

Crossmichael Primary School

May 2025 Newsletter

We are now well into Term 4, our final term of the school year, and what a busy term it is. With the weather being nicer please ensure that your child comes to school with suncream on and brings a water bottle to school with them to fill throughout the day.

Playpark News

We are continuing to work with Parc Construction to finalise a design that suits our needs.

We currently have £21500 in the playpark fund, thanks to the Glenkens Community Trust and Tesco Stronger Start Fund.

We hope that the playpark will be installed over the Summer holidays. The playpark will be for use by the whole community out with school hours.

Tesco Stronger Start Funding

Crossmichael Primary came in 2nd place in the Tesco Blue Token vote. Therefore we got £1000 funding towards our play park revamp.

Thank you to all the family and friends who popped their blue tokens into the box, it is much appreciated.

Staffing Updates

As I am now in the permanent post as Headteacher within the partnership this leaves my previous Principal Teacher post vacant. Mrs Marscheider will continue in the acting post, however the staffing team within the authority deal with all staffing decisions and have decided not to advertise it permanently at this time.

Next year our school roll will fall below 75 and therefore we will revert back to 3 classrooms. This will likely be a P1/2/3/4, a P4/5/6 and a P6/7. This also means that a member of teaching staff will be redeployed to another school. Our school have no say in these decision and the authority will work based on policy.

We have no further information at the moment regarding staffing or how classes will be split. It is really important that when we are discussing this with children at home we avoid using terms like 'keeping back' or 'moving up' with regards to split classes.

Dumfries and Galloway have a policy for multi-composite classes and we will follow this when making our decisions.

We will let you know of any staffing news when we have it.

Silver Award Fun Day

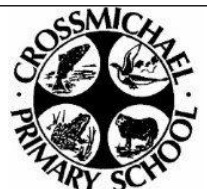
Our original Silver Award Fun Day was postponed due to the weather. This will now be held on **Tuesday 3rd June**. As Crossmichael had no school trip this year we had planned an end of term fun day and we have decided to join the 2 together.

On Tuesday 3rd June pupils will be in groups and move round a variety of activities that pupils decided on – Nerf Gun zone, construction, arts and crafts, outdoor games, cooking. Thanks to our Parent Council we will also now include a bouncy castle and a slip n' slide (weather permitting).

Pupils will have a picnic lunch between 12pm and 1pm. All friends and family are invited to join us for the picnic if they wish.

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Sports Day

Crossmichael Sports Day will be held on **Thursday 12th June**. Pupils will take part in potted sports activities in the morning and individual races in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to join us from **1pm**. Please bring chairs and rugs as we now have no spare chairs for spectators.

Health Group (Danevale)

Our health group have been working hard on ensuring pupils can make healthy choices for snack. They set up a smoothie bar at playtime and made a profit. This week (Wednesday) they will sell healthy ice pops at break time for 50p.

They have also been working on collecting data for Walk to School Week. Miss Drummond has set up a Walking Bus to encourage pupils to park and stride. This will run all week and the pick-up point is Crossmichael church Hall at 8:35am. They will collect pupils as they walk through Templand and then collect more from the village hall.

P7 Leavers Arrangements

We have 12 lovely P7's leaving us this year. The P7 leavers assembly will be held on **Wednesday 2nd July** at 1:45pm in the school hall.

P7 will also have a Leavers Meal at the Market Inn Hotel at 6pm on **Wednesday 2nd July** (more details to follow).



iBike activities

We have linked up with Sustran (sustainable travel) to encourage more young people and families to take part in active travel. Briony came to talk to the children in assembly last week. She will be back next **Monday (26th May)** for a whole day and children are invited to bring scooters to school to take part in scooter skills activities. If your child does not have a scooter Briony will have some to borrow.

Briony will also be in school on **Monday 2nd June** to do bike check and repairs for any pupils who would like their bike checked and fixed.

Next year Briony will be in school on a regular basis to lead the pupils in iBike activities.

Parent Council News

Crossmichael Parent Council will hold their annual family BBQ on **Tuesday 24th June**. All friend and families are invited to join us in the end of term celebration between 6pm and 8pm.

Parent Council will hold their AGM on **Monday 23rd June @ 7pm** in the school. This will be to elect office bearers for the upcoming year.

Community News

Crossmichael Gala will be held on Saturday 30th August. This will also include Crossmichael Flower Show.

The Crossmichael Community Trust are holding a Car Boot Sale and a Bake Sale this weekend in the Memorial Hall car park to raise funds towards the village hall. If you would like to reserve a space for the car boot sale please contact 07528648741.

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