
Fri 7 th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre
Mon 10 th June	Health Week
Mon 10 th June	P1 Induction Afternoon
Thurs 13 th June	Shorts and Shades Disco
Fri 14 th June	Nursery Teddy Bear’s Picnic
Fri 14 th June	Sports Day / P2-P7 St Andrew’s Walk / P1 St Andrews Picnic
Mon 18 th June	Nursery Graduation
Fri 21 st June	Leaver’s Assembly
Mon 24 th June	Nursery Beach Party
Tues 25 th June	End of Year Mass & School Awards
Wed 26 th June	School closes at 1pm for the summer holidays

All the staff at St Cuthberts wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

