

Swinton Primary School Newsletter

Welcome to our September Newsletter

We have enjoyed our first couple of weeks of term, welcoming our children back and also getting to know our new Primary 1 children. Everyone has settled in school life very well.

Thank you for helping us continue with our COVID 19 safety measures - these remain very important with such high numbers of cases across the country. We ask that you remain vigilant for COVID symptoms and if your child shows symptoms, they should isolate and book a PCR test.

We welcome Miss Fergusson and Miss Rauf to our staff. We know you will join us in welcoming them to our school community.

We hope this will be a settled year children and they can continue to have positive learning experiences, build relationships and achieve their best.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy Term 1.

Mrs E Gillies

Reminders

Children should bring in at least one filled water bottle each day. It is important children stay hydrated. Although children can not use our water fountains, each class has a water jug which is used to refill bottles when necessary.



For safety reasons children should not have false/acrylic nails. During P.E. these can be torn off and lead to injury. Children are also not permitted to wear earrings during PE. We would encourage parents to remove children's earrings on P.E. days, if your child can not remove themselves.

This term we will be exploring and focusing on Learning for Sustainability themes and planning how we can be better Global Citizens. You can read more about our plans in this newsletter.

We will continue to keep you up to date with what your child is learning through the Seesaw App. We love to hear from you and ask that you 'like' and comment on children's learning.

We are delighted to have M and M Productions provide a Cinematic Theatre experience for our children this week. Using the latest technology, they are bringing the magic of theatre to our school, in the safest way possible.

Loose Parts Play



Children have enjoyed playing with our new ‘Loose Parts’ kit. We have introduced Loose Parts play to our outdoor learning provision as we hope it creates a richer environment for children to play and gives them resources they need to be curious, creative and problem solve.

Our purchased kits include den building kits and wooden items and these can be used in play in whatever direction children choose. We will share more details of Loose Parts Play next week and we hope children will enjoy using them!

Drop off and Pick up Safety

We have had a number of reports from Parents that their child has found it difficult to enter or exit the playground at drop off or pick up due to the number of parents standing in front of the entrance gates. We have had children who have been forced to go onto the road or some who have felt overwhelmed at the prospect of making a path through lots of adults. If you feel you want to wait until your child enters the building, or are waiting outside the playground for your child, please stand away from the gates to allow a clear passage for children. Signs will be displayed to reminding parents and carers to provide space.

COP 26

Each class will be preparing for COP 26 (United Nations Climate Change Summit) which will be held in Glasgow at the end of October. At Swinton we will be focusing on Global goals including Climate Action and Reduced Inequalities. We will be working hard to continue to grow and develop as Global Citizens, learning through engaging topics and stories. We will be sharing how you can support your child and we hope together we can improve understanding and awareness.



Fuel Zone

Thank you for your patience and understanding while our hot water system is repaired in the school kitchen. I will update you when menus return to normal. We hope this will be next week. For now, children can enjoy a packed lunch which includes a sandwich and soup. Children can also choose yogurt, fruit and raisins. We have a Parent Group representative who will be part of the Glasgow Parent Focus Group on School Meals this month. Parent/Carer and children's views about School Meals can be shared and discussed at this group.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 2nd and 3rd September - M and M Productions Cinematic Theatre experience
- 24th and 27th September- School closed for September weekend holiday
- 8th October - School closed for Inservice Day
- 11th - 15th October - School closed for holiday