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Dear Parent/Carer

**East Ayrshire Summer Schools**

**Mauchline Primary**

**15-19 July 2024**

I am delighted to be able to take this opportunity to inform you about this year’s East Ayrshire Summer Schools. **This Year we will be running 3 different summer schools and you can sign up to only one of these as they will be taking place at the same time**:

* Dance Summer School (P4-P7)
* Parkour Summer School (P6-7)
* Creative Music Making Sessions (P4-7)

Each day will begin at 10.00 a.m. and finish at 3.00 p.m. On the Friday afternoon there will be a joint performance at 1.30 p.m. in the school to showcase to family and friends what has been achieved during the week.

The course will be based in Mauchline Primary and participants should bring a packed lunch each day. No previous experience or specialist clothing is necessary; enthusiasm and comfortable clothing are adequate.

There are limited places available on each course with the participants divided into groups according to age, experience and friendship-groups where possible.

This year’s course is being co-ordinated by Zara Smith, Cultural Co-ordinator, Dance and Movement and all sessions will be taken by highly qualified and experienced artists. To ensure maximum benefit for everyone, it is anticipated that the usual high standards of behaviour expected in our schools will be displayed. The Summer School is funded by Mauchline CARS and is entirely free however, we ask that you contact us if your child can no longer participate so we can pass the space over to another child.

Please note, each applicant must be able to make their own transport arrangements. If you would like to apply for a place on this course for your child, please complete the online forms <https://forms.office.com/e/eC3XQq3YRa> Confirmation emails will be sent out the end of June.

**Dance Summer School (P4-P7 & S1-S6)**

Dance Summer School is an amazing week where participants will learn a variety of dance styles, working with experienced and inspirational dance instructors. The week will culminate in a show for family and friends. **There are 30 places available for this course.**

**Parkour Summer School (P6-7)**

**There are only 15 places available on this summer school,** working with the incredibly talented and experience Parkour artist, Scott Houston. It will be an awesome week. It is hoped by the end of the project the young people involved will have developed a greater sense of self and feel challenged, motivated, inspired and improve additional skills which can be adapted to other aspects of their lives.

We are confident that your child will be taught to a standard to enable them to perform their moves safely by a qualified and competent instructor. However, you should be clear when granting permission for your child to be involved in this project, that undertaking Parkour is challenging and even with careful planning and supervision, there is a risk of injury, albeit low.

**Creative Music Making Sessions (P4-7)**

Do you like to sing or write songs, play the guitar or keyboard or fancy being in a band?

Whether you play an instrument or a beginner, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn how to use your creativity to write songs. Our sessions are great fun as we provide you with the basic tools to write and perform your own songs in whatever style you prefer.

There is a song inside everyone and we can't wait to hear yours.

**There are only 15 places available for this course.**

**Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.**

Yours sincerely,

**Z Smith**

Zara Smith

Cultural Coordinator, Dance & Movement

Creative Minds Team