



# St Martha's Primary

**centre**  
of excellence  
in Financial Education

March 2023

## Our School Vision

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

- Attendance
- Staffing
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School website

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

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to reflect on our achievements this year and share some details of exciting events to come before the end of March.

## Attendance

Attendance at school is imperative to your child's development and crucial for their learning to be on track. Our expectation is between 95-100%.

Only **13% (24 pupils)** of our school population attended every possible day in January and February and only **31% (60 pupils)** attended more than 95% of the time.

We would like for this to improve in the next few months.

With Glasgow City Council making improved attendance a high priority we will ensure to provide the dialogue and guidance required to make this possible.

School hours are between 09:00am and 3:00pm and we ask that pupils arrive to school on time and stay in school for the duration of the school day. Appointments should be made out with school hours wherever possible.

## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs MacAulay, who has recently returned on a part time basis after a period of Maternity leave. We are also delighted to have a new addition to our Support for Learning team, Miss Campbell.

## Reconciliation

Our Primary 3 pupils are in the final preparations towards celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Local Parishes will provide details of preparatory lessons and service arrangements. Our prayers are with our pupils and their families at this special time in their sacramental journey.



## **Dates for your diary:**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**  
**P2 to Riverside Museum**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**  
**P6/5 to Central Mosque**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**P1 to Riverside Museum**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**P2 to Tennis Festival**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Rookie Rockstars Concert**  
**@5.30pm**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
**Last day of term 2 – school**  
**closes at 2.30pm.**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**March**  
**School closed for Spring**  
**Holiday**

## **Curricular activities**

Children have been experiencing a wide range of activities this term. Primary 1 and 2 classes are going to learn more about 'Toys of the Past' in a special workshop being held at the Riverside Museum. Primary 1 also had a recent trip to find out more about 'Space' at the Glasgow Science Centre.

Primary 3 and 4 classes visited Whitelees Wind Farm to learn more about energy sources and sustainability.

Our Primary 5's are currently working on a Science project run by Caledonian University providing an insight into the roles, skills and equipment involved in filming and broadcasting and had a ball at their recent workshop at Film City in Stepps.

For the last few years, we have given our P6 pupils the opportunity to take part in the 'Buoyed Up' programme run by the Sir Thomas Lipton foundation, and this year is no exception. Pupils attended the first session a couple of weeks ago at City of Glasgow College. The activities related to life and work at sea and looked at topics such as why boats float or sink, building and designing a ship and pollution at sea. These studies will be developed further over the forthcoming weeks.

Primary 7/6 and P6/5 pupils are attending the Glasgow Central Mosque to increase their awareness and understanding of the Islamic faith as part of their Religions of the World education.

Financial education continues to be an area of focus within the school. A team from Barclay's bank recently delivered a Moneysense session for some of our junior pupils and Primary 7 are taking part in Social Enterprise workshops, with a small team of pupils due to represent St Martha's at a 'Dragon's Den' event in Glasgow City Chambers.

For our health and wellbeing sports development, Primaries 3, 4 and 5 class have benefitted from Golf coaching in conjunction with Golf It - the new Royal and Ancient leisure facility based at Hogganfield Loch.

Tennis coaching is being offered to Primary 2 children and they will be showcasing their new skills at a tennis festival on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at Gorbals Leisure Centre.

Primary 4 pupils have now started weekly football sessions and some of our senior pupil had a very enjoyable experience at the last interschool tournament held at Springburn park.

Our Primary 7 pupils are nearing the completion of their swimming development course and have made great progress in developing confidence in the water.



## Rookie Rockstars



The Rookie Rockstars will be making a welcome return to St Martha's Primary during the last week of term. Rookie Rockstars is an initiative that was created to give children the opportunity to work with professional musicians to learn original songs and perform in a fantastic concert. The programme covers key areas of the Curriculum for Excellence: Health and Wellbeing, Expressive Arts, Moral Education, Literacy, Technologies and more.

Children participate in a unique learning experience which tackles anti-bullying, and aims to promote confidence, self-esteem, and positive friendships.

The highlight of the programme is a school concert, which will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm. All children are encouraged to participate and parents/carers can purchase tickets to watch the show. Tickets are charged at £3 per adult and can be bought from the school office. No charge for under 5's.

## Parents' Evening

A huge thank you to all parents/carers who made it along to our February Parents' Evening. It was hugely encouraging to see so many of you in attendance. Our next Parents' evening will be held in Term 4 and will feature longer slots of 15 minutes to discuss children's progress and development over the year in greater detail. As before, appointments will be booked over the Parent's Portal. If you have not already done so, please link to the portal at <https://parentsportal.scot/>

If you require support with ParentsPortal access, please contact the school office, where our staff will be happy to assist you.

## Easter Holiday

School **closes early at 2.30pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** to mark the start of the Easter holidays, and will be closed to pupils from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April inclusive**. We wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you to Term 4 on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Kindest Regards

Mr. John O'Donnell  
(Head Teacher)

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*Many thanks for your continued support!*