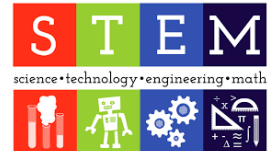




Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 3 is well underway! Our Pupils and staff have been working very hard. We have had a lot going on. Our Improvement priorities for this session, include **Raising Attainment in Literacy and Numeracy, focusing on Health and wellbeing** and **developing Skills for Learning, life and work**, including a focus on STEM, Learning for Sustainability and Expressive Arts. We continue to focus on developing our STEM curriculum and working with a range of partners to enhance our learning and teaching experiences.



Last term, Primary 5 enjoyed taking part in a workshop with **GlaxoSmithKline and Kilmarnock football club**, focusing on atoms and penicillin. Primary 6 and Primary 7 took part in the **Scottish Power Crucial Crew** workshops on Electrical safety.



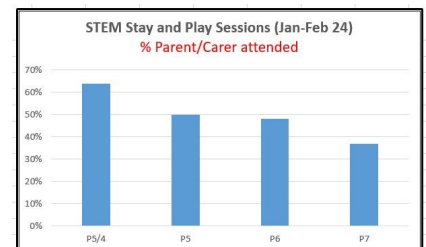
Primary 6 and Primary 7 have been working on their 'If I were an engineer?' entries for this year's Primary Engineer Competition.



Our Primary 7s enjoyed attending a **CSI event at Kilmarnock College**. The challenge involved them using a range of skills to investigate 'who had stolen the sweets?' Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this event and enjoyed travelling on the local bus. Many thanks to Kilmarnock College for arranging this event.



Many thanks to Mrs Miller, our Principal Teacher, for organising with staff our P5-P7 'Stay and Play STEM' sessions. These events have been very well attended with 49% Parents and Carers attending!



We have had lots of very positive feedback from these events. We hope to build on this next session. The Early Childhood and Primary 1 children are enjoying working together weekly on STEM activities.



Rehearsals are well underway for our Disney Musical. Primary 5 and 6 were excited to find out which show we were doing. They have been working very hard on learning their lines, dances and songs. Many thanks to Mrs McDonald, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Mooney, Miss Barclay, Mrs Petherick, Mrs Ross and Miss Mair for all their hard work on this project! We couldn't do it without their help!!



Learning for Sustainability

We continue to develop our whole school approach to 'Learning for Sustainability'. As a school and ECC, we are continuing to work towards our **EAC Clean Green Award**. All of our pupils are working on our 'Journey to Jupiter' encouraging our pupils to walk to school, where possible. We are also trying to promote energy saving through involvement in the 'Windy Power' down challenge.

We continue to develop our Outdoor area. We received fruit trees and hedges from the **Tree Council**. Primary 6 planted our trees and hedges with some great help from our local councillors, members of the Tool shed and Dean Rangers. Christine Strong from Dean Park spoke to the children at assembly about the importance of hedgerows in the environment and encouraging the children to look after their environment. We have had a number of **parent/child litter picks** on a Friday afternoon and at weekly WOWs. We hope to do more when the weather improves. Primary 5-7 also took part in the **Climate Ready Classroom** online. We hope to get our **Poly tunnel** repaired in due course. Classes are beginning to plant seeds for our garden.

Primary 7 have been exploring Fairtrade. As part of this work, Primary 7 will be working with 'Cool schools for you' focusing on ethical cotton use and Fairtrade.



We continue to focus on **Health and wellbeing**. Mrs McDonald, our class teacher has been trained in 'Theraplay' and has been working with a number of children. Referrals to the Exchange Counselling service can be arranged via Miss Mair, DHT.

Our Primary 7 pupils enjoyed their 5 week **swimming lessons** at Loudoun Academy. P5/4 and P5 are enjoying taster **kickboxing sessions** on a Monday. **Afterschool clubs** continue including multisport session for our younger pupils, watch out for sign up forms on the app.

The **Junior Road safety** team have made a 'Road safety film focusing on speed' to encourage safe driving. Watch out for it on our app.



We are delighted to have been successful in our bid to Cycling Scotland for additional funding being awarded over £15,000 to buy bicycles, helmets and a storage container for our school. Mrs Miller, our PT, and the JRSO have been promoting safety and wearing helmets, if children coming to school on scooters or bikes. This funding will allow us to further promote safe cycling and developing cycling within our WOW Wednesday sessions.



We are also working with a local company to lease bikes to children for use at home. If you would like a bike for your child, please contact the main office and we will put your child forward for this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Pupil Council are busy organising World Book day on 7th March. The Pupil Council, in consultation with pupils requested the following:

- Bring three props to school to show favourite book or character
- Bring in favourite book to read /show in class
- Design a book cover / book mark (I have some printed off to distribute)
- Book swap (Thursday 7th March) pupils can bring a book along to swap.



As part of our ongoing focus on encouraging our pupils to read more, we have introduced a 'Book Review' section to our weekly assemblies. Please encourage your child to complete a short book review and post it in the box for reviews.

The Pupil Council will also organise Red Nose Day. More details to follow.



The Parent Council will do auditions on Monday 29th April. Pupils can start preparing for this.

Tickets will go on sale in May.

The show will be on Friday 7th June at 7pm.

Partnership with Parents/Carers



Thank you for taking the time to complete our recent Parent/Carer questionnaire.

Please click on the following SWAYS collating our feedback from our Questionnaires:

Pupil feedback

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/SAJNuyTiMVKUpnqu?ref=Link>



Parents/Carers feedback

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/P1antsJUyLeuSfbQ?ref=Link>



This information is also on our GLOW website.

This will help us to develop our
Improvement plan for next session.





Most communication for our ECC and School is done through our school blog. Links to the school blog are also sent out via the app.

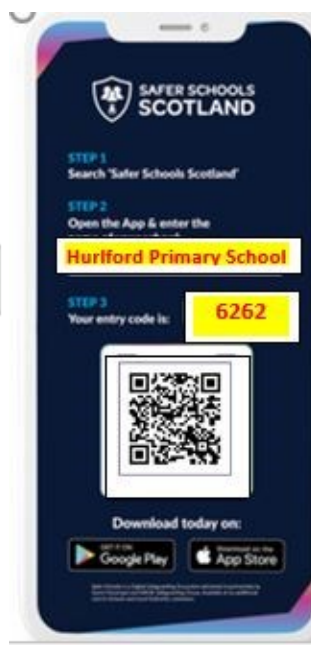
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Please click on the link below to access our Improvement plan 23/24:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ea/hurlfordpsecc/school-improvement-plan/>

Please click on the link below to access our Standards and Quality report 22/23:

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Term 3 and Term 4 Calendar 23/24 - Dates for your diary

<https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/Resources/PDF/S/School-Holidays-2023-24.pdf>

Term 3

World Book Day -Thursday 7th March

Comic Relief -Friday 15th March-

P7 Residential to Dalguise - Monday 18th March - Friday 22nd March

Parent Council disco—Wednesday 27th March in dinner hall
6.15-7.15pm ECC - P3 / 7.30-8.30pm P4-P7
Tickets cost - £2 Tickets on sale from week beginning 11th March..

Easter Service - Thursday 28th March at 9.30am
School closes on Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm



Term 4

Pupils return—Monday 15th April

May holidays:

- Monday 6th May
- Monday 27th May
- Tuesday 28th May (Inservice day)

'The Jungle Book' Disney Performance - Friday 10th May - Community Centre

- Performance 1 - 3.30-4.15pm
- Performance 2 - 7-7.45pm

Parents' night

ECC Parents meeting -week beg. 13th May, 24

Primary Parents' night Wednesday 22nd May

Sports Day - Friday 31st May at 10. 30am

P1 Transition visit to Primary 1:

- **Friday 24th May, 24 - visit 1**
P1 Induction visit 2-2.40pm (tea/coffee & Parent/Carer talk)
- **Friday 7th June, 24 -Visit 2**
P1 Induction visit 2-2.40pm (drop off only)
- **Friday 14th June, 24 - Visit 3**
P1 Induction visit 2-2.40pm (drop off only)

P7 Transition Visit to Loudoun - Tuesday 5th June, Wednesday 6th June, Thursday 7th June

Parent/Carer information session at Loudoun Academy on Thursday 7th June, times tbc

Hurlford's got talent tbc (Parent Council) Friday 7th June @ 7pm

P1-P7 Trip to Almond Valley —Wednesday 19th June (returning at approx. 3.30pm)

ECC trip to Kid play—Thursday 20th June

Prize Giving - Tuesday 25th June at 9.30am

School closes on Friday 28th June at 1pm.

Pupils return Wednesday 21st August.