



## Newsletter

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Welcome to the fifth edition of our newsletter and the first of a brand new decade! I cannot believe that a year ago I was sitting thinking about what our wonderful school would look like in a year's time and now here we are! We have achieved so much in such a short time with plans to do lots more between now and June. You can read about some of our achievements on the back page. You will also find attached diary dates for the term ahead which we hope you will find helpful.

### Parent Council

We are very lucky at Riverbank to have an active and supportive Parent Council. We are always looking for new members. If you would like to find out



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### Lost Property

I am pleased to announce that our Lost property box has reduced in volume since our last newsletter. Children are being more responsible in remembering to collect their own belongings at the end of each break time. We still have some items of clothing, hats, scarves and lunchboxes at our office.

Please take a moment to look through these when you can. Thank you.



### Our Local Area

This term our whole school will be learning about the area of Dalmarnock. We are looking for any old photos, video/films or newspaper clippings. If you have any, or you are willing to talk to us about the area please contact the school office. If you know anyone who might be able to help, please let us know. Thank you!

### Christmas 2019

At Christmas our children performed for you all in their Magical Christmas Jigsaw. To see the whole school on the stage was magical in itself, and your warm and positive feedback afterwards was greatly appreciated. Our whole staff team worked hard to make the show a success and I thank them for that. A huge thanks also to all of

you for helping to make our school fair such a success too, helping to raise over £1000 for our school funds, ensuring many outings and resources for our children.

### **After School Clubs**

Letters for After School Clubs will be coming to you shortly. Clubs on offer will be: boxercise, basketball and mini kickers. Every class, including P1s, will have the opportunity to attend at least one of these sports. Places are limited – first come first served. There will also be a parent and child Yoga class after school and a Guitar club later in the term.

### **School Improvement Plan**

Each year schools make a School Improvement Plan to look at areas they want to focus on. This session we have focused on the following areas:

**Literacy** – Reading;

**Teaching and Learning** – Play Based Learning, iPad development; **Health and Wellbeing** – PATHS programme, Outdoor Learning, Relationships policy making.

### **What have we achieved so far?**

**Literacy:** upskilled staff in the teaching of reading

strategies; improved our library space; successful Book Week activities; provided family learning around reading strategies; use targeted interventions for specific children in order to support reading

**Teaching and Learning:** new furniture and materials purchased to support learning through play; adapted learning environments to support play; ongoing assessment of planning materials to ensure high quality of learning experiences; staff have visited other schools to see good practice to inform their own teaching; staff have been given personal iPads to use and learn with and have received training on utilising effectively.

**Health and Wellbeing:** All classes using PATHS programme weekly to teach about emotions and wellbeing; children using PATHS language to solve problems; nurturing ethos evident within the school; every class using emotional check in and greetings daily; all staff upskilled in Outdoor Learning experiences; all classes receiving some Outdoor Learning experiences; staff group working on developing relationships policy.

Going forward, here is what we hope to achieve:

**Literacy** - further development of reading strategies, more family learning opportunities around supporting children at home, expose children to different forms of media e.g. film texts

**Teaching and Learning** – increase resources for play based learning, more staff development opportunities, continuous assessment of children’s progress to ensure we get it right, pupil iPads to be deployed in the near future.

**Health and Wellbeing** – parent session to understand PATHS programme, creation of “magic moments” displays to capture children’s efforts in going above and beyond, increased outdoor learning experiences across the curriculum, parental consultation on relationships policy.

As you can see we have a busy term ahead. I hope this summary of achievements is helpful. If you have any questions about it please just get in touch. Thanks as always for your continued support.

Mr Hynes