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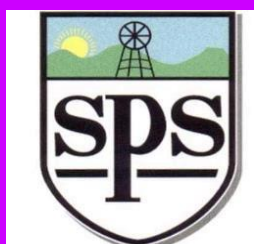
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SPRINGSIDE PRIMARY & EYC

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Newsletter



Inspection

As we have previously communicated, you will know our school and early years are being inspected by HM Inspectors and the Care Inspectorate from Monday 1st December until Friday 5th December.

Our school is being inspected on the following quality indicators:

- 1.3 – Leadership of change
- 2.3 – Learning, teaching and assessment
- 3.1 – Ensuring wellbeing, inclusion and equality
- 3.2 – Raising attainment and achievement
- 2.2 – Curriculum (learning pathways)
- 2.7 – Partnerships (parental engagement)



Our early years is being inspected on:

- Staff skills, knowledge, values and deployment
- Learning, teaching and assessment
- Nurturing care and support
- Children's progress

Over the course of the week, inspectors will make observations of teaching and learning, speak to children and focus groups including staff, parents/carers and partner agencies and look at a range of evidence. We will then be given feedback identifying our strengths and areas for development, which will be shared in due course.

We are so proud of our school and early years and can't wait to show off how wonderful we are!! We really appreciate all of the support from our fabulous families and community throughout this time and to all of our parents and carers who signed up to take part in the Parent/Carer focus groups.

Commonwealth Day

We were so privileged to have been chosen to launch the North Ayrshire Schools baton on Monday 3rd November and we certainly celebrated the launch in style!

We were joined by Active Schools, North Ayrshire mascots – Moving Max and Improving Izzy and even one of the baton designers herself! Our boys and girls from early years to Primary 7 enjoyed a variety of sports and health and wellbeing activities.

At the end of our Commonwealth Day, we passed the baton over to Dreghorn Primary to continue the journey around North Ayrshire.



Pantomime

We are so excited for our panto trips! A reminder that the P1-P7 are off to see 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Galleon Centre in Kilmarnock on Wednesday 3rd December and will be back to school at a later time of approximately 4:00pm. They are allowed to bring a snack (no chocolate) and juice or water (no fizzy juice please). We ask that children wear their school uniform with school jumper on top so that they are easily identified.

Our Early Years angels are off to see the McDougalls 'Winter Wonderland' pantomime on Thursday 4th December at the Harbour Arts Centre in Irvine. A snack and juice will be provided for them.



Learning Conversations

A huge thank you to our parents and carers who attended our recent Parents Afternoon/Night – what a fantastic turnout! Appointments were focused on discussing children's progress and next steps in learning. On the night, we also consulted with our parents and carers about parental engagement and community involvement. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback and some great ideas to take forward!

History Alive!

Our Primary 6/7 had their World War 2 topic brought to life by Kathryn from History Alive. They had lots of fun listening to WW2 facts and stories, trying on costumes and looking at all of the resources and props.



Participatory Budget Fund



We are delighted to announce that our wonderful Parent Council were successful in their bid for Participatory Budget funding for the school and were awarded £1000.

You may have noticed or heard that our back playground was recently resurfaced in the October holidays. The money is going to go towards playground games markings to give our pupils fun and engaging activities to do in the playground at breaktimes.

Spring Inside and See Learning

Our next 'Spring Inside and See Learning' session will take place on **Thursday 4th December from 2:15-2:45pm**. This is a great opportunity to see your child's class, talk to their teacher and join in 'Interdisciplinary Learning' based activities with your child.

Due to space, we ask that only one person attends each session. We are aware that some parents/carers may be working or have other commitments and will be unable to attend, however if another family member wishes to come instead, then they are more than welcome, e.g. a grandparent.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible - our pupils are excited to share their learning with you too! You may see members of our inspection team - please do say hello to them!

DDI



Our Early Years boys and girls just love a bit of boogying..and so do the staff! We are delighted that DDI dance group have kindly offered the early years a free dance session on Wednesday 10th December. We can't wait to see the moves!

Outdoor Learning

We are so proud of our Primary 4/5 class and Mrs Havlin – our wonderful Eco-Committee – who led our recent Outdoor Learning Day in November for our pupils including our early years boys and girls.

Camp fire cooking, obstacle courses, hammocks, rope swings and giving our Millennium Garden a much needed bit of TLC were all on offer on the day.



Feedback from staff and pupils was fabulous and they can't wait for the next one! ☺

Health and Safety

In the interest of health and safety, can we please remind parents and carers that our car park is reserved for staff only and there should be no entering the staff car park, unless otherwise agreed with the school.

You may have noticed that we have also started shutting over our car park gates during the day too. We also ask for your vigilance in closing over all of our gates – we have put up some signs to help remind everyone! We appreciate your support with these safety precautions.

Early Years Stall

Our Early Years will be holding their own stall at the Springside Community Centre on Saturday 6th December to raise fund for the Early Years. They would love to see as many visitors as possible!

Christmas Lunch

A reminder that our Christmas Lunch takes place on Wednesday 10th December. We ask that you please try to discuss the options on offer with your child.

Reading is rewarding!

To celebrate Book Week Scotland last week, our Primary 1 boys and girls had great fun visiting Dreghorn Library and our Primary 2 and 3 pupils loved teaming up to do their Read, Write, Count activities! The children were so excited to take their bags home to share with their families. Happy reading!



Our Reading Schools Committee have been working hard with Miss Lee. All classes are having daily 'Drop Everything And Read' time – even the teachers too!

We also had an exciting launch of 'Starbooks' at assembly where pupils can get their loyalty cards punched each time they read a book and complete one of the book review bookmarks. Completed loyalty cards will be entered into a fabulous prize draw!

Early Years Festive Fun Day

Our Early Years class are hosting a Festive Family Fun session on Friday 12th December at 9:30am. Early Years families are invited along to take part in some fun, festive crafts and activities with hot drinks and snacks too!



Chocolate Stall

Our fabulous Parent Council are hosting a Chocolate Stall at the Springside Community Centre on Saturday 6th December, to raise money for our school. A huge thank you to our parents, carers and families for their kind donations of chocolate for stall – you are so generous!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th December	HMIE and Care Inspectorate Inspection
Wednesday 3 rd December	P1-P7 Panto 'Sleeping Beauty' @ The Galleon Centre
Thursday 4 th December	Early Years Panto – McDougalls 'Winter Wonderland' @ The Harbour Arts Centre
Thursday 4 th December	Spring Inside and See Learning
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 16 th December (pm)	P1-P3 Nativity
Wednesday 17 th December (pm)	P6/7 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December (am)	P1-3 Christmas Party
Thursday 18 th December (pm)	P4/5 Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School Closes
Monday 5 th January	Pupils Return
Saturday 31 st January	Cross Country – Race 3
Friday 6 th February	Holiday
Monday 9 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 10 th February	In-Service Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Pupils Return
Thursday 12 th February	P7 Transition Morning to Greenwood Academy
Wednesday 18 th February	Spring Inside and See Learning
Friday 20 th February	World Thinking Day (Sunday 22 nd February)
Saturday 21 st February	Cross Country – Race 4
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Activities Day
Friday 20 th March	P7 Transition – Greenwood Academy Virtual Assembly
Sunday 22 nd March	World Water Day
Tuesday 24 th March (3:30-5:30pm)	Parents' Afternoon

Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Celebration (TBC)
Wednesday 1 st April (5:30-7:30pm)	Parents' Evening
Thursday 2 nd April	School Closes
Friday 3 rd April – Friday 17 th April	Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Pupils Return
Monday 4 th May	Holiday
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th May	Travel Smart Week
Friday 15 th May	Spring Inside and See Learning
Monday 18 th – Thursday 21 st May	P7 Residential Trip to Arran
Monday 25 th May	In-Service Day
Tuesday 26 th May	Pupils Return
Tuesday 26 th May (pm)	Early Years Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 27 th May (Parent/carers invited pm)	Sports Day
Friday 29 th May	P7 Transition – Greenwood Academy Virtual Assembly
Monday 1 st June (6:00-7:00pm)	P7 Briefing Evening for Parents at Greenwood Academy
Wednesday 3 rd June	P7 Transition – Transition Day at Greenwood Academy
Thursday 4 th June	P7 Transition - Transition Day at Greenwood Academy
Wednesday 17 th June (pm)	P7 Leavers' Assembly
Monday 22 nd June	P7 Leavers' Outing
Wednesday 24 th June	P7 Pupils vs. Teachers Match and Ice-Cream Van
Thursday 25 th June	Early Years Graduation
Friday 26 th June	Prizegiving
Monday 29 th June	Springside's Got Talent
Tuesday 30 th June	School Closes