



Nether Robertland Primary School April Newsletter



Head Teacher Update

Welcome, to April's newsletter.

I hope you, your family and friends have enjoyed your Easter break.

As we move into our last term of session 2023/2024, I felt it would be helpful to share some more of our successes and achievements from last term, as well as provide some details of what this busy term has in store.

I am very pleased to share that our January to March term was a hugely successful one. All of our young people are continuing to display our school values of **Respect, Responsibility, Determination and Teamwork** at every opportunity and we have been learning more about how to aim towards our vision of **Learn Today, Lead Tomorrow**.

Inspection

As you are aware, we welcomed Education Scotland into our school in January for an inspection. This process was an extremely positive experience and we were delighted to have achieved four 'very goods' across the following quality indicators:

- Leadership of change
- Learning teaching and assessment
- Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion
- Raising attainment and achievement

This amazing achievement is testament to all the hard work and dedication from our whole staff team, our wonderful children and our supportive parents/carers and partners. Thank you!



Communication - Safer Schools App for Pupils

As you know, we are currently using the Safer Schools App as a means of communication with parents/carers. East Ayrshire Council would like to expand use of this to include pupils from P4 to P7. Pupils do not need to use a login, only a pin number which applies only to our school. The pupil pin number for our school is 5368.

The pupil section of the app offers age/stage appropriate content around cyber resilience, using the internet in a safer manner, online gaming and lots of content around wellbeing.

Pupils are invited to have the Safer Scotland app on their personal devices. The reason the app for pupils has been introduced to pupils from P4 to P7 is that 91% of pupils ages 9-12 years have a mobile phone and over 80% are using social media, even though

It would be great if all our young people could have this on their personal devices. The reason we've suggested P4+ is that 91% of pupils aged 9-12 years have a mobile phone, with over 80% using social media, despite the age requirement being 13 years and above.

If you would like your child to use the Safer Scotland app, please take a few moments to discuss the above with your child and then use the pin above to access it.

Homework and Respectful Relationships Consultation

This term, we will be carrying out a whole school consultation on homework and relationships and behaviour. This is to support ongoing self-evaluation and school improvements and to gain a wide range of views from our whole school community.

Over the coming weeks, you will be invited to complete a Form where you will be asked to share your views on homework. The aim is to update our Homework Policy and to have this in place for August 2024.

As we are in the process of refreshing our Respectful Relationship Policy, we would very much like to involve our parents/carers in the process too by asking you to complete a Form. Our Respectful Relationship Policy outlines how we support relationships and behaviour in line with East Ayrshire Council's Relationship Framework.

New School Gates

You may have noticed that we have new gates. This includes two vehicle gates and a pedestrian gate. The new gates will promote a safer school environment for our whole school community. These will be in use immediately. Please see the information below for times when our school community can access our playground out of school hours.

- The playground will be accessible after school every day until 6pm
- The playground will be accessible during school holidays during the day

The gates will be closed over between 9.20am and 9.30am each morning and will remain closed for the remainder of the day. This will mean that if your child is entering or leaving school between 9.20am and 3pm, you will be unable enter the school car park and entry to the school will be via the pedestrian gate only.

Some of Our Successes and Achievements – January to March 2024

- At NRPS, we prioritise the importance of developing the skills and confidence our pupils need to ride a bike and cycle on the road safely. We do this through delivering the Bikeability Programme to as many pupils as possible. We are delighted to share that the Bikeability Level 1 took place last term and it was a huge success. We had many pupils who were non riders or who lacked confidence, and are now able to ride a bike confidently. Bikeability Level 2 will be taking place this term for our P6 pupils.
- We are delighted to announce that the sum of £294 was raised plus £350 through selling Red Noses for this amazing charity. The children had a brilliant day taking part in various activities! Please click on the link below to see what they got up to!
 - <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/Prb3VVGHQxqzLx8H?ref=Link&loc=play>
- Our extremely knowledgeable Rotary Quiz team took part in the District Rotary Quiz. The whole team demonstrated commitment in studying and in taking part in the competition on the night. Well done!



- Our Personal Learning and Achievement assemblies are continuing to be extremely successful. Pupils very much enjoy sharing in their achievements with the whole school community during assemblies. It would be wonderful if across the year, all pupils in our school are recognised for their achievements and to make this a reality, I would like to invite all parents/carers to share these with us. This can be done by emailing the school, providing a brief overview and photograph if possible. Please see email below. This email can be directly accessed via the school app by scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on 'Contact Us'.
 - eanetherrobertland.ps@eastayrshire.org.uk



- Well done to our P6 pupils who have successfully carried out a range of lunchtime sports clubs for P1 to P3 classes. This leadership opportunity will continue this term.

- We will continue to share our successes and achievements in class and school through Twitter @ NetherRob_ps. Please follow us.

Diary Dates

This term is shaping up to be a very busy one. Our school app will have all of the dates for events this term but I thought it would be helpful to provide these in this newsletter too.

Please note that some events may be subject to changes. If there are changes, this will be communicated through our school app.

April

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 2 – Non-discrimination

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think and say and whatever their family background.



15th April – Pupils return

18th April – Parental engagement sessions for P7D and P7H at 2.30pm

18th April – P7 Parents' Information Evening (Stewarton Academy)

22nd April – P1 Induction Dates

- 22nd and 29th April
- 13th May and 20th May
- 3rd and 10th June

23rd April – School photos (Individual, family groups and P1 and P7 class)

25th April – Space themed lunch

30th April – Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly

30th April – Dancefest at The Gaiety, Ayr



May

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1st May – Parent Council meeting at 7pm (Nether Robertland Primary)

3rd May – Parental engagement sessions for P6C and P6M/H at 9.30am

6th May – Local holiday

7th May – P6C and P6M/S at Dumfries House

14th May – P6 Level 2 Bikeability

- 14th May, 21st May, 4th June, 11th June and 18th June

20th to 24th May – Walk to School Week – More information to follow

21st and 22nd May – P7 to S1 Induction Days

23rd May – Parents' Evening

24th May – P6 buddies visiting ECC
 27th May – Local holiday
 28th May – In-service day for staff
 29th May – Pupils return
 29th May – Sports Day (House colours to be worn)

- P4 to P7 at 10.45am – 12pm (Stewarton Academy Courts)
- P1 to P3 at 2pm – 3pm (Nether Robertland Primary)

30th May – Superhero themed lunch
 31st May – P6 buddies visiting ECC

June

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the Month

Article 15 – Freedom of Association

Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.



4th to 7th June – P7 Residential to Inverclyde
 5th June – P4G, P4/5T and P5M/H at Kelburn Country Park
 6th June – New P1 Parent Information Session at 5pm to 6pm (Nether Robertland)
 10th June – New P1 Parent Lunch Taster Session at 11.45am
 11th June – Personal Learning and Achievement Assembly
 11th June – Parent Council meeting at 7pm (Nether Robertland Primary)
 14th June – Bump-up Day (Transition)
 17th June – P7 School Show (Afternoon and evening performance, times TBC)
 20th June – P7 Leavers' Party at 6.30pm to 9pm
 20th June – Beach party themed lunch
 20th June – P2S and P3M to Culzean Country Park
 21st June – P1B, P1H and P1/2W to Culzean Country Park
 25th June – End of term Church and Celebrating Success Service at 11am (St Columba's)
 26th June – Winning House Reward (Silent Disco)
 28th June – School closes at 1pm for Summer break

August

19th and 20th August – In-service day for staff
 21st August – Pupils return

Kind regards, Mrs Beveridge

