

April 2016



Littlemill Primary and Early Childhood Centre

East Ayrshire Council



Dates for your diary:

May Day 2nd May school closed.

In service/Scottish Election 5th May school closed.

Whole school trip to Dolphin House, Culzean Castle, 13th May.

Walk to School week, 16th May

Sports Day 26th May (tbc)

Local holiday 30th May school closed.

Prize-giving 29th June

School closed 1pm 30th June. Pupils return 17th August .

After School Club

Mrs Ross will be running a cycle club for those sitting their cycling proficiency this term.

Ms Adam will be running a cooking club for all children.

Please look out for permission slips in school bags.

Lockerbie Manor

Our P6 pupil, Jake Whiteford, spent five days on an outdoor residential trip. Such was the success we are offering all P6 and P7 pupils to attend Lockerbie Manor, Autumn 2016. The experience will be fantastic for the children.

Science Week

Pupils and staff experienced a range of science activities. We had the Dark Sky Observatory with their mobile planetarium, Generation Science delivering hands on experiments for the children and a whole school trip to Glasgow Science Centre.

In the classroom pupils made electric cars, digestive systems, musical instruments, exploding volcanoes and lava lamps. STEM activities are loved by the children and continue to be delivered regularly into learning.



Healthy and Active Children

Well done to our P4 tennis stars, competing at the Ayrshire Tennis Championship in Prestwick. Littlemill held their own against some tough opposition and a big thank you to Mr Thompson for his coaching role this year with the children. Those interested in taking up tennis can contact Coynton Tennis Club for details.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every morning, from 8.15 - 8.45am, free to all children courtesy of Greggs.

In the Nursery

We are really pleased to have the nursery open in the morning and afternoon . Ms Robb and Mrs Colville are in the morning and Ms Robb is joined by a new member of staff Mrs Stewart. I would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Stewart to Littlemill.

This term the children are learning about space and planets. Space suits are already made and blast off is soon! After their trip to Dobbies garden centre the children are ready to plant out the seedlings - carrots, cauliflower and salad leaves.

Please look out for stay and play dates for this term, hopefully these will be outside in the sunshine.

Charity

A big thank you for the Daffodil Tea donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Easter Raffle for school funds. Thank you to the continued support of ASDA and Greggs (the yum yums were delicious!). Thank you also to the Community Association for their continued support of the school.

A reminder that Jake in P6 will be completing his Helping Hands Marie Curie bike ride from Littlemill to Patna Primary and back on the 29th April. Donations and support will be most welcomed.



In the classroom

Ms Adam's class are starting their seaside topic, so hopefully a wee trip to the beach! Thank you to Sophie's Dad for donating the fish tank.

Mrs Ross's class are studying materials and how we use them in our daily lives. The class are also studying the formation of rocks. Did you know that Littlemill use to be under the sea! Mrs Jess and the P7 pupils are leading the Heart Start activities. Children will learn simple life saving techniques using our special dummies.

Both classes continue to develop their skills and knowledge about healthy lifestyles. We will be using the Phunky Foods initiative to support learning and active breakfast sports club, with our sport coordinator Ross Stormonth, to work up a healthy appetite.



Wild About Scotland visited the school before Easter. The children explored some of the wild animals that live in Scotland and what we can do to support the wild habitat. It was great to listen to some of the knowledge the children have about Scotland and the wild animals.

Community News

In the community centre there is Prize Bingo, 29th April doors open 6.30pm. Kids Zumba every Wednesday from 4th May, £1 entry fee.