##### 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.**

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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 SlipsPacked 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  |