

# Crossmichael Primary School

## April 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 4 – the Summer term is where we get our small share of sunshine (hopefully). With the weather starting to get better please ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather –ensuring that when the sun is out they come to school with suncream applied.

Term 4 often brings lots of activities and outings. Please keep checking the School Facebook group where the information is shared regularly.

### Partnership Opportunities

Over the past year we have had 4 partnership days where children from Gelston Primary have visited Crossmichael Primary. Our final Partnership Day of the year will be held at Gelston Primary on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. In order to plan for transport, we would like to know if your child requires transport to and from Gelston Primary or if parents could drop off and pick up (this helps lower the bus costs). Our whole staff will attend Gelston on this day, this includes teachers, learning assistants, catering and clerical staff.

Our final Partnership Day will be a celebration of our Partnership working and it is being held on the International Day of Play and the first day of the World Cup so our activities will focus on developing social skills through play and physical activity.

Please complete the attached letter by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April to let us know your transport requirements.

### School Trips

In term 3 P6 and P7 pupils attended a 3-day residential trip to Lockerbie Manor to take part in Outdoor adventure activities. The pupils (and staff) had a wonderful time. The pupils were a credit to themselves and their families. Thank you to Mrs Burton, Mrs Stitt and our parent helper, Amber, for supervising the residential.

P4/5/6 went to visit New Lanark World Heritage site to finish off their Victorian topic. The children visited the mill to see how children as young as 10 were expected to work and they also took part in a classroom experience to see what school was like in the 'olden days'.

P6/7 also visited The Garden of Cosmic Speculation as part of a STEM (science, engineering, technology and maths) topic. It was a VERY wet and wild day but the children took part in all activities and found the gardens fascinating.

P1-3 have been invited to take part in Active Schools Galloway Games @ Kirkcudbright Primary on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>. We are currently trying to organise transport and will send more information to parents in due course.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our breakfast club continues to be a success and is open to all, free of charge, 4 days a week (Mon – Thurs). As part of breakfast club funding we have been able to purchase 2 new picnic benches. We have also been able to purchase a gazebo and a washer/drier. Breakfast club supplies free fruit at playtime for all pupils and as a result we have seen a noticeable increase in the number of children eating a 'fruity' snack.



### **P.E and Outdoor Learning**

#### **P1/2/3/4:**

**PE – Tuesday, Wednesday**

**ODL – Wednesday**

#### **P4/5/6:**

**PE – Wednesday, Thursday**

**ODL – Thursday**

#### **P6/7**

**PE – Wednesday, Friday**

**ODL – Tuesday**

### **Positive Relationships Policy**

Mrs Graham has been reviewing our Positive Relationships Policy. She worked with a focus group of children about what is working well and what they think needs reviewed. Greenlaw House Group also held a parent breakfast in order to ask parents about their thoughts on our Positive Relationships policy. Children and parents both felt that there should be a consistent approach when dealing with poor behaviour choices, clearer consequences for actions. Pupils and parents like rewards for positive behaviours. Some parents suggested that they would like to be more informed about their child's behaviour in school. Children suggested a behaviour contract at the beginning of the year which would be read and signed by parents and pupils.

We have e-mailed a copy of the draft policy to all parents via Groupcall and let us know if you have any feedback.

## Learning Journals

All pupils have an online Learning Journal where staff and children post stories and observations of their learning in class. This is an excellent way for parents/carers to see what their child is learning and follow up with a discussion at home.

Some teachers may suggest follow up tasks or links to help support learning at home.

Parents/carers can also post children's wider achievements using the 'parent contribution' button. This can be any learning or achievement that has happened out with the school. Children can then share these with the whole school at our Wider Achievement assemblies.

**You can access your child's Learning Journal via the web page or download the app to your mobile device.**



## Parent Council News

Parent Council meet each term for 1 hour. Together we discuss a number of different aspects of school life as well as holding fundraising events to help support the school. The meetings are informal and a great way to help shape the journey of the school.

Parent Council have decided to hold their annual Summer BBQ on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6-8pm**, all friends and families welcome to celebrate our year.

The next Parent Council Meeting is an EGM (Emergency General Meeting) and we will hold this online (date to be confirmed). This is due to our Parent Council not having the required 3 office bearers elected at the AGM. We are desperately looking for a Parent Council Secretary to support our new Chairperson (Hannah Green) and our treasurer (Lucy Wilson).

## Dates for your diary

**Wed/Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> May:** P7 Bikeability

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May:** P7/S1 transition

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> May:** Sports Day

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> June:** P1-3 Galloway Games

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Partnership Day @ Gelston

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Parent Council BBQ

**w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – P7/S1 transition week

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June** – Crossmichael Leaver's Assembly

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Last Day of Term