



Education Resources
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a read through our October Newsletter to find out what is happening in St. Bride's School Community.

This month's focuses are detailed below: Please refer to the A-Z of Attachment leaflet for more detail.

SHANARRI Safe	<u>UNCRC - No 24</u> Health, water, food, environment Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy	All School values COMMUNITY FAITH CARING RESPECTED FAIR RESPONSIBLE AMBITIOUS ACHIEVING
A-Z of Attachment Strategy		
P	Provide structure and consistency	Please refer to the Leaflet for more information about WHY these are important? and WHAT you can do? A copy of the full leaflet and can be found on the School Website.
Q	Quality relationships	
R	Restorative practice	

Nursery

The children have settled well into Nursery life, and we continue to welcome new children and their families as they start with us over the coming weeks.

The children are enjoying choosing books from our Lending Library to take home. In our snack area we have introduced some new roles for our children as snack helpers which they will help prepare snack and set up the snack area.

We are developing our knowledge on the festival of Halloween and the season of Autumn.

Our story of the month will be 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson, and we will be learning some Nursery Rhymes and songs relating to Autumn such as Dingle Dangle Scarecrow, Autumn Leaves are Falling Down and Incy Wincy Spider.

Settling In Reports for our new intake of children will be issued during the month of October.

School & Nursery Uniform

Thank you for your continued support, the children are looking wonderful in their school and nursery uniforms. The school uniform helps ensure that they are very distinctive to the local community and brings a sense of belonging to the school.

October Lunchtime Rosary

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. We will mark this in school each day at 12.45pm with a Lunchtime decade of the Rosary. We always have a huge response from the children who join us for 5 minutes during lunch to gather and say a decade of the Rosary together. If you are passing at 12.45pm, you are more than welcome to join us.

St. Bride's School Community a joyful place where; We can Dream, We do Believe and We will Achieve great things!

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'Brew & a Blether'

On the first Wednesday of each month, we will host a very inform, free, 'Brew & a Blether' for parents and carers to drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a 'blether'. These will run from 9am -9.45am ~ just as you drop your child off at school and nursery. We hope that parents will come along to meet with one another and take a 'wee bit' of time for themselves before they get on with the rest of their busy day! **Our next 'Brew & a Blether' is on Wednesday 4th October at 9am.**

Parent Council

Please join us for our **next meeting on Wednesday 4th October** – attend in person at 6.30pm within the school or, if no babysitter, join us on Microsoft Teams (Link will be shared on our Facebook and X Platforms). We are always keen for parents to join us – any input is appreciated! We meet monthly but also happy to accept help at any of our events if you cannot attend the meetings.

Upcoming Event: Autumn Disco, Wednesday 25th October, look out for further details coming soon!

Thank you for all contributions to our events and fundraisers – in the last year the Parent Council provided funds including a donation to the P7 leaver's hoodies and leaver's treats and the summer ice cream van. You can find out more information on the Twitter (X) @ParentSpC and Facebook www.facebook/stbridesprimarycambuslang

First Friday Mass

We celebrate First Friday Mass in St. Bride's Church each month. Classes will lead the liturgies taking part in readings, bidding prayers, presentation of gifts and hymn choices. **Primary 6/7 will lead the next mass on Friday 6th October.** Please see Calendar for Masses & which class is leading the celebration of mass.

Primary 7 Transition Event – Trinity High School

Trinity High School are hosting a Parents' Information Evening on **Tuesday 10th October at 6pm.** All parents and carers are invited along to meet staff and hear about the Transition journey Primary 7 will have to High School.

Parents'/Carers' Reporting

Due to the local By-Election our Parents'/Carers' Reporting has been rescheduled to **Wednesday 11th October.** Appointment times will be issued over the next few days. This is a very important opportunity for parents/carers to meet with teachers to discuss pupil's learning and attainment. Please note that **school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 5th October.** Staff will be in school working on School & Nursery Improvement and Development tasks.

Book Fair

Our Annual Book Fair will be arriving in school on Monday 9th October. Children will visit the Book Fair during the school day. Parents and children will have the opportunity to purchase book during the Parents' Reporting sessions on Wednesday 11th October. The school earns a fabulous commission from the books purchased at this event, and over the years we have been able to buy lots of reading resources for classes throughout the school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Gaelic Football

Thank you to our Active School's Coordinator who has organised Gaelic football taster sessions for Primary 6, 6/7 & 7. The children are enjoying this new experience.

Wear It Pink for Breast Cancer

On **Friday 13th October** children and staff are invited to wear something pink to school and donate to Breast Cancer Awareness. This will be a non-uniform day. The Enterprise Committee have organised a raffle. Each pupil will receive a free entry into the draw with additional tickets going on sale on Monday 9th October, 20p each.

Sunday 22nd October – Missio Sunday

Sunday 22nd October is the start of Missio Week across Scotland. Throughout the week children will learn about the work of Missio with our Lunchtime Rosary will be offered up for Missio as a special intention. On **Friday 27th October** we will have a donation for **non-uniform day,** with all monies going to Missio.

We have an excellent tradition of raising awareness, praying and fundraising for Missio. We are on track to achieve 5 stars for the work that we have done for Missio and are very excited to be in the running for being the first school in Scotland to achieve this very prestigious accolade. Thank you to our Missio Champs for all the work they do to promote Missio within their class and throughout our School Community.

On Monday 2nd October Mrs McAlpine, our staff Missio Champ, took four Primary 6 pupils to the Missio Champions Commissioning mass at St. Francis Xavier in Carfin with Bishop Toal.

Other Information

Our school is a NUT FREE school. Children should not bring **any** snack or lunch items which contain nuts or traces of nuts. (Including Nutella and other Nut and chocolate spread products)

Breakfast Club

FREE ~ Each morning from 8.15am. Enter through Dining Hall door. All Primary 1 – 7 pupils welcome.

School Lunches

Please note that a new menu started on **Monday 28th August for 2023-24**. Please follow the link below for details; [Week 1 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Please see South Lanarkshire Council Website for details regarding Free School Meals and Clothing Grants. Links below.

[Free school meals - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[School clothing grants - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

We would ask that children only bring water in their water bottles each day. No juice/flavoured water. For safety, children are not permitted to wear hooped or dangly earrings, bracelets, rings, or necklaces. Children may wear a watch and stud earrings to school, which should be removed on PE days.

Parentsportal.scot

Parentsportal.scot is live in South Lanarkshire Schools for primary and secondary aged pupils. To access online services for your child including consent to school trips, annual data check, view school calendar, view timetables and school reports, download the [parentsportal.scot](#) APP.

If you need any support in signing up, please contact the school office.

Communication

We regularly share information with parents via many platforms. Please follow us on *Twitter/X SCambuslang * Our School App through the [ScotEd](#) app *Parents Portal [parentsportal.scot](#) Our School & Nursery website @ [Home | St. Bride's Primary School & Nursery Class \(st-brides-cambuslang-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk\)](#)

Parent Council Links ~ Twitter (X) @ParentSpc and Facebook [www.facebook/stbridesprimarycambuslang](#)

Email ~ stbridespc@gmail.com

Open Door

We operate an 'Open Door' policy. If you wish to discuss any matter or have any questions, please contact us and we will do our very best to help.

Kind regards

Louise Torrance
Head Teacher

Important Dates – School & Nursery ~ October 2023

October 2023 ~ Month of the Holy Rosary – Lunchtime Rosary everyday at 12.45pm		
Week Beginning 4 th	~	• Target Setting ~ Return sheets by Friday 8 th
Monday 2 nd	pm	• Mrs McAlpine & 4 Primary 6 pupils to Missio Champions Commissioning mass at Carfin, with Bishop Toal
Wednesday 4 th	9am 6.30pm	• 'Brew & Blether' ~ open invitation to parents/carers • Parent Council AGM in school ~ all parent/carers welcome
Thursday 5 th	~	• School & Nursery CLOSED to PUPILS ~ Local By-Election
Week Beginning 9 th	~	• Book Fair in School
Tuesday 10 th	6pm	• Trinity High School Primary 7 Transition ~ Parents Information Meeting
Wednesday 11 th	~	• Parents' Reporting – Appointment times will be issued via Pupil Post 3.30 – 5.30pm & 6pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 12 th	~	• Themed Lunch – relaunch of Go Fresh Gang • Term 1 House Winners Treat in school
Friday 13 th	~	• Wear it Pink Non-uniform Day & Raffle Breast Cancer Awareness & Fundraising
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th	~	HOLIDAY – Nursery & School closed
Sunday 22 nd	~	• Missio Sunday
Week beginning 23 rd	~	• Missio Awareness Week
Wednesday 25 th	Evening	• Parent Council Autumn Disco – more details to follow
Thursday 26 th	2 - 4pm	• Families Connect Programme
Friday 27 th	~	• Non-Uniform Charity Fundraiser & Raffle for Missio
Week beginning 30 th	~	• Target Setting Week ~ Return Sheet to school by Friday
Tuesday 31 st	~	• Halloween Activities in school – NO dressing up ~ Cost of the School Day
November 2023		
Wednesday 1 st	9am 11.15am	• 'Brew & Blether' ~ open invitation to parents/carers • All Saints Holy day of Obligation Mass in School, P6 leading, Families welcome
Thursday 2 nd	~ 2-4pm	• Flu Immunisation for pupils • Families Connect Programme
Week beginning 6 th	Mon - Thurs	• Nursery Stay & Play Sessions
Wednesday 8 th	6.30pm	• Parent Council Meeting
Thursday 9 th	am 2-4pm	• Primary 7 Transition Sports Event at Trinity High School • Families Connect Programme
Monday 13 th	~	• INSET DAY ~ School & Nursery closed to pupils
Week Beginning 13 th	~	• Book Week Scotland
Thursday 16 th	~ 7pm	• Scottish Catholic Education Fortnight begins • Annual Education Mass @ Motherwell Cathedral
Wednesday 22 nd	1.30 – 2.30pm	• Family Learning Open Afternoon
Tuesday 28 th	7pm	• Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Bride's Church
Thursday 30 th	8.30am	• St. Andrew's Day ~ Family Prayer Breakfast ~ end Scottish Catholic Education Fortnight • Foodbank Donations ~ Charity event • Wear a 'Touch of Tartan' non uniform day

- Wednesdays – Primary 6 Swimming until Thursday 16th November (last day)