# **Swinton Primary School Newsletter**

# Welcome to our January Newsletter

A very happy new year to you and your families. I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with family and friends.

We have had a busy start to 2023, with lots of positive experiences for our children. We hope the year ahead is positive and we are looking forward to continuing to provide engaging learning experiences for all our children and working in partnership with our families.

Emma Gillies

#### **Celtic Connections**

Our Primary 7 had a wonderful time at the Celtic Connections event. They enjoyed music from Peat and Diesel and other Scottish musicians and singers.

We were also fortunate to have Catherine Tinney visit some classes to provide a Gaelic singing workshop.

### <u>ALLIES23 (Action & Learning for LGBT Inclusive</u> Education in Schools)

During the month of February Glasgow City will be offering various LGBT education events for schools. A group of P6 & P7 pupils will attend pupil workshops at City Chambers next month. We hope this city work will support our school and community to continue to promote one of our core values of respect.

## <u>Science and Health</u> and Well Being

Our science focus this term will be Biological systems, exploring food chains, the water cycle and eco-systems.

As well as our Science outcomes we will continue with our Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood programme.

#### **Celebrations and participation**

Our new Swinton Rights pupil group would like to have a mascot to help children, families and adults around the school recognise how they rights are being supported. They are running a competition for all classes to enter their idea. We hope to be able to share our new mascot with you soon.

It was wonderful to celebrate so many achievements yesterday at our Achievement assembly. We celebrated children's Growth Mindset and also those who always promote and show our school values and allow others their rights.

We will continue to share children's learning on their Seesaw journal. Seesaw allows you a window into your child's class and we hope supports you to engage with your children's learning.

We have begun to use our Swinton Primary Twitter page to share experiences, celebrations and learning. Please check out our Twitter page @SwintonPrimary. Thank you.

#### Uniform and P.E. Kit

Since my recent email about P.E. Kits, we have had an improvement in those participating in full P.E. Kit. Thank you for your support with this matter. Children should have a full P.E. Kit, including appropriate shoes (trainers or sand shoes) for every P.E. Lesson for comfort and safety.

We take pride in our school uniform at Swinton. Therefore I ask that children come to school in full school uniform. Hoodies should be navy and plain or with the Swinton badge, with no brand marks.

#### **Staff Car Park**

A reminder that the staff car park should not be used by parents and carers at any point during the day, including collection from clubs.

From this week, all children will leave after school clubs via the pedestrian entrance. The car park entrance should only be used for staff vehicles before and after the school day. We are reminding pupils of this routine in relation to their safety therefore we would appreciate your support with this matter.

**Dates for your Diary** 

Monday 27th January- Bannerman Dance coaches to begin working with P7

Monday 6th February- Pupil Forum at City Chambers

Tuesday 7th February 7pm- Online Parent Group meeting. If you would like to join meeting please email Mrs Gillies for the link.

Wednesday 8th February- Numeracy Open Morning for Parents/Carers (details in email earlier in week)

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th February- School closed for holiday.

Wednesday 15th February - School closed for School Inservice Day

Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd March - Book Fayre - Parents/Carers can visit after 3pm to purchase books (more details to follow)

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th March - Parents' Evenings

Friday 31st March - School closes at 2.30pm for April Holidays

Monday 17th April - School returns 9am