

# Antonine Primary School

Jan/Feb 2025

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Welcome to the Jan/Feb Newsletter.

Happy New Year!

It's great to be back for another term, the children have been very settled and ready for new learning. The weather has been very cold this week but dry, we have been reminding children to wrap up warm.

The children have been very interested in our new whole school focus of "Heritage & Culture". There is more information below and in the class info sheets for Term 3.

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## Heritage and Culture – Articles 3 and 4

Part of our work with UNCRC and achieving the Gold status for Rights Respecting Schools allowed us to look at areas we have focused less on over the years. In previous years we have enjoyed a Scottish focus in January and this remains however we will be focusing on Articles 3 and 4 to support the children to celebrate their own heritage and culture. Article 3 is working in the best interests of the child and Article 4 is about making rights real and relevant to the children's everyday lives. We will enjoy traditional Scots poetry, a fabulous Scottish celebration assembly and P6 and 7 will host their Scots Celebration assembly.



We will also be learning about our history and heritage particularly from Bonnybridge. We are delighted to have support from the Greenhill Historical Society who have a wealth of knowledge to share and the children absolutely love hearing about the history of the area they live in.

## Singing for Strathcarron

In December, the choir went busking in Bonnybridge Main Street. They sang all their favourite Christmas songs and did a fantastic job of raising £109.14 for Strathcarron Hospice.



Our Vision

Dream, Believe, Achieve



## Outdoor Learning

We are half way through the planned Outdoor Learning programme working alongside "Under the Trees" and the feedback is really positive. So far P2, P4 and P7 have experienced an Outdoor Learning block and P6 have had their first session on Tuesday this week. Each session is tailored to the class and the time of year. The children are learning a vast range of knowledge about the outdoors, learning for sustainability and also developing key skills in problem solving and teamwork. By the end of May 2025, all classes in school will have enjoyed their Outdoor Learning experience.

We continue to be very grateful to RHI Magnesita for sponsoring this initiative.



### **Save the Date - Curriculum Week**

This year in the School Improvement Plan the staff and children are looking at selected areas of the curriculum for development. Digital Technologies is an area we have recently spent time looking at and staff have attended training in the use of Artificial Intelligence in the classroom. We have planned for an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon to showcase how we use digital technologies for learning in classrooms. I am sure you will be amazed to see just what can be done.

### **February In-Service Day**

Teaching staff are attending several different venues to work alongside cluster colleagues to moderate writing in the morning. ELC staff and SFLA staff will be attending first aid training.

The whole staff will work on the second part of Trauma training in the afternoon. We are looking forward to this as the first workshop was extremely beneficial and helpful.



### **Transition**

P7 are continuing to enjoy hearing all about Denny HS and Mrs Parsons, link teacher, will continue to visit the P7 class to build relationships.

Mrs Casey and ELC team have started the buddy system for our pre-schoolers and supporting to think about their next step

### **P5 Family STEM event**

Miss Stevenson and Mrs Aitken have been working alongside Denny HS this year to develop STEM learning and teaching. As part of this project they have planned an interesting STEM event for P5 pupils. On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, Tues 4<sup>th</sup> and Tues 11<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon, there is the opportunity for each pupil to invite an adult to come into the classroom to work together on a STEM project.



### **Parents evening**

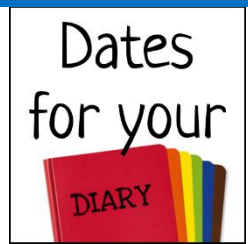
At the end of February and the start of March there is another opportunity for you to speak to teaching staff about your child's progress in their learning. This will be in the school at the usual times of 4pm to 7pm. You will be notified in February when you can book your appointment. We were delighted at the turn out of families earlier in the year for the first round of parent appointments.

### **Parent Council Meeting – Date Change**

The date of the Parent Council meeting will be changed and this will be communicated to you over the next few weeks. As you know Antonine PS and ELC is due to be inspected by representatives from Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate. The school will be hosting an information meeting in place of the Parent Council to inform parents of what an inspection week looks like and answer any questions you may have.

A regular Parent Council meeting will be planned for later this term.





We try to be as organised as possible, we rarely change any dates however sometimes we are impacted by events out with our control. We will highlight any changes through email, this newsletter and the app.

## January

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school focus on heritage and culture
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P6
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Homework and Reading starts
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P6
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	Outdoor Learning P6
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P6

## February

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Day Outdoor Learning P5
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	P1 and P7 Dental Checks in school
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	P6 and P7 Burns Supper – 1.30pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P5
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Burns Celebration assembly in school for pupils
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Tuck Shop Home Files due home
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY School and ELC closed
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	HOLIDAY School and ELC closed
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day – School and ELC closed to pupils
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P5 AM P5 Family STEM event
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Evening 4-7pm

## March

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Book Fair in school all week – more info to follow
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P5 AM P5 Family STEM event
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day - More info to follow Parent Evening 4-7pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Week in school

Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P3 Open afternoon – Engineering and Technology P5 Family STEM event PM
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P3 Cross Country Race – more info to follow
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Homefiles due home
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Residential to Dalguise
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Sharing the Learning – 2.00pm
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P3

## April

Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Outdoor Learning P3 End of term service – Bonnybridge St Helens – 1.30pm
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	In-service day – school and closed to pupils
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> to Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Holidays – school closed
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	School returns 9.00am
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Outdoor Learning P1
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P1
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country race – more info to follow

## May

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday – school closed
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P1
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	ELC and P6 STEM event in school
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Health focus week P4 Sharing the Learning 2.00pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning P1
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	P1-3 trip to Riverside Museum, Glasgow
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 trip to Riverside Museum, Glasgow
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Sharing the Learning 2.00pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Outdoor Classroom Day
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	ELC Sports Day PM
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	P1-3 Sports Day AM
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Sports Day AM

## **Communication**

Our main means of communication is the newsletter and the school app – please check over carefully to ensure you are fully informed of news from school.

Twitter is used by classes to show some of what has been going on during the school day. No new information will be shared by Twitter.

You can phone or email at any time. If nobody answers the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.