

NEWSLETTER

BRYDEKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

I trust that you have enjoyed a pleasant break from school during April. We are now back into the swing of things. Term 4 is a busy one with transitions as the focus for P7s and our new P1s. In this newsletter, I have tried to provide all the dates for special events leading up to the summer holiday. There may be other things popping into the school diary, but the main events are included in this newsletter.

I will take this opportunity to welcome Ms Fisher and Mr Fitzgerald among us. They are both settled in to the routines of our school and helping us as volunteers. We are thinking about arrangements for next session and decisions around staffing and classes will be shared in June's Newsletter.

May I wish everyone a successful and happy summer term.

Mr McIntyre

MR. MCINTYRE'S P7 CHALLENGE

The second challenge for our primary 7s was to complete mountain bike trails at Ae Forest. This took place on Wednesday 19th April along with P7s from St. Columba's. Everyone performed well and enjoyed the experience with Ian, Ed and David our outdoor education instructors. Here's what Molly thought:

"The P7s and a few of the teachers went to Ae forest to do some mountain biking. We met with our instructors Ed, Ian and David who helped us ride. We got our bikes and off we went. It was a great experience and I hope to do it again some day." Molly in P7

Information on the third and final challenge will be sent out later in May.

READATHON

You may recall our sponsored Readathon from November 2016 when we held a Book Fortnight. The children thoroughly enjoyed our sponsored read and raised a total of £246.40 for children in hospital. Additionally, we received £49.28 of Scholastic vouchers to help towards replenishing our library. A big well done to Katelin and Ami who collected the most sponsorship money. Both have received a book of their choice as a special prize. Thank you to all involved with this good work.

HOUSE POINTS

Our Pupil Council are always thinking of new ideas to improve our school. Over the past couple of months we have established a new whole-school approach to our reward systems. Each House (Beech, Ash and Oak) will have colour coded tokens. When a child does something special, he or she will receive a token from a teacher. Each week the tokens will be tallied and a House will be deemed the winning House for that week. At the end of each term, the House with the highest score will win a special treat. The children are excited about our new reward system and we hope that it will further encourage outstanding behaviour and continued hard work.

BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL

Miss Primrose arranged for the Scholastic Book Fair to return to our school at the end of April. Here's the story from Katelin:

"On Monday 24th April to Friday 28th April there was a book fair at Brydekirk. We were given three bookcases full of different books for different ages. We had a goal to reach of £300 by selling the books and if we reached this target we receive the same amount back in commission. They give us a booklet with a list of books to fill in and choose which ones we want for the library." Katelin in P7



LIVING STREETS

At Brydekirk Primary School, we strive to promote active lifestyles. This month we will be encouraging children to walk to school. Each day, the Walk-to-School Monitors will record who walks. For those who cannot walk to school from home, may we suggest a park and stride approach whereby you park a distance away from the school and walk with your child to the school gates.



FOOTBALL TEAM

The league continues for Brydekirk / St. Columba's Team with a match against Canonbie on 4th May 3.45pm. Information for those playing has already been sent out.

The Riding of the Marches Football Competition will be held on Tuesday 20th June. It is my intention to enter a team from Brydekirk and a team from St. Columba's—not the amalgamated team we have in the league. Only if one school isn't able to put out a team will we look to mix players from both schools.

STEM BRIDGES PROJECT

Our senior pupils are working with Lauryn Steele to investigate the engineering and science around bridge building. Three sessions in school act as the lead in to a special event where our P7s will construct a real bridge within the large gym hall of St. Andrew's Primary School in Dumfries. This is an exciting opportunity to promote engineering skills and meet the engineers who will support the project. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Lauryn for her input as the STEM Ambassador for Dumfries and Galloway. On Wednesday 10th May, our P7s will join P7s from St. Columba's for the actual construction of a real, working bridge.



PRIMARY 1 TRANSITION

We look forward to welcoming some new little faces into the infant classroom. To help them get ready, we have events arranged to give them a taster of primary school as well as opportunities for parents to meet staff and look round the school. We are expecting four new pupils for next session and they will attend for full days right from day one.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming these families to our school community and support them as they settle into new routines. Details of the Primary Transition programme have been sent out already but should anyone wish a copy of the schedule, please contact our school office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 4th May	STEM bridge project for P5-7	11.00am—12.00pm
Monday 8th May	P7 Information Evening, Annan Academy	6.30 pm
Wednesday 10th May	STEM bridge building day at St. Andrew's for P7s	9.30am—1.30pm
w/b Monday 15th May	School Reports will be sent home to families	
Tuesday 16th May	Transition Day at Lockerbie Academy for some P7s	8.40am—3.00pm
Tuesday 16th & 23rd May	Small World Project, Cummertrees—P7s	8.40am-10.45am
Wednesday 17th May	Wheels Day - tbc with AYCC	
Wednesday 17th May	Parent Council Meeting	6.30pm
Thursday 18th May	Transition Day at Annan Academy for some P7s	9.30am—2.30pm
Thursday 18th May	Parents' Evening	3.30pm—8.00pm
Tuesday 23rd May	New Primary 1 pupils attend school and meet P7 Buddies	9.00am—11.00am
Wednesday 24th May	Fun 5s Netball Competition at Hecklegirth Primary	4.00pm—6.00pm
Tuesday 30th May	Duathlon Event led by Katie Robison	11.30am
Thursday 1st and 2nd June	Inservice Training Days for Teachers, school closed to pupils	
Thursday 8th June	Sports Day (back up date 13th June if weather is terrible)	1.15pm
Friday 9th June	Mr M's P7 Challenge—Watersports	9am—2.30pm
Monday 19th June	Induction Week at Academies for Primary 7 pupils	
Tuesday 20th June	ROM football competition at Galabank	Evening event
Wednesday 21st June	P7 Information Evening, Lockerbie Academy	
Thursday 22nd June	Move Up Day—pupils go into next year's class for 1/2 day	9.00am—12.00pm
Tuesday 27th June	End of Term Celebration and Awards	1.15pm—3.00pm
Tuesday 27th June	End of term disco organised by Primary 7 pupils	6.30pm—8.00pm
Wednesday 28th June	School Trip to Glasgow Science Centre	8.30am—4.15pm
Thursday 29th June	P7 Leavers' Night to Laser Quest and McDonalds	6.00pm—9.00pm

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There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

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1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/brydekirkpfa/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Brydekirk Primary School PFA - Annan will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.