

September 2016



# Littlemill Primary and Early Childhood Centre

East Ayrshire Council

## Dates for your diary:

October Holiday 10th -17th October. Reopen on Tuesday 18th at 9am.

Wear it Pink Breast Cancer awareness Friday 21st October.

Primary 6 Residential to Lockerbie Manor 24th-28th October.

Hallowe'en Party Monday 31st October.

Dyslexia Awareness Week 7th-11th November.

Parent Council Meeting 2pm Thursday 10th November.

Visit to Memorial 11am Friday 11th November.

Wreath laying Sunday 13th November.

Parents' Afternoon Thursday 17th November.



## Breakfast School Club

Ross Stormonth, our sports coordinator, is leading the children in healthy morning games every Thursday morning starting at 8.30am. Littlemill Primary are actively engaged in a strategy to increase physical activity within the school. Pupils and staff complete the Daily Mile challenge and the NHS Jumpstart visit the school on a Wednesday to lead learning about healthy food routines and healthy lifestyle choices.



## Under the Sea

Primary 1-3 visited Sea Life Centre at Loch Lomond. Pupils got to see sharks, lots of different fish and the resident otters. The pupils are learning about the sea and the variety of creatures to be found in it. To finish off the topic Troon RNLI visited to talk about being safe and responsible near and around the sea and open water.



## Breakfast Club

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

## Cross Country

Well done to our P6 and P7 children who completed the East Ayrshire Cross Country event in Kilmarnock. The children represented the school with a super effort on a challenging and fast course.

## First Minister's Reading Challenge

Children will be issued with reading passports as part of a government initiative to raise reading attainment. At Littlemill we regard reading as vital and would urge all children and families to engage with the challenge of reading more and varied texts. To support learning Littlemill will be going for the Silver Dyslexia Friendly School Award, starting this week with our No Pens Day on 5th October. P4-7 regularly complete a Blog to discuss reading and share opinions on literacy and books they have read or are reading.

### In the Nursery

We were sad to see Miss Robb depart (for a new job in Italy - nice!) after the summer holidays, but we have two new members of staff—Miss Speirs and Miss Pawlicka joining Mrs Colville.

The nursery ran a very successful and sticky MacMillan coffee afternoon to raise funds for this very worthwhile charity. The children helped make the cakes and buns and serve our guests. The total raised was £106.34 —Well Done :)



### Flowers for Mrs Maitland

It is with sadness and heartfelt thanks that we say goodbye to Mrs Maitland. Mrs Maitland has served the school and community for many years and supported the learning for many children. She will be truly missed at Littlemill and we wish her well for her continued career at the University of West of Scotland.



### Beyond the School

A big WELL DONE to Evie for achieving her Red Stripe belt in Taekwondo. Evie was full of confidence demonstrating her skills and abilities. Perhaps we'll see her in the Commonwealth or Olympic Games of the future.

### In the Classroom

Mrs Ross is plotting her way across the galaxy, teaching the solar system to her class. The Lunar Module looks about ready for lift off, and this time it is 'rocket science'! I've noticed it must be Autumn because the class has started learning new Scottish Dance routines for their Day of Dance. Practice does make perfect.

Miss Cuthbert has started a very positive transition activity with the pre-school children, learning about the creatures living in our seas. The older children in her class can describe with fantastic knowledge the importance of the sea and its living things to our bio diversity.

### House Captains

This year we have voted in House Captains for the Stane Flare, The Dookie and The Bing. Well done to Chantelle McNally, Jake Whiteford and Elle Kerr for successfully winning the vote to represent their House.

Each week the House has a chance to win points that go toward a monthly treat and the House with the most points over the year win an excursion or activity of their choosing.

The House system is part of our positive behaviour policy with links to the Rights Respecting School agenda and our resilience training programme, Bounce-Back..