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SPRINGSIDE PRIMARY & EYC

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Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our November newsletter! As the days grow shorter and though it may be chilly outside, the spirit of spring is alive within our classrooms as we encourage pupils to explore new ideas, collaborate, and find inspiration in each learning session. Please ensure children have jackets, hats and scarves where appropriate as the colder weather begins.

This month, we're excited to share highlights of our curriculum-focused sessions that emphasise problem-solving, critical thinking, and teamwork. From science experiments and art projects to our enterprise activities, pupils have been actively engaged in projects that help them connect their studies with real-world applications.

Additionally, our Enterprise Fortnight project is gaining momentum, offering pupils the chance to design, market, and showcase their creative ideas, helping them develop valuable skills in leadership, budgeting, and project management. These activities not only allow pupils to express themselves but also foster a sense of community and responsibility.

We look forward to welcoming you for Parents Evening/Learning Conversations on Wednesday 20th November. Please bring your child with you to join in on the discussion and have their views heard.

Additionally we look forward to welcoming you to the first ever Springside Primary and EYC Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November. Pupils will be working hard over the coming weeks putting this together.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic month of discovery and growth together!

In Partnership,

Gordon Wilson

Head Teacher

Attendance



Attendance Matters



Attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic, social, and personal growth. Regular attendance helps children build a strong foundation in core subjects like reading, writing, and numeracy, setting them up for future success. When children attend school consistently, they can fully engage in lessons, participate in hands-on activities, and collaborate with their peers, which strengthens their understanding and skills.

Being present every day also helps children develop a routine, learn responsibility, and form positive habits that will benefit them throughout their lives. Socially, regular attendance allows children to build friendships and practice teamwork, communication, and problem-solving in a structured setting.

Missing school frequently can disrupt a child's learning progress, making it challenging to keep up. Parents/carers play a vital role by encouraging consistent attendance, helping children understand that being present is key to learning and growing confidently. Let's continue to work together to increase our pupil attendance across the school as currently **40% of pupils are sitting below 90% attendance.**



Enterprise

During October, I surveyed pupils asking if they wished to take part in a P4-P7 school show or complete an Enterprise Fortnight project. Pupils overwhelmingly voted for enterprise. Therefore this month, pupils are diving into Enterprise, an exciting learning experience that combines creativity, teamwork, and real-world skills. Each class is working on

developing unique products to create, market, and sell, with a focus on budgeting, branding, and customer engagement. Through these projects, pupils gain valuable insights into the basics of business while building confidence, collaboration skills, and entrepreneurial thinking. We're thrilled to see their innovative ideas come to life!

Each class will receive a loan of £30. They will create a business, make and sell products and the class with the most profit wins. All literacy and numeracy tasks will be based around this concept. Pupils will study media and develop technology and expressive arts skills by creating adverts to sell their products. Look out for the videos on our Twitter/X account in the coming weeks. I am sure the pupils will come home and tell you all about it!

Springside Primary Christmas Fayre

Get into the holiday spirit and join us at our School Christmas Fayre, where you can shop for unique, handmade gifts crafted by our talented pupils as part of our Enterprise Fortnight! Each class will work hard to create products to sell at this event. By purchasing these items, you're not only finding one-of-a-kind holiday gifts but also supporting our pupils' creativity, learning, and entrepreneurial spirit. We look forward to celebrating together!



Save the Date

Friday 29th November

Time 2-4pm

Location: Springside Primary

Nativity

Join us on Wednesday, 18th December, for the P1-P3 Nativity performance at 2pm! Our youngest pupils will have been working hard to bring the story of the Nativity to life with charming costumes, heartfelt songs, and lots of holiday spirit. It's a wonderful way to celebrate the season together and support our little stars. Bring your family and friends for a heart-warming experience. We look forward to seeing you there!



Parents Evening/Learning Conversations November 20th 2024

We hope you have enjoyed reading the additional mid-term report this week. We look forward to discussing these with you on **Learning Conversations on Wednesday 20th November**. Mrs Cook is waiting for the last few families to return appointment slips before she can create appointment times. If you have not yet returned the slip, please do so as soon as possible.

We encourage pupils to attend these meetings with you to have their say and discuss learning targets together. We appreciate that this is a new format but feel it's important for pupils to be involved in their learning journey.

Remember, if you have a question about your child's wellbeing or learning at any time please make an appointment to talk to their Class Teacher, Mrs Conway or myself.

School Clubs

Springside offers a fantastic range of clubs to suit every interest, giving pupils a chance to explore new activities, make friends, and develop new skills. From strategy and fun at the Board Games Club to high-energy excitement in



Dodgeball, there's something for everyone! For sports enthusiasts, our Football and Multi-Sports clubs provide excellent opportunities to stay active, build teamwork, and practice skills. Our Bingo Club is perfect for pupils who enjoy a bit of luck and chance, bringing excitement and friendly competition. Each club is designed to support pupils' personal growth while ensuring they have fun after school hours! A huge thank you to our staff, Active Schools and Greenwood co-ordinators for helping to run clubs for our pupils.

Poppies

Our Primary 7 pupils are proudly selling poppies this month to honour Remembrance Day. All proceeds will support veterans and their families. Thank you for your generosity and support!



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Thanks to all parents/carers who attended our 'Spring Inside and See' Stay and Play. It was lovely to see so many of you come in and work with your child in the EYC.

We're excited to announce that our Learning Journals are now up and running! These journals offer parents and carers a window into their child's daily learning experiences, progress, and achievements. It's a fantastic way to stay connected, celebrate milestones, and support learning from home. Happy exploring and sharing together! If you have any questions about these please speak to a member of the EYC team who will be happy to assist you.



Final Note:

Should there be any issues, worries or successes that you feel I should be aware of, then please contact me directly by email gordonwilson@ea365.n-ayrshire.sch.uk

Best Wishes
Mr Wilson
Head Teacher

Diary Dates:

Please see diary dates from now till the end of December. We will update you with any changes or new dates in the next newsletter. In the meantime please get in touch if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Thank you for your continued support.

In partnership,
Mr Wilson
 Head Teacher
 Springside Primary School and EYC

DIARY DATES

November/December 2024	
Monday 11 th November	Enterprise Fortnight Begins
Thursday 14 th November	Dental Inspections
Wednesday 20 th November	Primary School Panto Day
Wednesday 20 th November	Parents Evening/Learning Conversations Evening 3:30-9pm
Monday 25 th November	November Weekend (Children and Staff holiday)
Tuesday 26 th November	Staff In-service Day
Friday 29 th November	P5/6 Day of Dance
Friday 29 th November	Primary School Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 4 th December	EYC Panto Day
Saturday 7 th December	Community Christmas Fayre at the Community Centre
Thursday 12 th December	School and EYC Christmas Lunch
Monday 16 th December	P6 and P7 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December	P4 and P5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Service and Nativity
Thursday 19 th December	EYC, P1, P2 and P3 Christmas Party
Friday 20 th December	School Closes 2:30pm for Christmas Holidays