



Gateside Primary School



TERM 4 NEWSLETTER - MAY 2021



We are now in Term 4 and would like to thank everyone for their support during this challenging time. It has been a very quick term but we have managed to squeeze in as much learning as possible. Transition activities are well under way and we are looking forward to the end of year school trips.

Continuation of the soft entry in the morning and staggered exit in the afternoons will take place until the end of term.

Confirmation of the day-to-day running of the school in accordance with North Ayrshire's guidelines will be shared on Seesaw prior to your child returning on Wednesday 18th August, 2021.

We are still awaiting confirmation from North Ayrshire Council regarding staffing for next session. We are sadly having to say goodbye to Mrs Cassidy, Mrs Purdie, Miss Wilson, Mrs Clark (EYC) and Miss Carson (EYC). We wish them all the best for the future.

In August, Miss Dunlop will be returning to her post as Head Teacher and Mrs Logan will resume her post as Depute Head Teacher. We are also excited to welcome back Mrs Poole from maternity leave. Classes for next session will be confirmed with you before the end of Term.

Rugby

James Pinkerton our Garnock Valley Rugby Development Coach has been in school on a Thursday afternoon to give taster sessions of touch rugby to the P3/4/5 and P6/7 classes. The children enjoyed their time out in the field learning the basics.



After School Multi Sports

Laura Blyth has been taking the children on a Tuesday and Wednesday for After School Multi Sports. The children have enjoyed their sessions. Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd June will be the last session.

Road Safety

Thank you for supporting us in parking safely at drop off and pick up times. We ask that parents/carers arrive as close as possible to their designated pick up time. This will allow enough parking spaces and therefore reduce congestion. Please do not park on the pavement, as this is an obstruction and means that people then have to walk on the road to pass.



Please find attached our new Road Safety Plan created by our new Junior Road Safety Officers.

Parent Council

The Parent Council have kindly subsidised the trips for the school this year, and have also purchased Leaving Hoodies for the Primary 7s. They have regular meetings which are held using Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join these meetings and attending them all is not a necessity. Why not try out the next meeting on Zoom to get an insight into how the committee works together for the good of the school. Since using Zoom we are pleased to see an increased number of parents attending the meetings. Thank you for your support. If you have any fund raising ideas then please contact Mrs Barker at janicehome1@aol.com

Rag Bag

Rag Bag collection will take place on Tuesday 8th June. Can you please ensure that you drop your tied bags inside the school gate on Monday 7th June.



School Trips

P1 to P5 will be taking a trip to Findlaystone Country Park on Monday 14th June, 2021. Please remember to wear appropriate clothes for the weather and bring a snack, water bottle and packed lunch in a plastic bag.

P6/7 are going on the following days out as they were unable to have a residential trip this year.

Thursday 3rd June, 2021 Newmilns Snow & Sports Complex

Monday 7th June, 2021 Irvine Beach, Vanilla Joes

Tuesday 15th June, 2021 Fit Body Farm

Please ensure your child remembers to bring a snack, water bottle and packed lunch in a plastic bag. A full change of clothes/shoes and a towel will be required on these days as well.

Early Years trip to Barrmill Park will take place on Monday 7th June. Mrs Logan will transport the children by minibus to the park and parents will collect their child from Barrmill Community Hall at 12.15 pm.

Transition

P7 transition day to Garnock will be on Friday 11th June from 9.10 am to 10.40 am.

P1 transition day will take place on Tuesday 8th June where the children will work with Mrs Reid in the school hall and have a chance to sample the lunch menu.

Our new Early Years children will be visiting outdoors in the Early Years Garden on Tuesday 8th June, 2021.

Prizegiving

Once again, as we are unable to hold an official ceremony, Mrs Logan will create a video/slide show to share on Seesaw the achievements of our pupils. On Thursday 17th June, 2021, Primary 7 parents are invited to the school playground for a socially distanced celebration to see their child receive their prizes and leavers gift at 2.00 pm. (Get your hankies ready!!)

Sports Day

Sports Day will be individual classes. They will be allocated a time slot with equipment being sanitised between each class. This will take place on Wednesday 16th June, 2021. We are really sorry, but no spectators are allowed.

We now have 555 followers on Twitter. You will find us at @GatesideSchool and please remember to retweet our tweets to spread the word about the great things happening at Gateside!



Easy Fund Raising

Remember to use www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ when doing your online shopping to raise funds for Gateside Primary School. This is really easy to do, so please think about us when you start your online Christmas shopping.



Parent Pay

Please remember to keep your child's Parent Pay Account in credit. There is an option that you can set up to enable you to receive a reminder when your funds are low. Please log in and click on the "Add an Alert" button. There is also an option now to set up a Direct Debit or Bank Transfer.



Holidays

The school will be closed on **Friday 28th** and **Monday 31st May, 2021** to pupils.

School will also close at **1.00 pm** on **Friday 18th June, 2021** for the summer break and re-open on **Wednesday 18th August, 2021 at 9.00 am**. (Tuesday 17th August is an In-Service Day for Staff)

SeeSaw

We hope that you are enjoying viewing your child's work on Seesaw and can see the progress that they are making from their weekly targets and self-reflections. Please continue to use it as a tool for communication between yourself and the class teacher. We may not always be able to respond straight away, but will reply as soon as we can.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us in our move towards using Seesaw as our main link for homework, recording progress and sharing important school information/announcements.

As from January 2021, Seesaw will be the main source of communication, therefore please check it daily as we want to reduce the number of platforms that you have to check e.g. email/text.

Seesaw Notifications

You can set your mobile app up in order for you to receive notifications from Seesaw. Please follow the steps below.

Tap your profile icon in the upper left corner.

Tap the Gear icon (Settings)

Choose Account **Settings**

Turn email and/or push **notifications ON/ONCE A DAY/OFF**

Please remember to contact the school via telephone, email or Seesaw if you have any questions or concerns.

We wish you all a very relaxing and safe summer break.

Thank you for your continued support.

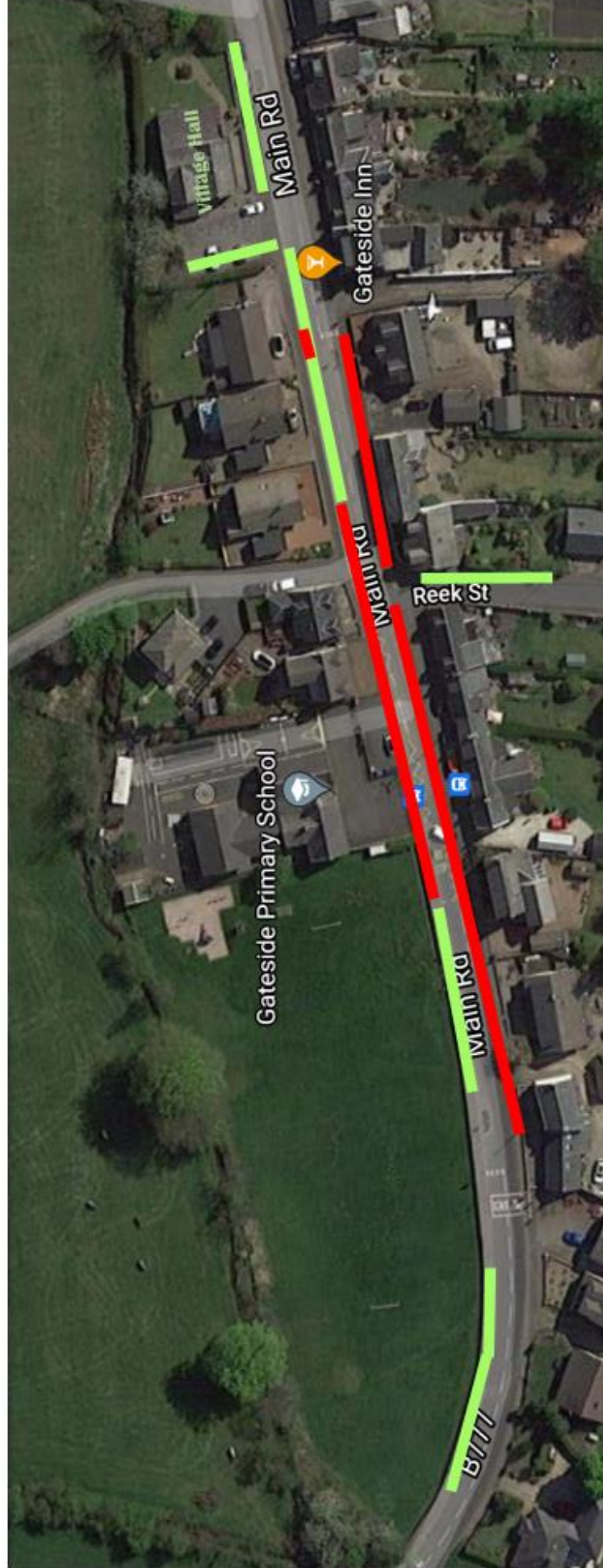
Mrs Logan - Acting Head Teacher

Safe Parking at Gateside



ARTICLE 36

I have the right to be protected from harm.



DO park at Gateside Village Hall and encourage your child to walk.

DO park alongside the field wall and encourage your child to walk.



Junior Road Safety Officers

Please **DO NOT**:

- * Park on pavements
- * Park across driveways
- * Park directly opposite the school
- * Do a turning circle in Reek Street or in resident driveways.



GATESIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN 2021



12 children walk, cycle or scoot to school.

57 staff and children drive or are driven to school. A number of these park and stride.

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At the moment our priorities are:

To encourage parents/carers to park wisely to ensure the safety of all pupils of Gateside Primary & Early Years Class.

- Please do not park on or obstruct pavements
- Please do not park in driveways
- Please avoid turning in Reek Street and use the space at the Village Hall to turn safely
- Please do not park opposite the school gate or on the zig zag lines
- Please see the image about safe places to park in Gateside.
- Children are welcome to park their bikes and scooters behind the school in a safe area monitored by the school security cameras.
- Please see our 'Safe Parking at Gateside' poster