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Newsletter

October-November 2022 Our Lady of Peace Primary

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here we are at the start of term two which is always a very busy one and in the blink of an eye, we will be at Christmas!

Please remember newsletters will be posted on the school website, emailed to you via Groupcall and a paper copy can be sought, upon request.

Twitter

Our followers are on the increase but we would love more parents to sign in and have a peek. Our school website also has helpful suggestions for learning at home. I hope you get time to have a look and see some of the things in which our children are involved, when at school.

Catholic Education Week 2022

We will focus on this important event, week beginning 21st November. This year's theme is '*Communion, Participation, and Mission*' and classes will be exploring these aspects of our faith with a host of activities from the Scottish Catholic Education (SCES) website. We will attend 9.30am Mass at St Jude and St John Ogilvie church on Thursday 24th. Please come along as it is very uplifting to hear the children sing beautifully and any help with our worship is always appreciated!

Hallowe'en

Details for our Hallowe'en celebrations have been issued separately and also on the school website. We will have activities on Monday 31st in the afternoon. Perhaps you could help your child prepare a Trick or Treat to share with classmates on the day!

Month of the Holy Rosary

Thank you to Mrs Adams, our Rainbow Room teacher, for leading children in reciting The Rosary during lunchtimes, over October. There was good attendance and the children were respectful and dedicated their prayers to a wide range of causes and people.

The Standards and Quality report

Please note that this is now available on the school website and hard copies are available upon request.

Financial Inclusion Officer

Thankfully, we now have the services of a Financial Inclusion Officer who some of you may have met at Parents' Evening. Scott is on hand to help with benefit entitlement and we will be running the campaign for referrals to him, very soon. In the meantime, you can check the Twitter pages and school website for initial information or call 0141 648 2022 and ask for Scott Nicholson.

Parents' Evening feedback

Thank you to those who managed to attend the recent Parents' Evening and for your positive feedback. Your evaluations were collated and 98% were graded as very helpful. The set up was welcomed and the prominent word in the QR word cloud was GREAT! Apologies again for the lights conking out on the upper school corridor!

P7 Transitions

All the relevant P7 Transition letters should have been sent to parents by CBS (City Business Services) by now. You will have been asked to return your choice of secondary pro forma directly to CBS by 22nd October. Placing Requests are completed online at the GCC webpage 'Schools and Learning', 'Placing Requests', www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18205

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P1 Enrolment details

P1 Enrolment Week 7-11 November 2022

Is your child due to start school in August 2023?

Any child who will attain the age of 5 years between **1 March 2023 and 28 February 2024** is eligible to start school in August 2023.

To register you should now complete and submit an "Online" application no later than **11th November 2022**. For "Online" applications visit

Glasgow City Council website – Schools and learning - Enrolment.

Paper Applications can be requested by contacting GCC - 0141 287 8000

Kano Foundation

Thank you to the Foundation for providing a fabulous day for a group of our children at Celtic Park, a few Saturdays ago. They were treated to a football match, goody bag, meeting players, etc. See the highlights on our Twitter pages. Thank you to the staff that organised the event and accompanied them.

Keeping you up to date:

Term 2 is always super busy. The following dates will give you an insight into some of the work and activities in which the children will be engaged over the coming weeks.

October

26th P1 and P7 Dental check visits

27th 5 weeks STEM Family Learning club...sciency, fun times in store!

27th Primary 7 Games Club continues until 3rd November

27th P7a start a 5-week block of work with 'Y Equality' (P7b to follow)

31st Hallowe'en fun afternoon and details have been issued earlier

November

1st All Saints' Day, a Holy Day of Obligation to honour saintly people of the past and we will attend 9.30am Mass. P7b will lead. Please join us if you can at the church St Jude and St John Ogilvie.

1st Football 3.30-4.30pm

2nd All Souls Day, a special prayer day to remember the faithful departed.

2nd Football at Stepford 3.30-4.30pm

4th P1s to The Transport Museum as part of their topic study on transport.

4th Afternoon Tea for certificate winners

7th Money Week Scotland across the whole school

7th P7s Athletics Coaching block starts

9th P7a, P7b, and P6 to The Science Centre for Our Changing Climate event

8th Rugby Taster sessions start for P5 and P6/5 followed by an opportunity to sign up for the Glasgow East Juniors RFC.

13th Remembrance Sunday

14th Anti- Bullying Week, Road Safety Week, and Book Week Scotland; hopefully your child will share with you, aspects of their learning in these areas.

Look out for Book Bags for P1-3!

15th Football at Stepford 3.30-4.30pm

16th Feast of St Margaret of Scotland

22nd Play and Stay session in the Rainbow Room and invites to follow.

24th Mass for Catholic Education Week led by P6. Please join us if you can at the church St Jude and St John Ogilvie.

27th Advent begins

30th St Andrew's Day

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Lunches

Please try and order your child's school lunch via Parent Pay. This will help us manage the flow of children through the Dining Hall. The whole process is slowed considerably if no meal has been selected at home. Remember all children from P1-5 are entitled to a lunch, as part of the universal offer.

Early Collection

I am issuing a polite reminder that the school day is from 9.00am-3.00pm. Unfortunately, too many children are being collected before 3pm, from the office area. This causes disruption to both class and office work. Appointments and emergency situations are legitimate reasons for taking your child out of school but please respect the request to allow your child to exit with his/her peers at 3pm.

Quality Improvement Officer

The school's new QIO visited earlier in the month and offered positive feedback on her first visit to Our Lady of Peace. She spent some time with me discussing various aspects of the work we do, she visited classrooms and spoke with our children. She was highly complimentary about the school environment, the lovely feel of the school and of course, the high standard of uniform wearing! Thank you for your support in this as we couldn't achieve without you!

Choir start up

I am delighted to announce that the school choir is starting up again for P4-7. We are lucky to have staff with great singing and musical skill to support this. Over 40 children have shown interest in joining. The aim is enjoyment and some competition entering...we can do it!

Determined to Dance

This is a current after school club for upper school boys and girls. They are being well led by a dance coach who is most impressed by the dancing skill among the children. It should lead to participation in City of Dance later in the session. Fingers crossed!

Some December dates

These dates may help you plan ahead but more detail to follow. Donations for raffles, children's tombola, class party juices/crisps, are all welcomed.

Saturday 3 rd	Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday 5 th	Almsgiving begins
Wednesday 7 th	Christmas Fayre and Santa visit
Friday 9 th	Christmas jumper and movie day
Tuesday 13 th	Nativity/Christmas show Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 th	Nativity/Christmas show in the afternoon
Friday 16 th	Nativity/Christmas show in the morning
Monday 19 th	Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 th	Christmas Mass
Thursday 22 nd	School closes at 2.30pm (Re-opens Wednesday 4 th Jan.)

*Take care and thank you,
Mrs McDonald, Headteacher*