

BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY NEWS

APRIL 2016



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to what is already shaping up to be a very busy term. A special welcome to Connor who joined our school this week – I'm sure that he will be very happy here at Brydekirk.

Curriculum Swimming

A number of our pupils are participating in Curriculum Swimming and are making good progress under the guidance of the instructors at Annan Swimming Pool.

Small World Transition Programme

Our Primary Seven pupils have been working with other pupils in our Cluster on Tuesday mornings preparing them for transfer to secondary in August. I have been very impressed by their maturity and level of participation.

Netball

Netball Club has resumed and we thank Mrs Nicholson for leading this.

PE Kit

Could I please ask that all children bring their PE Kit, comprising of shorts, T-shirt and sport shoes, to school on a Monday and take it home on a Friday? This allows teachers more flexibility to have PE outside. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Diary Dates

Sports Afternoon - Monday 13th June at 1.30 pm.
End of Year Awards – Tuesday 28th June at 2.00 pm.



Rev Pickles

Rev Pickles and I have met and planned for him to lead two assemblies this term as well as joining us at our End of Year Awards. All schools in Scotland are expected to have a minimum of six sessions of Religious Observance/Time for Reflection each academic year.

School Finishing Time

In order to address concerns about the length of time that the children are in the playground, I am consulting all Parents/Carers, Pupils and Staff about reducing the lunch break to 45 minutes and the school day ending at 3.00 pm. The children will have ample time to eat their lunch and have outdoor play. Teaching time would not be altered in any way. Most Primary Schools have already adopted this school day format. Any changes resulting from the consultation would come into effect when the pupils return in August. Please complete and return the attached consultation slip by Monday 25th April.

Open Door Policy

All Parents/Carers are encouraged to contact the school with any concerns or enquiries that they may have. Please telephone or pop into school and we will arrange a mutually agreeable time for you to chat with myself or your child's teacher. If you need to speak with me urgently on a day that I am not at Brydekirk, please contact the school as normal and Mrs Robson or Mr Thompson will get in touch with me.

Parent Council / PFA

The Parent Council met last week and there will be an additional meeting on Wednesday 1st June at 6.30 pm when Mr McIntyre and Miss Primrose will introduce themselves and discuss the vision for Brydekirk Primary. If you are not a member of the Parent Council or PFA, can I please ask you to consider joining? It is a wonderful opportunity to become involved in your school community and support the school in a number of ways. If you are interested, please speak to any member of the Parent Council or PFA.

I look forward to working in partnership with you in the term ahead.

Karen-Anne Bryden
Acting Head Teacher