**Weekly Update – Term 2 – 8 November 2022**





**News**

Children have been learning traditional Scottish Country Dances at PE and the Sports Committee are planning a Scottish Country Dancing Festival. We love hearing the music and all of the children are becoming very skilled at counting in 8s!

Primary 6 and Primary 7 have completed all four golf sessions at Dunfermline Golf Club. Here’s some information from 4 of our children in Primary 6.

**Aaron J – Driving – How to Drive**

Firstly you get the right size of golf club.

Secondly you put a golf ball on the tee.

Thirdly you line up the club and then hit the ball as far as you an.

**Arran R – Chipping**

For chipping you had to chip the ball through a hula hoop.

**Irons**

For irons you had to hit the ball as close to the flag, but if you get the ball in the hole you would receive a chocolate bar or your choice.

**Martha – Ironing**

When we go to golf on Fridays Aidan and Peter teach us on the practice course. There are four stations, driving, ironing, chipping and putting.

We use the four basic golf clubs. For putting there is a small club. For driving we use a bigger one. Ironing also has a bigger one.

We have been going for 4 weeks. The weather has been pretty rubbish a couple of times! It was also cancelled once because of the weather and wind.

**Kate**

On Fridays we go to golf with our two coaches, Aidan and Peter. We do driving, ironing, chipping and putting.

There’s four stations. Putting is my favourite. There are three holes. You have a partner and a club. You have to try to hit the golf ball as close as possible to get the ball in the hole. As few hits as possible will give you the best score.

When you have hit the golf ball in the putting hole you move on to the next hole. After a while you move onto the next station.

We have a lot of fun on putting and all the other stations. Our coaches teach us very well and we’re getting better every day we go.

**Star Writers**

Each week we will be recognising Star Writers in each class at assembly. Star Writers for week beginning 31 October 2022 were

Primary 1 – Mikey

Primary 1/2 – Olive

Primary 2 – Colton

Primary 3 – Hannah

Primary 4 – Emmie

Primary 5 – Katie

Primary 6 – Heidi

Primary 7 – Kaelin

Well done. We are very proud of you.

**Attend to Achieve!**

Regular attendance at school is an important part of a child’s academic journey. Pupils who attend school regularly are less likely to fall behind.

**Regular attendance gives your child the opportunity to:**

* Learn new things daily
* Develop and practise skills
* Make friends and feel included
* Increase their confidence and self esteem
* Improve their social skills
* Increase their attainment and achievement
* Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations and ambitions
* Have a good daily routine

**Every Day Matters!**

In an average school year there are 190 school days.

So, at the end of the school year –

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| **If your child’s attendance is** | **Days of school missed** | **Weeks of school missed** |
| **95%** | **9 ½ days**  | **Almost 2 weeks of learning missed** |
| **90%** | **19 days**  | **Almost 4 weeks of learning missed** |
| **85%** | **28 ½ days**  | **Almost 6 weeks of learning missed** |
| **80%** | **38 days**  | **Almost 8 weeks of learning missed** |
| **75%** | **47 ½ days**  | **9 ½ weeks of learning missed** |
| **70%** | **57 days**  | **Over 11 weeks of learning missed** |
| **65%** | **66 ½ days**  | **Over 13 weeks of learning missed**  |
| **60%** | **76 days**  | **Over 15 weeks of learning missed**  |

Help your child get the most out of their education by helping them come to school every day.

**Learning’s great…so don’t be late!**

Children who arrive on time settle quickly and feel included in the routines of the school day and get the full benefit of all the teaching and learning in their classroom environment.

* A child who is 10 minutes late every day has lost nearly an hour of school a week. Over a year this adds up to losing over a week of school time.
* Late children miss the introduction of their day and the first part of teaching of the morning.
* Lateness causes disruption to the whole class as well as the child who is late.
* Arriving late can often be embarrassing or stressful to the child involved.

**We’re here to help.**

If there is anything we can do as a school to support you with your child’s attendance please contact us through Seesaw, crossfordps.enquiries@fife.gov.uk or by phoning 01383 602451

**Term time holidays**

We are unable to authorise term time holidays. Please think carefully before arranging holidays. Up to date school holiday dates can be found on our website or by searching for *Fife School holidays* online.

**School Improvement Priorities**

**Our improvement priorities for this year are**

* **Raise attainment in reading and encourage everyone in our school and nursery community to read for enjoyment.**
* **Raise attainment in writing by writing every day, retelling well known stories and continuing to learn and develop different tools for writing eg ambitious vocabulary, accurate punctuation and using effective openers.**
* **Improve our nursery environment to encourage children to be curious, independent and make good progress in learning and development.**

**Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any ideas to support us in our improvement journey.**

**Part of our plans for improvement in reading for enjoyment is participation in Reading Schools award. We need to gather information for baseline data about current levels of reading for enjoyment in our school community – children, parents/carers and staff. Our Reading Ambassadors would be grateful if you could please spend a few minutes completing the survey for parents/carers using the link below if you have not already completed this through last week’s SWAY. Thank you for taking the time to support our Reading Ambassadors with this.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKf_mRrx2NUhFrRRJdLEZNQRUODUyQktMVUxCSlBQNlFJRlVLODJUMUxaMC4u>

**Reading Ambassadors – Scottish Book Week**

**Equality and Diversity Audit**

**Fife Council are currently undertaking an audit to better understand areas of focus for development and support over the coming session and beyond. Please can we ask for a couple of minutes of your time to complete the following survey.**

[Let's Talk About Diversity - Families](https://forms.office.com/r/jE5E0EGs24)

**Child Protection & Safeguarding**

**Our current child protection co-ordinators are:-**

**Mrs Lorna Bernard –** lorna.bernard@fife.gov.uk

**Mrs Sharon Logie –** sharon.logie-qh@fife.gov.uk

**If you are ever concerned about the immediate safety of a child then do not hesitate to contact Police Scotland on 999.**

**If you need to share any concerns outwith school working hours, please contact Fife Social Work using the contact details below:-**

**Social Work Contact Centre – 03451 551503**

**Out of hours Social Work (evenings and weekends only) – 03451 550099**

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| **Monday** | * P4 outdoor learning in Dunfermline
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| **Tuesday** | * PE – P2, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7
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| **Wednesday** | * PE – P1, P1/2, P2 & P3
* Nursery visiting the woods
* Parents’ Evening
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| **Thursday** | * PE – P1, P1/2, P4, P5, P6 & P7
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| **Friday** | * In-service – School closed to children
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**Next week – Week beginning 14 November 2022 – SCOTTISH BOOK WEEK**

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| **Reminders!** |
| * Please ensure your child has a gym kit which can be kept in school.
* Please ensure ONLY water in bottles.
* Keep up to date with class work and pictures through SeeSaw
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