

St Patrick's Primary

November 2003 NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Nov. 03

Issue 2

Parents Evening

Last week's Parents Interview evening was a great success with a turn out of 94% of parents attending.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school on Friday 7th Nov. for a week. Children will be able to look at and buy books during the day. Parents will be able to view and buy books from 3–3.30pm each day.

The busiest time of year!

St Patrick's Primary has been very busy since the start of the session, but now we are getting into the really crazy time! The children enjoyed Halloween last week and now Christmas is just a few short weeks away. P.3 has already started working on their Nativity production, very ably supported by P1 and 2. We have outings arranged for most classes to the Heritage

centre and we will have a visiting theatre group to perform a pantomime, 'Sleeping Beauty' in the hall. We will have our Advent appeal and parties and a Christmas Mass to fit in too

Meanwhile, of course, the work in the classrooms still goes on. We are particularly delighted with the progress P1 has made in these first few months. Well done to all!

Skip for Scotland

On Wednesday 17th September, the children took part in a sponsored 'skip' to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation and raise

awareness of the important role that exercise plays in reducing health risks such as heart disease. And it was great fun too!

QuickTime™ and a TIFF (uncompressed) decompressor are needed to see this picture.

St Patrick's PS
Coronation Road East,
New Stevenston,
Motherwell
Tel. 01698 732539



After the success of last year, we are expecting another batch of Santa's Magic Reindeer food. Make sure Rudolf can find his way to your house. Only 50p a bag

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.stpatsnewstevenston.org

School Developments

The design plans for the 3 bidders for the new joint campus schools were on display last week. Parents and other interested parties were invited to comment on the designs. The timing of the display was fortunate since it coincided with our parent interview evening, thus enabling a greater number of parents to view the plans. Each design had some good points and some not so good points. A big concern is one of health and safety concerning the significant rise in traffic

accessing the school. All the designs showed the main gate as the main vehicle and pedestrian access route. We have had a major success in the last year in encouraging parents not to bring cars to the school gate area, yet each of these designs actually encourages parents to enter, despite the fact that there will be a greater number of children and other pedestrians. I will keep you informed of any further developments.

Around the School

☺ P.7 have now completed their gymnastics sessions which finish with a GYMFEST on Wed. 5th Nov. at Taylor H.S. with all the primary feeder schools taking part.

☺ The Community Police visited P1, 2 and 3 to speak about the danger of strangers and keeping safe.

☺ The children taking brass instrument lessons are doing very well. We now have 7 pupils taking part

in North Lanarkshire's Preparatory Brass Band of 259 children who meet to rehearse in Coatbridge H.S. on Fridays. Some P5's are about to join P6's and P7's at lessons with Mr Smith the instructor.

☺ We will celebrate St Andrew's Day with a School Mass on Friday 28th Nov. at 9.30am in St John Bosco's church. As always, we would be delighted to have you join us.



Dates to Remember

19th Nov.2003

20th Nov.2003

24th Nov. 2003

27th Nov.2003

30th Nov.2003

2nd Dec.2003

6th Dec.2003

**Mon. 20th Dec. 2003
to Fri. 2nd Jan.2004**

P2 to visit Motherwell Heritage Centre for a workshop activity 'Grannie's Groceries'

P4 to visit Motherwell Heritage Centre for a workshop activity 'Knights and Castles'

P7 swimming sessions will begin

Staff Inservice Day School closed for pupils

P5 to visit Motherwell Heritage Centre for a workshop activity 'The Victorians'

St Andrew's Day – 9.30am mass in church

M&M Pantomime in school – 'Sleeping Beauty'

P6 to visit Motherwell Heritage Centre for a workshop activity 'Local History Detective'

Christmas Holidays

School closed

School reopens for all at 9am Mon. 5th Jan.2004