



# Financial Education at St. Martha's Primary

March 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

At St. Martha's Primary, we have been working towards becoming a Centre of Excellence in Financial Education since the latter part of 2020. Below we have listed some aims of the programme and how we are working towards achieving this as a school.

## What is a Centre of Excellence?

- A school which shows excellence in developing Financial Education
- A school which shows progression in Financial Education across all stages
- A school which links with external agencies to add value to pupil's learning experiences

## Involvement & Collaboration

- Marie Leck (School Delivery Manager, Young Enterprise Scotland)
- SLT oversee development of CoE programme
- Melissa Garrett (Programme Manager- CoE)
- Mrs Reynolds (Financial Champion from school – role is to share resources, attend meetings, complete training and inform staff termly)
- All school staff supporting children
- External agencies from business sector

## Benefits for Learners

- Use of up to date Financial themed resources
- Links with business sector volunteers and local organisations (helps make links to real life situations)
- Recognition of achievement (Certificate and plaque)
- Improved learning experiences for young people
- Students receive real learning opportunities and expert visitors
- Opportunities to share ideas, be creative and work together

## School Vision Statement for Financial Education

Last year a group of our current primary 7 children worked alongside Mrs Reynolds and Mr O'Donnell to help create a vision statement which would set our aims for Financial Education at St. Martha's. The children learned about this during our 'Financial Education Week' in June 2020 and revisited it when completing Financial Education lessons during term 2.

## **Vision Statement**

- We will aspire to provide opportunities for our young people with high quality financial education to develop and achieve skills for learning, life and work.
- Our partnerships with a range of stakeholders will enhance the enterprising contexts within our curriculum to strengthen the financial awareness across the ethos and life of the school.

## School Vision

With Jesus and the Gospel Values at our core, each child's learning and experiences are purposeful, enjoyable and prepare them well for life.

### School website

<http://www.st-marthas-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>

### Twitter Feed

@MarthaPrimary

### Useful Links for Financial Education

#### MyBnk

[www.mybnk.org](http://www.mybnk.org)

#### Money Advice Scotland

<https://www.moneyadvicescotland.org.uk/Listing/Category/money-skills-for-kids>

#### Young Enterprise Scotland & Young Enterprise UK

Financial Education | Young Enterprise Scotland ([yes.org.uk](http://yes.org.uk))

<https://www.young-enterprise.org.uk/centres-of-excellence/>

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In St. Martha's Primary we have the right to **PLAY**.

**ARTICLE 31**

You have the right to play and relax by doing things like sports, music and drama.



In St. Martha's Primary we have the right to use our **VOICE**.

**ARTICLE 12**

You have the right to an opinion and for it to be listened to and taken seriously.



In St. Martha's Primary we have the right to **LEARN**.

**ARTICLE 28**

You have the right to an education.



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- As we work towards achieving *Centre of Excellence* status, we aim to equip all staff with the knowledge and skills they need to ensure each child is a Responsible Citizen, Confident Individual, Effective Contributor and Successful Learner.

### **P2/ 1L Enterprise**

Primary 2/1L have been working with Miss Macfarlane to make beautiful Easter Cones and bags to sell to the school as part of their Enterprise learning. They have been developing their team work and entrepreneurial skills as part of the Young Enterprise DIY Fiver Challenge. This has been very successful and the pupils in this class have now discovered selling, market research and targeting an audience.

*"We were making Easter cones for our Enterprise. I liked using a big, clear voice to go around the classes and show all the students posters of what we made. Some children in our class will sell these to the other classes". Jessica, p1*

*"Our cones had goodies in them and cost £1. They looked yummy! Miss Macfarlane helped us make these a group at a time. When I went around the classes, I had to tell everyone all of the information". Ella T, p2*

### **P6 Enterprise**

Primary 6 have also been carrying out an Enterprise project this term. They worked collaboratively to create a product, brand and logo they could pitch to others. A couple of our learners have summarised what they learned during the project.

*During term 3 we were doing a Dragon's Den Enterprise project and the groups all designed a model of a product to pitch. The group I was in made a toy sword and shield plus a chest plate and helmet. The other groups made a hover scooter and space adventure roller skates.*

*We also had to make a slogan, logo and brand name. It took about 6 weeks to actually finish it all and 5 weeks to create the products.*

*The products turned out really well but we had to change our product a little too. At the end we had to make a presentation on key note and show it to the class. After that, it was displayed outside the classroom. Overall, it was fun and enjoyable to do. If I was asked to do it again, I'd love it.*

*Fraser, p6*

*During term 3 we have been doing something called Dragon's Den. Dragon's Den is where you design a product then make it! The first thing we done when we started was come up with what we wanted to make. My group decided on a toy sword. After we had thought about that we moved onto the important stuff like possible logos, slogans and brand names. That is very important because what you use defines how people will see it.*

*Next, it came to actually making the toy sword and the rest of the extras we added. It was really tricky and required a lot of determination. Then things started to flow but right in the middle of that everything started breaking. It was okay in the end though because we fixed it as a team.*

*Finally, we had to come up with a pitch as we had to persuade people to buy our products. And that's what we did. We came up with ways to be eco-friendly and to be kind to the earth.*

*Millie, p6*

### **Money Advice Scotland Workshops**

Earlier this month, some of our classes received a virtual Financial Education workshop from Stacey at Money Advice Scotland. Money Advice Scotland deliver interactive, engaging and informative financial education sessions to pupils P3 – P7 on a range of different money topics. Each topic is selected by the school and will link in with the Curriculum for Excellence. These sessions challenge pupils to think about money in real life contexts, that they can additionally take away information from to discuss with adults at home.

The children were enthusiastic about taking part in the workshop and were able to come up with lots of questions about money and finances. Primary 6 are looking forward to taking part in their workshop based on 'Household Bills' when they return in term 4.

### **Upcoming Events**

After we return from our Spring break, we have more Enterprise projects to look forward to across the school. In addition to this, three of our upper school classes will take part in the 'Money Twist' programme from the team at MyBnk. This will allow children to participate in a series of three directly delivered workshops. You can view read more about what we have been doing in Financial Education by visiting our school website or Twitter feed.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Reynolds

*Many thanks for your continued support!*