

NEWSLETTER

6TH OCTOBER 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can you believe that term one has already come to an end? It is hard to believe that eight weeks have passed since we welcomed children back to school after the summer holidays. Our children and our staff team have worked very hard this term and I am blown away by the high standards of learning that are being shared with me on a daily basis.

Term 1 Successes During this time each term I like to reflect on the successes we have experienced as a school and I am pleased to be able to share these with you. Our children have settled into their new classes fantastically well and continue to receive incredibly high quality learning and teaching delivered by our very dedicated staff team. Many of our young people have made fantastic progress this term and I am excited to see this continue next term. Our introduction of Seesaw has been very positively received by staff, children and their families. Given the restrictions that prevent us welcoming families into the building, it is lovely to be able to share each child's learning with their loved ones at home and involve you in your child's learning. Our Primary 7 House Captains have been selected following successful speeches and voting from their peers and have already been supporting the younger children within the playground.

Extra-Curricular Clubs We are now in a position to be able to offer a variety of different extra-curricular opportunities that will run for a four week block each term. Initially, these opportunities will be offered to individual classes. You will receive a letter in the first week after the October holidays detailing the clubs that will be on offer in term two and places will be balloted depending on demand.

I.C.T. Thank you to the families who have already completed the Forms about I.C.T. in September. If you have not already done so, please complete this as soon as possible as it is really important we hear from all of our families. The link to the form is : <https://forms.office.com/r/Sq8w0sL85j> or you can scan the QR code



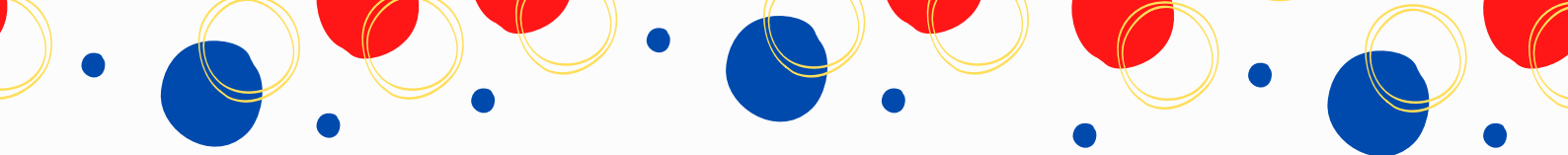
P.E. Kits Children are now allowed to change for P.E. within school and do not need to come to school in their P.E. clothes on a gym day. Children should continue to wear a school uniform each day.

Halloween This year all children who wish to will be able to join a class Halloween party and disco with music, games and a few sweet treats. While children are encouraged to dress up, please do not bring props for costumes into school. We will be in touch at the start of term two with specific dates.

Copper Mile A massive thank you to everyone for their donations for our copper mile challenge. We are currently over a quarter of the way there. We are currently sitting at 460 metres of our 1609 meter target. Please keep the pennies coming!

Rights Respecting Schools We are very excited that next term we will have our virtual accreditation visit from Rights Respecting Schools. We were very proud when we achieved our Bronze Award but even more excited to share all of our learning to get our next Silver Award.

Tooth Brushing Next term pupils in the EYC - Primary 3 will commence tooth brushing within school. This might not be every single day initially and we ask you to support this with tooth brushing at home.



Wet Weather As we leave summer behind and head into autumn we start to feel the chill of the weather. We ask that children come to school dressed for the weather each day and jackets be worn. If the weather is very wet we will supervise children indoors at playtime and lunchtime however we are unable to supervise children before 9am on wet mornings and ask that you do not send children to school too early on these mornings. As you can imagine, children who don't get outside on wet days tend to become a bit restless. If the weather brightens up at any points we will endeavor to take children outside for some active learning in the afternoons.

Parent Council Our AGM for the Parent Council was held on the 24th September. It was lovely seeing some of our members continue in their roles and welcoming new members to the Council. We will be meeting monthly in our outdoor classroom weather permitting or virtually. Please contact the school office if you wish to be sent an invite. The roles for our Parent Council this session are:

- Chair - Wendy Crighton
- Depute Chair - June McKirdy
- Secretary - Tracy Wilson
- Treasurer - Amy McConnachie

iPay. On 18th October all schools within North Ayrshire will be moving to iPay as the e-payment system for all payments in school. This will also include school lunches. The balance of money from Parentpay will be automatically transferred over. ID's and log in details should be sent to you this week from North Ayrshire. Families will be able to see, discuss and place orders for school dinners alongside their children at home, with the orders being sent to the Kilwinning Academy kitchen on a daily basis.

Thank you once again for all of your support this term. I wish you and your family the very best October Holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back on 18th October.

Best wishes,

Lorna Marshall

Mrs L. Marshall
Head Teacher

Dates for your diary.

- **11 - 15 Oct: School Holiday**
 - **18 Oct: School Returns**
 - **8-12 Nov: Termly Target Parents Appointments**
 - **18 Nov: Staff In-Service Day - School closed to pupils**
 - **19 and 22 Nov: November Holiday Weekend**
 - **23 Dec: Christmas Holiday**
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