



Port Charlotte Primary & Pre 5 Newsletter

January 2026

School Improvement

Work on our School Improvement priorities is going well:

The full plan is available from the school and on our Blog for anyone who would like a copy:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ab/pcps/>

Ethos of the school: Claddach Clan will be working on running an Assembly this term about the new Argyll and Bute Vision 'Our Children Their Future, Thriving Together'



Learning, Teaching and Assessment: Teachers and Childcare workers continue to read and research the ways in which we support and guide our pupils to learn, and we are refining our techniques to enable every child to 'Be the Best they can Be'. This term our pupil council will be looking at teaching and learning and surveying the other children to see which types of learning work for them.

Interdisciplinary Learning:

This term the children will begin planning a whole-school interdisciplinary project on Children's Rights Around the World for the summer term.



Parent and Community Involvement: This target is a priority for our pre5 unit this session, we will be continuing with our community Under 3s sessions for under threes and their parents and carers and also running Stay and Play sessions where you can come into nursery and join in alongside your child.

This Term

We are very busy in each class this term:

Nursery: As always in nursery, we follow the children's lead in thinking about what to learn next. This term the children came back all excited about New Year so we



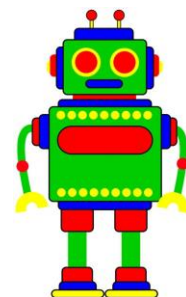
have been learning about Scottish New Year traditions and fresh starts. We were also fascinated by the ice and snow and have been learning about freezing and melting and winter weather.

P1-3: This term P1-3 will be learning all about Grace Darling. We will be finding out about who Grace Darling was, what her everyday life was like and what did she do to make her famous. We will be visiting the Museum to



find out more about how she lived and also we will be visiting RNLI in Port Askaig. In Health and Wellbeing we will be learning about good hygiene and safety when preparing, handling food and storing food.

P4-7: This term in P4-7 we are going to be learning about robotics and computational thinking. We have access to lego SPIKE kits where the children will be able to build their own robots following instructions and program them to do various different tasks. We are really excited about this! Our class novel will be The Wild Robot Escapes to reinforce this robotics theme. In health we are going to be learning about food, nutrition and hygiene. We will learn all about the Eatwell guide and use it to plan and cook a healthy meal which will be lots of fun! We are also going to be working with the Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust on a Marine conservation project across term 3 and 4. A member of the Trust is going to be working with us and it will culminate in a conservation campaign and getting to board their research vessel the Silurian!



PE Kits

Please ensure your child comes to school in



clothes suitable for outdoor PE activities, eg joggers and trainers along with their polo shirt and school jumper. Classes do PE on the following days:

P4-7 Mondays and Wednesdays

P1-3 Wednesdays and Fridays

All children p1-7 also take part in the Daily Run.

Right Respecting Schools

Through our clan responsibilities we have been working on developing playground activities in our playground. Last term Saligo helped to create some new activities like den building and drawing in the playground. We are also hoping to purchase new scooters. We continue to collect food for the foodbank to give to Mr Burnham when he takes our fortnightly assemblies, any donations anytime are welcome! Machair is responsible for Children's Rights this term and we are going

to have a look at the gold paperwork to see what we need to work on next on our RRS journey.



Homework

It is very beneficial for younger pupils to regularly practice the words they bring home as well as reading their reading book; older pupils have their Reading Journals to complete alongside their books to read.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a filled water bottle with them every day. These can be purchased from the school office for £1.20. Bottles should preferably be filled with water rather than juice.



Snacks

Please can you provide your child with a snack for the morning break. We encourage healthy snacks such as fruit and raw vegetables as these are a healthy choice for us.

Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening for p1-7 pupils will take place on Wednesday 25th March. Appointments will be sent out for this opportunity to meet your child's teachers and get an update on their progress. Individual reports will be sent out prior to parents' night.

Pre5 parents will also receive an invitation to visit the nursery and learn about their child's progress during the weeks of the 23rd and 30th March.

All parents are also able to keep in touch with their children's learning through Seesaw. Of course, if you have any queries at all about your child or their learning please don't hesitate to get in touch by phone or email and we speak with you as soon as we can.

School Dinners

As part of the Scottish Government roll-out, school dinners are free of charge for all nursery and P1-5 pupils.

For P6 and p7 pupils dinner money should be paid online using the IPayImpact website. School dinners can be pre-ordered for all P1-7 pupils. Parents should have details for this at home, any issues please contact the school.

Dates for this term

Tuesday 3rd March-Friday 6th March p7 trip to Lochgoilhead Outdoor Centre

Tuesday 3rd March-Friday 6th March p1-7 outdoor education week

Wednesday 25th March Parents' Night

Weeks commencing 23rd and 30th March

Parent visits to pre5

School Holidays

We break up for the February holidays on **Friday 6th February at 3pm and return on Tuesday 17th February at 9am.** Please note: **Monday 16th Feb is an inservice training day for school staff.**

We then break up for the Spring holiday on **Thursday 3rd April for the and return to school on Monday 20th April.**

2024-25 school holidays can be found here: [School holidays 2024 - 2025 | Argyll and Bute Council \(argyll-bute.gov.uk\)](https://argyll-bute.gov.uk/school-holidays-2024-2025)

Open Door Policy

We have an Open Door policy at Port Charlotte. Please don't hesitate to contact the school on enquiries@portcharlotte@argyll-bute.gov.uk or by phone 01496 850327; our office is not manned every day so if you leave a message we will get back to you as soon as we can.

