##### Argyll and Bute Council





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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back after what I hope has been a restful February break. Spring is making an appearance which brings increased opportunities for outdoor learning.

As always we have a busy calendar in the run up to the Easter Break. I have provided a calendar of events that will hopefully help you to plan as a family.

**Maximising Attendance**

**T**his year the Local Authority’s target for attendance in Primary Schools is **93.5%.**

At Port Ellen we are sitting under this at **91.73%** this is a drop since November 2023.

Monitoring attendance will continue throughout the session and I will update all parents of our progress. We will endeavour to improve our attendance data. Parents/ Carers whose children fall below 90% attendance will receive a letter requesting a meeting – this is in accordance with local authority guidance.

**Parent Council**

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the Parent council for their fundraising efforts and their donation towards the P6/7 trip to Stirling. School trips are expensive and this can be very challenging for many families so all help is gratefully received.

**Seachdainn na Gaidhlig – World Gaelic Week**

You can see what we have been up to this week on Seesaw and on X (Twitter)

**Additional Information**

Please see Seesaw for any updates to the school calendar.

**Easter Break Dates**

School will close at **2.30pm on Thursday 28th March** and reopen at **9am on Monday 15th April.**

Le Deagh Dhùrachd



Mrs M Macdonald – Head Teacher

**Calendar of Events**

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| Date | Event | Who’s involved |
| Tuesday 27th Feb | P6/7 Pupils Leave for Stirling | Parents/ Carers to drop children at Port Ellen Pier by 9.10am |
| Friday 1st March | P6/7 Pupils return from Stirling | Parents/ Carers to pick children up from Port Askaig Pier at 2.35pm –( see Seesaw for updates ) |
| Tuesday 5th March  Wednesday 6th March | Flouride Varnish Port Ellen | P1-4  ELC |
| Wednesday 6th March | Mr Burnham - Bowmore Assembly | All Children |
| Thursday 7th March | World Book Day  Timetable to follow on Seesaw | Whole School |
| Friday 8th March | Port Ellen Swimming Gala am  Permission slips will follow soon | P1-7  Parents can come along to spectate. |
| March 11th – 15th | British Science Week  Look on Seesaw for class events | All Children |
| Wednesday 13th March | P7 Science Transition at Islay High School  10am-2pm  Permission Slips  Packed Lunch  School Uniform | All P7s |
| Wednesday 13th March | Mr Burnham – Port Ellen Assembly | All children |
| Friday 14th March | Comic Relief  Donation  See Events on Seesaw | All Children |
| Saturday 15th March | Fun Run – Port Ellen PS used for runners |  |
| Tuesday 26th March | Easter Assembly Port Ellen 1.30 pm | P4/5 and Parents / Carers |
| Wednesday 27th | P1 & P7 Dental Inspections – Port Ellen | P1&P7 |
| Wed 27th March | Sandi Robb – Gaelic STEM ( Wildcats ) | P6/7 |
| Thursday 28th March | School and ELC close at 2.30pm | All Children |