



## Newsletter April/May 2026

Louise Gordon, Headteacher of Burntisland Primary School, and Leanne Bain, Depute Headteacher, continue to support Auchtertool during Mrs Ritchie's absence.

We are really enjoying working with the children and being part of such a wonderful school community.

If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

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# Sharing our Learning

## Primary 1 - 4



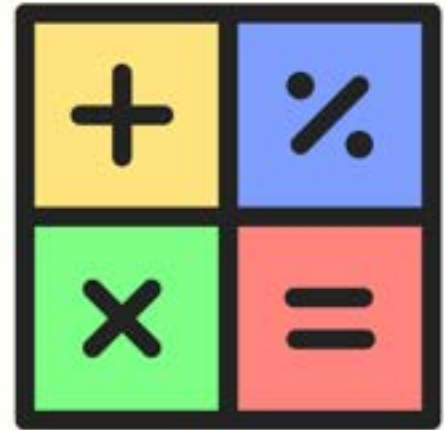
Primary 1-4 have been enjoying a wide range of fun and engaging learning experiences this term. In literacy, the children have been developing their reading, writing and spelling skills through stories, phonics activities and talking about their learning. They have been encouraged to share ideas, listen to others and build confidence when speaking in class.

In numeracy, learning has focused on developing number knowledge, including counting, number patterns, addition and subtraction, as well as exploring shape, measure and data through practical, hands-on activities. The children have also been enjoying learning across different areas of the curriculum through topical work, creative tasks and outdoor learning opportunities.

It has been lovely to see the children so enthusiastic, curious and proud of their achievements.

# Sharing our Learning

## Primary 5-7



Primary 5-7 have been busy with a wide range of engaging learning experiences this term. In literacy, pupils are developing their persuasive writing skills, focusing on grammar and the use of emotive language, as well as building strong reading skills through understanding, analysing and discussing texts. As part of their topic on Europe, the children are learning about different countries, flags, capital cities, landmarks, mapping skills and animals. In numeracy, learning has focused on shape, division and algebra, and the class is also enjoying learning Spanish with Mr Taylor. It's been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.

# P7 Outdoor Learning



## Primary 7 Outdoor Learning at the Binn Hill

On 8th May, the Primary 7 cohort from Auchtertool joined the Primary 7 pupils from Burntisland for an outdoor learning day at the Binn Hill. The children enjoyed spending time together in our local environment, taking part in a range of outdoor learning activities while exploring the area and building friendships across schools. It was a lovely opportunity for teamwork, fresh air and learning beyond the classroom.

# Ardroy



## Ardroy Residential

Our children had a fantastic time at Ardroy, making the most of every opportunity and embracing new challenges.

They were confident, resilient and eager to try a wide range of activities, with many stepping out of their comfort zones. Miss Arnold and Mrs Bain also thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were very proud of how well the children represented the school. It was a truly memorable visit for everyone involved!



# School Sports Day



## School Sports Event

We are looking forward to our school sports event, which will take place in the park on Friday 29th May at 2.00pm.

Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and watch. The Active Schools team will be supporting staff to help run the event and ensure the children enjoy a positive and active afternoon.



# Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly



The Primary 7 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Wednesday 1st July 2026, from 2.15pm-3.00pm.

Come and Celebrate Our Primary 7 Pupils with us as we mark this special milestone for our pupils at the Village Hall. Following the celebration, Primary 7 pupils and their parents/carers are warmly invited back to the school to join us for a high tea.

# Balwearie Cluster Primary 7 Transitions



Our Primary 7 pupils enjoyed the Balwearie Transition Cluster event at Beveridge Park on Tuesday 19th May 2026. They took part in a variety of activities alongside their peers from the other cluster schools. These events have been extremely successful in the past and provide a valuable opportunity for pupils to build confidence and friendships ahead of secondary school. They now have two days in June to look forward to up at the 'big school'.



## Goodbye Mrs Thompson



We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Thompson, who has worked at Aughtertool for many years. She has been a real asset to the team and will be sadly missed by both staff and children. Mrs Thompson has secured a new position and, while we are sorry to see her leave, we are delighted for her and wish her every success in her new role.

# Contacting us



Please note staff do not use their personal emails to contact parents. This helps us to re-direct enquiries when staff are absent or unavailable, due to teaching commitments or when out of office.

Parents should phone or use the school email to contact the person you wish to speak to or to raise a query or concern. This is also the case for any message you want to send to class teachers.

Please continue to use the school contact details :

[auchtertool.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:auchtertool.enquiries@fife.gov.uk)

01592 583 411

# Diary Dates

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - tennis taster session P4-5 - Kirkcaldy Tennis Club

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Parent Council Meeting - 6pm

**Thursday 28 May** - AM P5-P7 Fife Primary Cross-Country Championship  
(Beveridge Park)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** - School Sports 2pm-3pm

**Monday 1 June** - Holiday

**Friday 5 June** - P5-P7 Wee Big Sing (Instructor's Concert, Auchmuty HS)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** P7 Commonwealth Games Cluster event - Beveridge  
Park.

**Thursday 11 June** - PM P6 & P7 viola players at Balwearie HS Transition  
Event

**Wednesday 17 June** - P7 Transition Day (Balwearie HS)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - P1-4 School Trip

**Thursday 18 June** - P7 Transition Day (Balwearie HS)

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** Balwearie Sports day P7 and one person from each stage

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Leaver's Service 2:15pm - 3pm

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - P7 Leaver's Afternoon Tea

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

*End of term celebration in the park (silent disco)*

