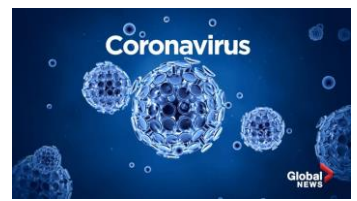


Elderbank Primary, Early Years,
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March 2020 Newsletter

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Coronavirus

As you are aware we are continuing to take advice from the relevant National Agencies and North Ayrshire Council relating to the Coronavirus outbreak.

We have already increased the frequency of handwashing and supported the children to ensure they are washing their hands thoroughly.

We have spoken to some carers about concerns over sensitive skin. The soap being used is the same soap as we have always used. We believe some sensitivity is because of the frequency and perhaps some young people were not using as much of the soap previously. Some pupils have chosen to use their own sensitive products and they simply carry this with them and use it to wash their own hands. We have reminded pupils this is not to be shared.

If there are to be any changes to School and Early Years opening you will be informed directly from the school via text message and the school app. Please make sure if you have changed your mobile number or your email that you contact the school on Monday 16th March 2020.

If your child requires to self-isolate please contact the school office. You will be asked the reason for the self-isolation. Please respect that we require to record this information.

The Primary 1 Sharing the Learning event on Wednesday 25th March is postponed. Updates will be provided.

The After School Clubs will continue at present, **but pupils will be dismissed from the side entrance where the P2 pupils usually exit.** This means that we can control the number of people entering the building. Please arrive at pick up time as there will be no indoor access.

School Meals



It is important that if your child should pay for school meals that you ensure your child's account is in credit. If you need any assistance the office staff will provide additional information. If you meet the criteria for Free School Meals please ensure you make the necessary application.

Scottish Focus

Well done to all of the children who were finalists in the Verse Speaking Competition. We are also very proud of the children who participated in the competitions at the Wellwood Centre.

Pupil Behaviour



Our school values are Respect, Inclusion, Equality and Excellence and it is essential that all staff and pupils embrace these. Last week we had a focus on Respect and getting on at Elderbank. 'Lets get on @Elderbank'. The children came together on Friday and shared their class activities and learning with the rest of the school. We hope that all children will take more time to consider how their actions and behaviour can impact on others.

Outdoor Clothing

As part of our continued commitment to learning outdoors, please ensure your child has suitable footwear and clothing for learning outdoors in all weathers.

Financial Education

Thank you to the Clydesdale Bank for supporting our Financial Education Week. We are also very grateful to the Parents and Carers who supported the Breakfast Blether. The children all gave very positive feedback and we hope this encourages them to save and manage their money in the future wisely.

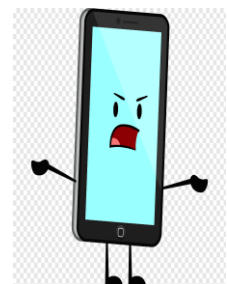


Primary 7 Transition to Greenwood Academy

Primary 7 visits to Greenwood Academy which were rescheduled from the end of January will be cancelled due to the uncertain situation at present with the Coronavirus. The planned days in May are not affected at present.

Mobile Phones

As per the school policy, if your child requires to bring a mobile phone to school as they may require it for safety on a journey home, then it must be switched off on your child's entry to school and for safe keeping given to the class teacher who will lock it away. Unfortunately, we have had some pupils not following the protocol and have compromised the safety of others by using them inappropriately during the school day.



Please reinforce the school policy with your child and we will review the same at school.

Parent Council News

The Parent Council had arranged a Spring Disco for Thursday 2nd April 2020. Unfortunately, due to the uncertain situation at present this will be postponed.

Sad News

We are sorry to inform you that our much loved Lollypop Man, Tommy has passed away. We send our sincere condolences to his family. The Parent Council have offered to co-ordinate any donations any family would like to make. These can be handed into the School Office before Thursday 19th March 2020.

Dates for your Diary

| Date | Event |
|---------|--|
| 11.2.20 | In-Service Day - School and Early Years closed for pupils |
| 23.3.20 | Early Years Play and Stay sessions available this week CANCELLED |
| 25.3.20 | Primary 1 Sharing the Learning at 9:15a.m. for parents and carers CANCELLED |
| 02.4.20 | School closes at 2:30p.m. for pupils |
| | Pupil Progress Reports issued to parents and carers |
| 03.4.20 | In-Service Day - School and Early Years closed for pupils |
| 20.4.20 | Pupils return to School and Early Years |