



## NEWSLETTER

### SPONSORED BOUNCE

We will be having a sponsored bounce day on **Thursday 12th October** to raise funds to go towards this year's Christmas Pantomime. Children can wear their own clothes.

Each class will be allocated a slot to bounce on the bouncy castle. We hope all the children have fun. All sponsor monies should be handed in by Monday 9th of October 2023.



### SACRAMENTAL MEETING

If you wish for your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion the parent/carer meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th of October at 6pm** in St Monica's Church. Father Ghislain will discuss all arrangements for you and your child and prepare you for the Sacraments next year. It is important that you or a family member are able to attend these Parent/Carer Meetings and attend the Enrolment Mass on **Sunday 19th November at 12pm**.

At the meeting you will be issued with a Parish Enrolment form. This should be returned back to the school along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.



### P6/7 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

Active Schools Scotland has invited our P6 and P7's to attend a Football Festival at St Ambrose High School on **Thursday 26th of October**.

Names will be picked from a hat. Letters will be issued soon.

Best of luck to our boys and girls!



### HALLOWEEN DISCO AND PARADE

The Halloween Disco will be held in the school hall on **Monday 30th October**.

**P1-P4 6.15pm - 7.15pm**

**P5-P7 7.30pm - 8.45pm**



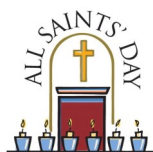
**\*\*Tickets are now on sale\*\***

Halloween Parade is on **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Children can either come to school dressed in costume or bring costumes to get changed at school, help will be available from staff and older children if needed.

**Please do not send scary masks or props which often get lost.**

### ALL SAINTS DAY MASS

All children will attend mass on **Wednesday 1st of November** for the feast of All Saints Day.



## PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parent Council Meeting will be on **Thursday 2nd of November at 2pm.**  
You are welcome to come join us.



## P7 TRANSITION EVENTS

As your child approaches the transition from Primary to Secondary we want to make sure that the transition runs as smoothly as possible, giving your child the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the environment, staff and facilities, therefore making the whole experience less challenging. With this in mind, St Andrew's High School is delighted to offer your child the opportunity to attend transition events that will be held within the 2023-2024 session. The aim is to allow primary 7 pupils the opportunity to socially interact and work with their peers from the various primary schools that will attend St Andrew's High School in August 2024. Forms will be issued soon. Please look out for these.

The dates and times for each of these events are as follows -

### Event 1: Maths

**Friday 3rd November 2023 from 1pm – 3pm**

Children will walk and staff will accompany children to St Andrew's High School, pupils will return to St Monica's for 3pm.

### Event 2: Physical Education

**Friday 24th November 2023 from 1pm - 3pm**

Children will walk and staff will accompany children to St Andrew's High School, however **parents have to make own arrangements for their child's travel home.**



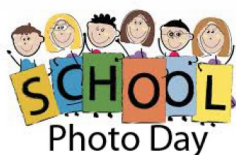
## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

John Wilson photography will be visiting the school on **Thursday 9th of November** to take individuals and family photographs.

They will also visit on **Wednesday 29th of November** to take Class photographs.

It is important children are in attendance at school and wear full school uniform on these days.

Please look out for your child's proof photo cards.



## FLU IMMUNISATION

A reminder that the vaccination for children will take place on **Wednesday 22nd of November.** The vaccination consists of a nasal spray.



## ST ANDREW'S DAY

In celebration of St Andrew's Day, all children are welcome to wear a piece of tartan or a splash of blue with their uniform on **Thursday 30th of November.**



**Please note, this is not a dress down day, uniform should still be worn.**

**Pray, Learn, Grow Together**

## CINEMA TRIPS

<b>Room 1 and Room 2</b>	<b>Tuesday 14th November</b> <b>10am—11.05am</b>	<b>Screening : The Snail and The Whale &amp; Stick Man</b>
<b>Room 3 and Room 8</b>	<b>Wednesday 15th November</b> <b>10am—11.50am</b>	<b>Screening : Epic Tails</b>
<b>Room 9, 11, 12 and 13</b>	<b>Tuesday 21st November</b> <b>10am—12.20am</b>	<b>Screening : Transformers—Rise of the Beasts</b>

All of our children will be visiting the Showcase Cinemas as part of the Into Film Festival and will have the chance to go see some of the latest films. The children will walk down to the Cinemas and will be accompanied by members of staff and our parents helpers.

Please provide your child with a morning snack. They may bring snacks along with them to enjoy the movie. Please note there will be no facilities to purchase anything.

Children should all wear full school uniform and should be suitably dressed in case of inclement weather. Permission slips will be issued nearer the time. Please look out for these.



## INSERVICE DAY

In- service day: Monday 13th of November. Pupils should not attend.



## PARENTS EVENING BOOKING SYSTEM

Our next event is on **Wednesday 15th November 2023**. We will be using the online booking system for our parents' evenings. To book an appointment scan QR code below.



The system is live from **Monday 23rd October** at 6pm and will be open to take your bookings until **Monday 13th November at 9am**.

If you are unable to book at home, please call into the office for help and support.



## CONFIRMATION

The children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 29th of November 2023 at 7pm**.

The class continue to work through their work-books and should know who their sponsor is as well as their chosen Confirmation Saint's name.

Bishop Toal will visit our P7 children in class. He is very fond of asking P7's about what they know and admire about their chosen Saint!



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### PARENT COUNCIL BINGO NIGHT

Our Parent Council are hosting a Family Bingo Night on **Friday 10th of November** in St Monica's Parish Hall.

Time : 7pm till Late

*Fun for the Whole family and great prizes to be won.*

Tickets cost £5 per adult and 50p per child. You can purchase these from the school office or Parent Council from Monday 9th of October after 3pm.



### AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

- ◆ P1-P3 Multi Sports Club - 5 weeks  
**Tuesday 26th September –31st Oct**
- ◆ P4-P7 Multi Sports Club - 4 weeks  
**Tuesday 7th November - 28th Nov**
- ◆ P4-P7 Badminton Club - 8 weeks  
**Monday 2nd October—27th Nov**
- ◆ P5-7 Dance Club—6 weeks  
**Friday 27th October—Friday 1st of Dec**

Children should bring their P.E kit and an extra bottle of water.



### COMMUNICATION

Please note the School App has now discontinued which means we are unable to communicate via our school app. You may delete this app on your phone.



We will now be communicating through email and on our school blog website. It is very important to make sure your email address is updated with the school office.

We also have our Twitter account (St Monica's NLC) which is used to circulate photographs and reminders and to communicate with other education partners. Please join us!

**To access our School Blog website please scan the QR code.**



Let's Start!

### PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please label all of your child's belongings; this includes all school uniform, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, bags and spare clothes.

The pupils are asked not to bring valuable items, for example, 'computer games' and 'phones' into school.

The school cannot be held responsible for the loss or theft of any valuables.

### COLD WEATHER & UNIFORMS

It's getting cold and wet outside! Please encourage your children to come to school well wrapped for colder playtimes.

Can you also remind everyone to wear school jumpers- and to check lost property if they need to!

