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## Small Isles Primary and Pre 5 Newsletter

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We were all delighted to see the children returning last week and all have settled well back into the routine of school life. Everyone returned with a smile on their face and we look forward to what the new school year will bring...hopefully a 'normal' year where we can get back to planning lots of events involving our children and families!

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.

### Website and Twitter

A reminder that school information can be found on our website. We will be updating the site soon and our aim is to involve our children more in posting content and running this site.

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

Our Twitter page gives us the opportunity to share our fantastic work here at Small Isles. Please follow us at **@SmallIslesPS**

### Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

A reminder that free school meals and clothing grant application forms are available from the school. Families 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 (P6-7) please continue to top up your account using this service. A school meal is priced at £2.30 daily.

### School lunches

We go into week 3 of our new school lunch menu next week. It's been fantastic to see all our children loving the meals and variety on offer. A big thank you goes to Jody for getting the menus up and running so smoothly and long may this continue! Please continue to go through the menus with your child weekly.



## School Improvement



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

**Islay/Jura Skills ladder/Career Education standards.** We will be reviewing our skills curriculum and ensuring that we incorporate skills for lifelong learning and work into our practice.

**School Vision, /values and Aims.** We will be reviewing and updating our set of school core values and shared vision. This will involve the whole school community so keep an eye on any letters, emails about our upcoming consultation.

**Play Pedagogy in P1-4.** We are looking at our environment, planning and frameworks to allow for purposeful play to happen in our P1-4 class. Play opportunities will be curricular linked, pupil and teacher led and promote inventiveness, creativity, enthusiasm, and agency.

**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.**

## School Grounds/'Dig for cake'



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, during the school day. Time tbc.

We need parents to help us with general jobs such as painting, weeding, and garden tidy up tasks.

We will send out details closer to the time along with a small wish list of what we might need (paint etc) Refreshments and cake will be provided!

## Key Dates for the term

**Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Aug: P7 event at Bowmore Primary am.**

**Week bg 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Maths Week Scotland including a parent 'Stay and play/learn' session (Invites will be sent out)**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Oct: School grounds day of action (Details to follow)**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> October: School Close 3.30pm/Dress down day (Pyjama/Onesie day £2 suggested donation for school funds)**

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct: Pupils Return**

Keep an eye on Seesaw for additional items and events!

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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