

# Monthly Roundup

## Bellsbank Primary School

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### Diary Dates

Please see the school app for updated diary dates.

### Term 3 Important Dates

Parent Council EGM - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm

School Holiday - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

In- Service Day - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

P7 Residential - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Cuppa and Chat - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm

Cluster Athletics event for P6 and P7 pupils - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

New P1 Parents Transition Cafe - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9am

P7 Burns Supper - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm

World Book Day Sponsored Walk and Reading Tea - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm

DanceFest (The Gaiety Theatre, Ayr) - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Council Meeting - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm

Spring Shared Learning - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.45pm

Parents' Evening - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

P5/6 Easter Assembly - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 9.30am

### Learning Journals

We continue to update Learning Journals weekly. Please contact the school office if you are having difficulty accessing the site.



## Promoting School Uniform

At Bellsbank Primary School we are very proud of our school uniform. We recently moved supplier to DonSport in Cumnock who now offer the full range of our uniform, with collection from Cumnock or delivery options available. Since the return after the holidays we have noticed a decline in uniform being worn in school. Our uniform fosters a sense of belonging within our school and we encourage all of our pupils to wear it with pride. We do also stock some pre-loved uniform which parents are welcome to help themselves to. Please also remember we welcome donations to this stock throughout the year. We would appreciate parental support in encouraging all of our pupils to dress in our school uniform of burgundy sweatshirt, blue poloshirt along with black/grey trousers, skirt, pinafore or leggings.



## Staffing Update



We are pleased to say that Miss Carter will continue to teach P6/7 until the end of this session. Miss Carter has been teaching P6/7 since November and looks forward to ensuring our senior pupils make the most of their final year at Bellsbank Primary School with lots of exciting events and opportunities planned between now and June.

Miss Arthur will also remain at Bellsbank Primary School until the end of the current session. Miss Arthur has a Nurture remit within the school, the impact of this intervention is already evident within the school.

Early next month we will be interviewing for Pupil Support Assistant roles within the school. We look forward to appointing the right people and will update the school community with details of the successful candidates in due course.

## Afterschool Clubs



Miss Greig and Mrs Boyle have now met with the DanceFest group. They will continue with rehearsals afterschool on a Thursday for the next few weeks. We look forward to cheering for you on the night. Tickets are on sale via The Gaiety website.

Ross from Active Schools will be starting a 3 week afterschool club for P3 and P4 pupils after the February holiday. Please look out for permission letters in school bags soon. Please note there are limited spaces for this club and places will be given on a first come first served basis.



### Parent Council Update



The Parent Council EGM will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm. New and existing parents/carers are welcome to come along.

### Mobile Phones



We understand that some of our older pupils require to bring their mobile phones to school for a number of varied reasons. Please note that mobile phones should be turned off during the school day and stored securely at either the school office or with the class teacher. Pupils are not permitted to use their own devices during the school day and should not leave these valuables in their school bags throughout the day. Should you need to contact your child during the school day please contact them via the school office number, 01292 550305.

### Scottish Showcase

What a fabulous afternoon we had today at our Scottish Celebration. The talent on show was exceptional, and we are immensely proud not only of our performers today but also those who competed in their class competitions prior to the event. Winners from today will now be invited to represent Bellsbank Primary School at the Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs competition later next month.



### JRSO Safety Message



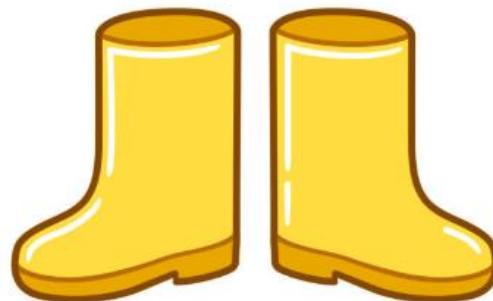
There have been an increasing number of pupils cycling in the school carpark after 3pm. We would like to remind pupils that the carpark continues to be used by the school, the ECC and The Bellsbank Project until much later in the evening. We would encourage pupils to choose safe places to cycle on their bikes during these times.

## Outdoor Learning

Most classes have started exploring the local area during their outdoor learning afternoons. We are fortunate to have outdoor suits to fit our pupils and a selection of wellies in assorted sizes. Pupils are welcome to bring their own outdoor clothes/shoes to wear on their outdoor days.

### Outdoor Days

P1/2 - Wednesday  
P2/3 - Thursday  
P4/5 - Thursday  
P5/6 - Tuesday  
P6/7 - Monday



## ECC to P1 Transition

Mrs Russell has started her weekly visits to the ECC to meet the preschool pupils who will be starting school in August. Our P6 pupils have also submitted application forms for our Buddy programme. We look forward to further events this term which will allow our preschoolers to begin transition into P1.



## P7 Burns Supper



Work is underway in P7 to organise our annual Burns Supper. We look forward to welcoming P7 parents/carers to the event which will be held in our school hall.

## Personal Achievements

At our weekly assemblies we are keen to share personal achievements. This could be learning to ride a bike, a certificate or medal from a club, learning to tie shoelaces - anything at all that is important to the individual pupil. To recognise this, pupils can either bring a photo or a medal along to Mrs McLurkin and she will get a photo for the assembly slides, or you can email Mrs McLurkin directly with the details and a photo. [ashley.mclurkin@eastayrshire.org.uk](mailto:ashley.mclurkin@eastayrshire.org.uk)



We look forward to sharing all the wonderful things our pupils can do.

## P7 Residential

Our P7 pupils will be counting down the days until their residential trip to Inverclyde Sports Centre later next month. We look forward to sharing photos of their trip in the Monthly Roundup next month.

## Spring Shared Learning

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into classes on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30pm. During this time there will also be an opportunity to look through a selection of pupil work prior to Parents' Evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.



## Cuppa and Chat

Mrs Greig and Mrs McLurkin have been hosting Cuppa and Chat drop-ins with parents/carers for a couple of months now. We hope to be able to continue this on a monthly basis. Cuppa and Chat is an informal meeting and your chance to discuss anything at all relating to Bellsbank Primary School. At our last session we discussed uniform and transition arrangements - thank you to those who came along. Our next date is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.



## Internet Safety Fortnight



Our assembly focus for the next two weeks is all about internet safety. We are extremely fortunate at Bellsbank Primary School to have a class set of shared laptops as well as Chrome Books for each of our P5 to P7 pupils and iPads for each of our pupils. Classes use these devices for a range of learning opportunities throughout the school week. With this fabulous resource comes a responsibility to use the devices in a safe manner. We encourage pupils to be safe online - to never share personal details, never speak to strangers and to always report anything unusual with a safe adult. During assemblies we will focus on this further and explore how to stay safe online as well as discussions around online bullying, appropriate gaming and safe use of online chats and social media. We would appreciate the cooperation of our school community to reinforce these messages at home. [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) has a great resource on how best to support these conversations at home with your child.

## RagBag



Our next collection date for our textile recycling bin is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure any donations of clothing and textiles are in the RagBag bin by 5pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to ensure they are available for collection. The school receive a small amount of money for each kilogram of textiles donated and our ECO committee are looking at how they can use this money to best support further environmental initiatives for our school. Thank you to those who continue to donate.

### **Head Lice**

Head lice are a common issue in primary schools, and they can spread quickly among children, particularly when they are in close contact during playtime or group activities. While head lice do not pose a serious health threat, they can be a nuisance and cause discomfort.

Regular checks of your child's hair are essential for early detection and prevention of head lice infestations. Please take a few minutes to thoroughly inspect your child's hair for any signs of lice, such as:

- Itching or scratching of the scalp
- Visible lice or eggs (nits) attached to the hair
- Red bumps or sores on the scalp

If you discover that your child has head lice, it's essential to take prompt action to treat the infestation and prevent it from spreading to other children.

To further reduce the risk of head lice infestations, please encourage your child to avoid sharing hats, hairbrushes, and other personal items with their friends. Additionally, remind them to avoid close head-to-head contact during playtime and group activities.

Below are links for further information regarding the treatment of headlice

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

## **ROUNDUP GALLERY**





