



# St. Mun's Primary School February 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to our February newsletter. February is the shortest month and included a week's break, but as you can see, it has been a busy and productive month in the school. As we go to press, Covid restrictions are beginning to lift around the country. There are still important safety measures that we have to follow in school, and unfortunately this means we are not yet able to return to normal life. We are following all the guidance from the local authority and Scottish Government and will update you as the situation changes.

There are some important dates coming up this month:

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Tempest photographers will be in school in the morning to take individual and family photographs. Full school uniform should therefore be worn on Thursday. Thank you for your support.
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – School closes at 3pm for the Easter break; children and staff return on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April.**

Finally, I have sent all parents/carers a questionnaire on Survey Monkey. I am grateful to the 9 people who have already sent it back. It should only take about 3 minutes to complete. Because I haven't had a chance to meet you all since becoming head teacher in August, it is so important that I get to hear your views. It is by working together that we can make our school the best it can be. The link to the survey is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MSTMGFG>

*Karen Wheatley*



## Rights Respecting Schools Award

Right of the month: **Article 28: the right to an education.**

This month we have been focussing on children's right to an education. Article 28 also talks about a child's right to be treated with dignity in school and that discipline should respect their rights.

We discussed our school rules:

- Be safe
- Be respectful
- Be ready to learn



We also talked about what the children could expect from adults in the school: to be helped to learn how to behave well, to be praised when they do well, and to be guided when they fall short of expectations.

As part of the consultation on our revised Relationships policy, Mrs Wheatley will be emailing parents and carers to hear your views.

## Preparation for Confirmation

Parents and children from Primary 7 attended mass on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February and made a commitment to prepare faithfully to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next month.

Date for the diary: Bishop Brian will be confirming pupils on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



## Covid symptoms reminder



**The main symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.**

**No child should attend school with COVID-19 symptoms and anyone who develops symptoms during the day will be sent home immediately. Contact the school for more information if required.**

## Lenten Charity Programme

Pupils are working hard during Lent to raise money for two important charities: SCIAF and Hearing Dogs Scotland. In addition to the £1 donation kindly made on World Book Day, you can support these charities by donating to or attending some of the activities that are taking place:

- ❖ Primary 2/1 will be running a Guess the Number of Sweeties in the Jar stall in the school. Guesses will cost 50p and the correct or closest guess will win the jar of sweeties. 
- ❖ Primary 5/4/3 will be running a stationery shop in the school at lunchtime from 14th – 18th March. There will be pencils, pens, rulers, rubbers and little notebooks on sale. Prices range from 10p to 50p. 
- ❖ Primary 6/5 are making Lenten bookmarks and World recipe books. These will be sold in the church porch and can also be ordered from the school. The bookmarks and recipe book will cost £1. 
- ❖ Primary 7/6 will be hosting a coffee morning for parishioners of Our Lady and St. Mun's church. Because of ongoing Covid restrictions this will take place in the church hall after the 11am mass on Sunday 20th March. For a donation, guests will receive a variety of cakes and all the tea/coffee they can drink.

## Creative Learning Network in P6/5



You may recall the work that pupils in P6/5 completed with Nils and Keira of the Creative Learning Network in January. The pair returned for 2 full days in February to support pupils to work in small groups and use their creativity to come up with novel solutions. The children amazed us with their imaginative approaches, and as you can see in these photographs, all came up with their own unique ideas.

## Learning about St. Bernadette of Lourdes



Pupils about St. Bernadette, the poor French girl who was visited by Our Lady at Lourdes. Behind our parish church there is a beautiful grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, and the whole school visited on 21<sup>st</sup> February to say prayers for peace and learn about Lourdes. Father Roddy was able to speak from personal experience as he has visited the shrine on many occasions.

## Primary 2/1 Vets project

Primary 2/1 are enjoying learning all about the important work done by vets. The teachers turned the house area into a vet surgery and the children have had fun pretending to be customers, receptionists and vets (including some imaginative surgery on unfortunate cuddly toys!)



## A Child's Prayer for Peace



God of love,

We pray for peace in our world, and an  
end to war.

Instead of hatred, let there be love.

Shelter your children and protect us.

Guide us and keep us from harm,  
so we can build a world of love and live  
our lives in peace.

Amen.