



# NEWSLETTER

February 2026

## A Note From Mrs McGuire

As we approach the February long weekend I want to take a moment to thank our pupils, staff and families for the hard work and positivity you have brought to the term so far. It's been a busy few weeks filled with learning, creativity and community spirit and I look forward to more of the same after a well deserved rest over the long weekend.

As always, please feel free to contact the school office if you have any enquiries.

Pauline McGuire, Head Teacher

## Commonwealth Champions

Two pupils from P7 represented the school at a recent Commonwealth Champions Convention at Inverclyde Sports Centre. The pupils, along with their classmates, will use what they learned to plan some activities for the rest of the school for the Commonwealth Games.



## World Book Day Events

Children in P1 are planning some events to celebrate World Book Day.

A Book Swap Shop will take place on Thursday 5th March and we are lucky to have children's author Sam Crawford Cox visiting P1-3 on Tuesday 3rd March.

We will issue further details soon!

## Free Fruit!

The children were keen to get one of their five-a-day when Tesco in Kilbirnie gifted us with lots of delicious apples.



## Village Inn Donations

We are very grateful for the generous donation of a selection box for every pupil from the Village Inn. What a lovely surprise for everyone!



## Parent Council Festive Event

The school has benefitted from another successful event organised by the Parent Council with a huge total of £808 raised. Thanks to all the families that came along for the Festive Games Night in December and well done to all the winners!

We look forward to the next one which will be on Friday 27th March. Details to follow.



## Holidays for the School and Early Years

School Holiday Weekend  
Fri 6th—Mon 9th February

In-Service Day  
Tues 10th February

Easter Holiday  
Fri 3rd—Sun 19th April

(Dates are inclusive.)



### Shoebbox Appeal

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Shoebbox Appeal. It's wonderful to see the school value of Thoughtfulness in action!



#### Early Years

As always, our Early Years Class is very busy with lots on the calendar this term.

Tuesday 12th February, 9.15–10am  
Togetherness Workshop

Friday 20th February, 4.30–5.15pm  
Parent Group—Coffee & Blether

Friday 27th February, 9.15–10am  
PATHs Session

Tuesday 3rd March, 9.15–10am  
Bookbug Session

Thursday 12th March, 4.30–5.15pm  
PEEP Sensory Session

Tuesday 17th March, 9.15–10am  
Communication Workshop

Monday 23rd March, 4.30–5.15pm  
PEEP Outdoor Session

Thursday 2nd April, 9.15–10am  
Easter Bookbug Session

#### Celebrating Success



We love to reward our pupils for their achievements in school. Certificates given out each week at assembly particularly promote our values of Ambition and Confidence.

We also encourage our pupils to share their successes from out of school, whether it's developing a new skill or joining a club.

**If you have any photographs of your child(ren) achieving something out of school, we would love to include them in our Wider Achievement display. Email them to [fairlie@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk](mailto:fairlie@ea.n-ayrshire.sch.uk) and include their name and what their skill or activity is.**

#### P7 Transition Events

The P7 transition programme continues with the following events:-

Thursday 12th March  
Scavenger Hunt at Largs Academy

Tuesday 21st April  
Meet the Staff at Largs Academy (uniforms will be available to buy)

Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd May  
Timetabled Transition Days

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

Pupils have been working in groups of mixed stages on a variety of projects.

These are their next steps:-

#### Developing Young Workforce

Planning a Skills and World of Work Day.

#### Digital Leaders

Looking after the technology devices and finding some more fun maths games apps.

#### Eco Schools

Leading a litter picking initiative and looking at the criteria for the Green Eco Flag status.

#### Fairtrade

Raising awareness of Fairtrade through posters and assembly. Working towards the Fair Aware award.

#### Gardening

Organising the garden area and building a bug hotel.

#### Pupil Council

Looking at the 'How Good Is Our School?' criteria and looking at participation of pupils in clubs and events.

#### Reading Schools

Working on improving the appearance and feel of the library. Encouraging more reading for enjoyment.

#### Rights Respecting Schools

Completing a school evaluation and raising awareness for the Rights of the Child.

#### Wellbeing

Promoting good hygiene and introducing 'Fruity Friday'.

#### P1 Enterprise Group

Pupils in P1 are planning events for World Book Day.

**Ask your children which group they are part of, as they display the school value of Belonging.**



### Visit to Digital Processing Manufacturing Centre

Two pupils from P6 were selected to visit the DPMC in Irvine last week. The boys learned about the world of work within the industry, took part in a design challenge with pupils from other schools, and met the robot dog, Spot.



### Champions for Change

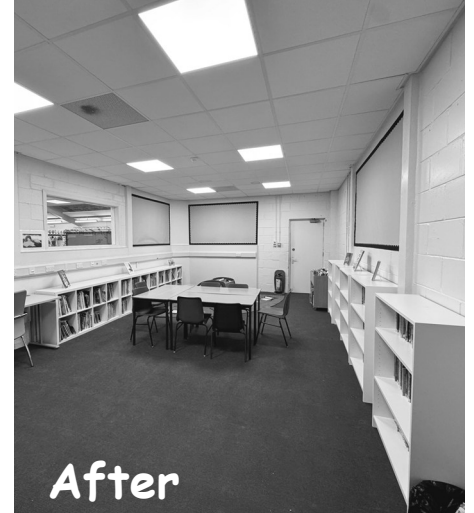
Children from P5 to P7 have benefited from sessions delivered by KA Leisure. They learned about how to stay healthy through some engaging games.

### Curriculum Showcase

We are hosting an open afternoon on Tuesday 17th March 2-3pm. It will be a great chance for pupils to share their recent learning experiences with parents/ carers. More details will follow in a letter..

### Library Makeover

As part of the Reading Schools community group, children decided that we needed to enhance our library space. With some help from the grown ups, the children sorted through the books and asked Mrs McGuire to order new furniture.



### Rights Respecting Schools

Article 7 of the UNCRC says that all children and young people have the right to a name and nationality, which they should be granted at birth. This has been the first focus of the Rights Respecting Schools community group.

### School Clubs

At the moment, the clubs we have on offer are:-

Football—P5-P7 Tuesday after school

Choir—P4-P7 Wednesday lunchtimes

Commonwealth Games Club

P4-P7 Wednesday after school

We are planning some more clubs, so watch this space!

### Burns Cronies Visit

The pupils have been busy practising their Burns poems. The Cronies will be paying us a visit and hearing some of them recite the poems on Wednesday 18th February.

### Scottish Afternoon

P7/6 will be organising activities for the other classes to celebrate all things Scottish on Wednesday 25th February.

### Reporting Sessions

We look forward to welcoming you to talk about your child's progress at the parents' evenings on Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 31st March. Letters to follow.

### Latecoming

A gentle reminder that our doors open at 8.55am to allow pupils to be in class and ready to learn at 9am.

Persistent latecoming can be disruptive for our learners and impacts the pace of learning and teaching across the school.



# Dates for your Diary

Friday 6th—Monday 9th February	School Holiday	School closed
Tuesday 10th February	In-Service Day Pupils off	All classes
Tuesday 12th February 9.15-10am	Togetherness Workshop	Early Years
Monday 16th February 6pm	P7 Residential Talk by staff from Dumfries House	P7 families
Wednesday 18th February	Cronies Visit for Burns poetry recital	Selected pupils
Friday 20th February 4.30-5.15pm	EYC Parent Group Coffee & Blether	Early Years
Wednesday 25th February	Scottish Afternoon for Pupils organised by P7/6	All classes
Friday 27th February 9.15-10am	PATHs Session	Early Years
Tuesday 3rd March 9.15-10am	Bookbug Session	Early Years
Tuesday 3rd March	Author Visit—Sam Crawford Cox	P1-3
Thursday 5th March	Book Swap Shop	All classes
Thursday 12th March	Scavenger Hunt at Largs Academy	P7
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Monday 23rd March 4.30-5.15pm	PEEP Outdoor Session	Early Years
Monday 23rd March	Parents' Evening	All classes and families
Friday 27th March	Parent Council Event	All families
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