

<u>Spring Term 2022</u>	
*Wednesday 2 nd February	Levenmouth Academy Roadshow, 6pm and 7.15pm
Wednesday 16 th February	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 17 th February	Holiday
Friday 18 th February	Holiday
*Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Council, Bowling Club, 6pm – all welcome
*Week beginning Monday 21 st March	Parent Consultations – more info to follow
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of Spring Term
<u>Summer Term 2022</u>	
Monday 18 th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 2 nd May	Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	In Service Day – school closed to pupils
*Friday 13 th – Monday 16 th May	P7 Residential, Ardroy OEC
*Friday 3 rd June	Additional Holiday Queen’s Jubilee
Monday 6 th June	Holiday
*Tuesday 28 th June	P7 Leavers’ Assembly – more info to follow
Friday 30 th June	Last Day of Summer Term

Date changes **
 New dates *

WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING?

P5/6/7 – ‘Our Scientific Days’

As part of our learning about climate change, P5/6/7 have been meeting a number of scientists through Teams. We have been learning about their jobs, how to conduct ‘fair tests’ and record what they find out.

We were fortunate to be selected to take part in the Scotland-wide ‘The Big Balloon Experiment’, run by the Roslin Institute and Edinburgh University. Working in pairs, we experimented with yeast, sugar and hot/cold water to discover which mixtures made the most CO₂.

We then had an opportunity to meet Judith Robertson from the Haematology Lab at Victoria Hospital. Judith told us about blood, her work in the blood bank, getting blood available for operations and the different types of tests they carried out at the lab.

Dr Susie Wood from the University of Strathclyde described her work as a research chemist and gave us an experiment to do, adding red cabbage juice to lots of different liquids. The cabbage juice changed colour depending on the pH level. Vinegar was very acid. During Outdoor Learning, we collected samples of water and tested the pH levels. Climate change is making our oceans more acidic. That is one impact of all the extra CO₂! Our next step is to check the pH level of the water regularly, record and share our findings.



Parent Council

Thank you to our Parent Council for our P7 Leavers’ Hoodies. Our P7s are delighted with them and extremely proud! The Parent Council met recently and are planning new events. Our next Parent Council meeting is on Tuesday 8th March at the Bowling Club. Come along and make a difference – all welcome.

School Fundraising

Thank you to Coaltown of Wemyss Bowling Club who donated £50 before Christmas. Their donation and some of our fundraising from Santa's Grotto paid for the party food for our Christmas parties. We raised £56.60 from Santa's Grotto after costs. Thanks to everyone who contributed. We hope you enjoyed your gifts! It is only through donations and school fundraising that we can offer events like trips, etc. We will be raising more funds for events later in the session.

Grass update

Thank you to all the parents and members of the community who have worked with us to ensure that our pupils get the facilities they deserve! The grass was lifted and relaid with more soil. The new grass appears to be establishing well. Pupils can play on the grass areas (no bikes etc) if it isn't frosty. We will keep off the grass on frosty days to ensure it survives the winter. We will continue to work with the Parent Council and our partners to monitor. The two picnic benches which were displaced have been secured in the shed, next to our Kitbag animals' mural. Any concerns about the grass, or any aspect of our playground, please get in touch.

Learning Aims

We have shared our Learning Aims for terms 3 and 4, including Get on my Level Parent and Carer Guides, on SeeSaw. If you are having issues accessing SeeSaw, please contact Hayley in our office.

Youth Music Initiative, Scots and Gaelic Project

Burns' Day this year saw P3/4/5 and P5/6/7 start a music project with the Youth Music Initiative covering P5 pupils, learning Scots and Gaelic songs. 'YMI is funded by the Scottish Government and administered by Creative Scotland. Funds have been awarded to Fife Council for project work during this session. YMI seeks to support and promote and develop high quality early access music making experiences for all children and young people regardless of ability, location, social or cultural backgrounds.'

COMING UP

P1 Enrolment/Deferment

Do you live in Coaltown of Wemyss or West Wemyss? Will you be aged 5 by August?? Then you can enrol NOW to join P1 in August! Please ask your grown up to follow this link and fill in our new online Enrolment Form- <https://www.fife.gov.uk/.../apply.../enrol-in-primary-school> Please be aware there is a deadline for this form which is Tuesday 1st March 2022!

If your child won't be 5 in August, you can now apply for an extra year of nursery. You can do this by contacting your child's key worker in Nursery.

Parent Consultations

We have Parent Consultations in the calendar for March. We will update everyone once we know whether we are able to do in-person consultations or video/phone calls.

Important Information for P7

We've added some important dates for our P7s for this and next term. We have sent information out via text and email. If you have not received this please contact the office. We will also have a special **P5/6/7 celebration** outing in June to say goodbye to their P7 pals. Last year, we had a great trip to Craigtoun Park. Our whole staff team always want to give up their own time to treat our P7s to an **outing afterschool**, too, to say goodbye. More information on these events to follow. Watch this space!

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01592 583420 or coaltownofwemyssps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk, if you have any questions or queries.

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