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Term 3 HT Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing festive break, it has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and ECC. As we begin term 3, I'd like to provide you with an update on the work of the school/ECC and upcoming events.

Superstar Awards/Health and Wellbeing

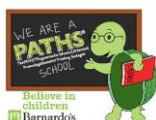
The focus for our Superstar Awards next term will be to build pupils' confidence and raise their self-esteem. All pupils completed a Health and Wellbeing survey allowing them to share their views about themselves and the school honestly. The results highlighted confidence, self-belief and self-esteem as the areas the children would like support with. Certificates are handed out at assemblies on Tuesdays and Wednesdays so look out for them in school bags.

Outdoor Ambassadors

Our P7 Outdoor Ambassadors Team have been working with me on improving the school grounds. The team have asked that I request the support of a volunteer from our school/ECC community, who would be willing to give their time, to work alongside them on gardening projects around the grounds. They wondered if someone could volunteer an hour or 2 a week to share their gardening experience. If you think you can help then please get in touch with the school office.

We've already received support, thanks to Billy Bowie Skip Hire, who delivered two skips free of charge, following a request put out to the school community. Thanks to everyone who organised this.

The Outdoor Ambassadors have a vision to create a school/ECC garden which has power, light and more sheltered areas to encourage the use of our fantastic environment. It is an amazing area to have within our grounds. However, the distance from the building makes the costs of ground works to run cabling and pipework from the main building prohibitively expensive. Our Outdoor Ambassadors feel that a Renewable Energy source may be the answer. If you know of any companies/organisations that could support this development work then please get in touch.



P7 to S1 Transition

P7 parents/carers you are no doubt aware, your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary education at the beginning of the new school session (August 2024).

Please complete the online P7 transfer application at <https://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/EducationAndLearning/Schools/SchoolAdmissions/SchoolAdmissions.aspx> no later than Wednesday 24 January 2024.

Secondary school hand books are available at: <https://eastayrshi.re/SchoolHandbooks>

Events Update

Please see the attached table containing essential information for Parents/Carers about upcoming events in our Term 3 calendar.

Thank you, as always for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Johnstone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Johnstone

Head Teacher

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Important Dates for Parents/Carers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Parents Attend?</i>	<i>Details</i>
Thursday 25 th January	Scots Poetry Competition	No	3 finalists chosen from each class by the teacher to perform their poem in front of our judging panel. 1 winner chosen from each class. Finalists can wear something Scottish for the day, with their uniform to mark the event.
Friday 26 th January	Dress Down Day	No	
Friday 2 nd February 1.45pm in Main Hall	P7 Burns Supper	Yes	P7s lead a traditional Burns Supper in our Assembly Hall, with members of their family as guests. P7s can wear something Scottish if they wish, with their uniform.
Friday 9 th February - Tuesday 13 th February	Local holidays	N/A	Local holidays.
Wednesday 14 th February	Pupils return to school		Pupils return to school.
W/b Monday 19 th February	Developing the Young Workforce Week (World of Work Week)	Yes, volunteers welcome	Please contact the school if you'd like to visit and talk to the children about your current/previous work.
Friday 23 rd February	Dress Down Day	No	
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	No	Activities in class to celebrate World Book Day, children can dress up as a character, wear their pyjamas or dress down for the day.
Friday 8 th March	World Maths Day	No	Activities in class to celebrate World Maths Day.
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th March	British Science Week	No	Please contact the school if you'd like to visit to share any skills/experience/knowledge in this sector.
Thursday 21 st March 3.15pm – 8.30pm	Parent Consultation	Yes	Class teachers will meet parents face to face at designated appointment times.
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term Dress Down Day	No	School closes at 3.00pm.