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Keills Primary and Pre 5 Newsletter

August 2021

We were all delighted to see the children returning last week and all have settled well back into the routine of school life. We have been fortunate with the fantastic weather this week and this has given us the chance to get outdoors for some creative learning in the sun!

This will be the first of our monthly newsletters providing you with important school information. We will continue to email this to you and pop it in children’s bags. Copies of the newsletter can also be found on our website.

Website and Twitter

A reminder that school information can be found on our website. We will be continuing to update our site and our aim is to involve our children more in posting content. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/keillsprimaryschool/>

Our Twitter page gives us the opportunity to share our fantastic work here at Keills. Please follow us at **@KeillsP** for school and **@5Keills** for Pre 5.

Seesaw

I am pleased to announce that Argyll and Bute has been able to secure access to the premium version of Seesaw. This previously was unavailable to small schools due to our low numbers of pupils. The latest version complies with all GDPR guidance and the privacy notice will be sent to you. You will also find this on our website. Keep an eye on your inbox as we will begin to share some of the great things that are happening in our classes and Pre 5. We will be looking to develop how we use Seesaw this year and we will be asking for suggestions on how we can improve this home/school link.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

A reminder that free school meals and clothing grant application forms are available from the school. Families are may be eligible for grants if they receive any income support, allowances or benefits. The quickest and easiest way to apply is online at the Argyll and Bute website [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk)

Cashless Catering

For those of you who use our cashless catering service (P5-7) please continue to top up your account using this service. A school meal is priced at £2.30 daily. If you wish to start using this service, please call the school and we will set up an account for you.

School Improvement

Our school and Pre 5 keys priorities for improvement this session are as follows:

**Numeracy.** We will be reviewing our planning and frameworks to ensure a high quality of teaching is delivered. This will increase attainment across the school.

**Outdoor Learning.** We are continuing the development of the school grounds and ensuring we access outdoors to enhance curricular learning.

**UNCRC** (United Nation’s Convention on the Rights of the Child) Children will be at the forefront of decision making through committees. They will also have an increased awareness of their rights and we ensure an inclusive school environment where children feel safe and cared for.

The School Improvement Plan is a working document that we produce to ensure continuous school improvement against national and local drivers. An overview section of the document is available along with a full copy. Please ask if you wish a copy. We will also publish a summary on our Website.

COVID Protocols

We continue to follow all current school guidance including distancing and increased cleaning and hygiene. **Please continue to give careful consideration to sending your child in if they are unwell for any other reason.**

COVID-19 TEST (Islay and Jura Protocol)

Main symptoms: New Continuous Cough/Fever or High temperature/a change in/or loss of taste or smell

Contact: Bowmore Hospital 01496 305 308

Our door is always open and please feel free to ask anything when you drop of or collect your child or feel free to email me.

Yours sincerely,

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