

Monthly Roundup

Bellsbank Primary School

Friday 6th March 2026



Diary Dates

Please see the school app for updated diary dates.

Term 3 Important Dates

DanceFest (The Gaiety Theatre, Ayr) - Wednesday 11th March

Parent Council Meeting - Monday 16th March at 3pm

Comic Relief - Friday 20th March

Spring Shared Learning - Monday 23rd March at 1.45pm

Parents' Evening - Thursday 26th March

Cuppa and Chat - Monday 30th March at 2pm

P5/6 Easter Assembly - Wednesday 1st 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.

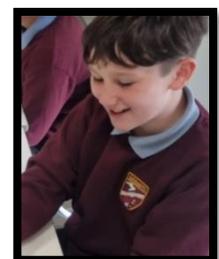


Promoting School Uniform



Thank you to everyone who continues to wear their Bellsbank school uniform with pride. We have seen a notable increase in those wearing their uniform since last month and would like to thank parents/carers for their support with this. We have a large stock of pre-loved uniform which parents are welcome to help

themselves to at Parents' Evening later in the month. Thanks once again to our Parent Council for helping to fund the P7 Leavers Hoodies, they look very smart in their new uniform!



DanceFest



Miss Greig and Mrs Boyle will join the DanceFest stars on The Gaiety stage for their performances. We look forward to cheering for you on the night. Tickets are on sale via The Gaiety website.

Active Schools After School Club

Ross from Active Schools will be starting a 3 week afterschool club for P1 and P2 pupils next Monday. The theme for this block is 'ball skills'. Please look out for permission letters in school bags. Please note there are limited spaces for this club and places will be given on a first come first served basis.



Changes to break times and snack arrangements



We have moved to a single break time with all pupils accessing the playground from 10.30am-10.45am. Pupils will eat their snack whilst out playing. This has many benefits, such as allowing us to maximise learning and teaching time in classes and also ensuring friends from different classes can play together. Our older pupils are encouraged to take on leadership roles during breaks - leading small group games with the younger pupils. As the playground is busier we have cornered off an area for our younger pupils to allow them a space to play free from older pupils games. Our ECO garden is also open for pupils who wish a quieter space to play and chat with their friends. We are lucky to have a committed team of Pupil Support Assistants who look after our pupils in the playground. We would ask parents to remind pupils of the importance of playing fairly, playing appropriately and also playing respectfully when outside at breaks. A number of recent incidents have happened due to play fighting which is not permitted in the school grounds.

Parent Council Update



The Parent Council will next meet on 16th March at 3pm in the Moon Room. New members are always welcome.

Comic Relief

On Friday 20th March pupil will participate in a Ready Steady Cook style challenge at assembly. There will also be various themed activities in classes over the course of the day. On the day, pupils are welcome to come to school wearing

something red. This can simply be a sticker on their uniform or can be a red item of clothing or a red accessory. We would ask that no PJs are worn.

Mobile Phones



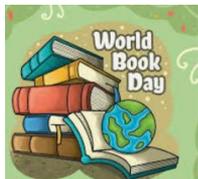
We understand that some of our older pupils require to bring their mobile phones to school for a number of varied reasons. Please note that mobile phones should be turned off during the school day and stored securely at either the school office or with the class teacher. Pupils are not permitted to use 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.

Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs Annual Competition

Well done to Maisey-Rose, Reeve and Kyra who represented Bellsbank Primary School at the Ayrshire Association of Burns Clubs competition last month. Although we had no winners on the day the pupils should be very proud of their performances, I know we are! It was a great experience for all involved and fantastic to showcase the talent from Bellsbank Primary School.



World Book Day



P4/5 with the help of Mrs Boyle hosted a successful Tea and Tales afternoon yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. We had a great turn out of parents/carers who joined us to read with their children.

Unfortunately, due to the weather we had to make alternative arrangements for our Sponsored Costume Parade. The rain however did not dampen our spirits, and we enjoyed a Danceathon and inside parade instead. Thank you to everyone who handed in donations. Look out on the Parent Council Facebook page for an update on the amount raised.

JRSO Safety Messages

The JRSO team have been thinking about how to keep our pupils safe around the school. There are an increasing number of cars parking in the staff carpark at drop off and pick up times. Parents/carers dropping pupils off should do so in the top carpark or use the carpark next to the shop unless they are displaying a blue badge. Pupil safety is always our priority, and we appreciate support with

this. The JRSO team will be writing to our local councillors for help with additional signage to help enforce this.



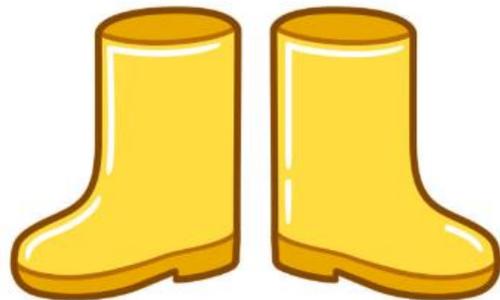
Today we welcomed Allan's Road Safety Magic Show to the school. Allan expressed the importance of the STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK message to the pupils whilst entertaining them with magic tricks and jokes. Pupils were given flyers to take home to send away for their own magic books to learn some of Allan's tricks - this is free to all who apply.

Outdoor Learning Reminder (note change of days for some classes)

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 - Friday
- P2/3 - Thursday
- P4/5 - Tuesday
- P5/6 - Tuesday
- P6/7 - Friday



ECC to P1 Transition

The first ECC to P1 transition café was a success with nearly 50% of our new P1 parents coming along. The next date is Tuesday 21st April at 9am. We look forward to continuing these events as we welcome both the pupils and their parents into our school community. Our P6 buddy training is underway for the successful applicants. This takes place on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Russell will continue her weekly visits to the ECC to meet the preschool pupils who will be starting school in August, she visits on a Tuesday morning. Our P6 pupils have also been working alongside Ross from the Active Schools team to learn new playground games. Pupils from the ECC participate with these on a Monday afternoon. We look forward to further events this term which will allow our preschoolers to begin transition into P1.

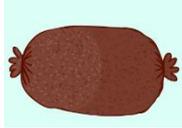


P7-S1 Transition

Transition meetings for pupils will start in the coming weeks and transition events will be happening frequently over the coming months. Mr Robertson, Head Teacher at Doon Academy will be visiting pupils next Thursday to introduce

himself. This will be followed by visits from guidance staff and subject staff who will be delivering lessons to pupils. Visit days to Doon Academy are later in June. Details of all dates and activities will be sent home to P7 pupils after the Easter holidays.

P7 Burns Supper



Our P7 pupils hosted their Burns Supper in February. They performed speeches and poetry inspired by the Bard himself. They were joined by our class poetry winners. The school choir also assisted with some entertainment. Unfortunately, there was a low turn out at this event, we are now thinking of ways to increase the audience for next session and will discuss plans further with the Parent Council in due course.

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



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

P7 Residential

Our P7 pupils enjoyed a 3-day residential to Inverclyde in February. Pupils tried a range of new activities and enjoyed time building new friendships with pupils from our neighbouring schools. Many thanks to the Parent Council for securing funding which helped reduce the cost of this trip for our pupils.

Spring Shared Learning

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers into classes on Monday 23rd 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 26th 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 Monday 30th March at 2pm.

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 is 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

