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Dear Parent / Carer,

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The return to one bell in the morning and at the end of the day seems to be working well. The children have adapted to lining up in the morning and I hope that this is working well for parents/carers too. At the Parent Council meeting on Monday there was a discussion about the children lining up in houses rather than in classes and I thought that it would be helpful to explain why we organise the lines like this. Pre-Covid, children lined up in house groups and we found that this helped reduce congestion in the corridors and allowed teachers to welcome children into classrooms in smaller groups making it easier to organise jackets, bags and lunch choices.

Parent Council Fundraising

The Parent Council has linked up with our Local CO-OP to raise funds for the school. These funds will be used to extend the range of resources we have for outdoor learning. Please click on the link below for more information.

Our local cause link: <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/58040>

School Age Children Payments

I have been asked to share information about School Age Payments.

School Age Payment applications close for children who were born between 1 March 2016 and 28 February 2017 on 8th February 2022

The payment is £252.50 per child to help families with the costs associated with a child starting at Primary School. People who get tax credits or certain benefits are encouraged to apply.

Parents or carers who have deferred their child's entry to school from August 2021 to August 2022, or those home schooling, must still apply before the 28 February closing date or they will lose out on their payment.

Further information is available by clicking this link.

[Social Security Scotland - Homepage](#)

World Book Day

Next Thursday the 3rd March is World Book Day and children can come to school and nursery dressed "Cosy for a bedtime story". This means that children can wear jammies and dressing gowns, a onesie or an "oodie" -which the children tell me is the name for these big fleecy jumpers they are all wearing. Children can also bring a teddy (not huge ones please).

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Donations of £1.00 can be made via ParentPay. Any money raised will be donated to “Books for Good”, a charity which provides books to children in hospital.

Travelling Books Book Fair

The Book Fair will be visiting the school next week. Between Thursday 3 March and Tuesday 8 March each class will make a visit to look at the books.

Your child will bring a “Wish List” of up to 2 books home with them. If you would like to purchase one or both books, these should be paid for via ParentPay and the form returned to school. Full instructions will be given on the “Wish List” form. Please note: there is no obligation to purchase books.

Discover Dunbarney

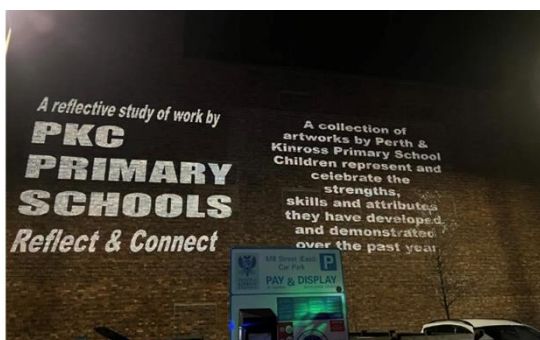
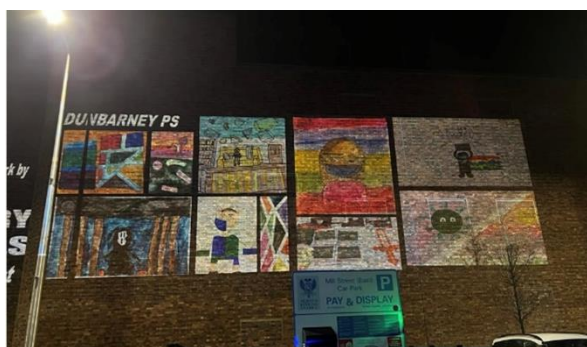
A special edition of Discovery Dunbarney will be issued next Friday to share all the World Book Day fun.

In Service Days.

During last weeks In Service Days teachers discussed our progress in the Reading Schools Award and the next steps that we have identified to ensure we continue to build on our excellent progress so far. We also discussed approaches to teaching writing in school and identified next steps in this area.

Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Mrs Cochrane and our P7 pupils whose artwork is on display at Mill Street Car Park.



Queen's Jubilee Holiday Arrangements

Perth & Kinross Council have confirmed the following arrangements for the Jubilee Celebrations.

Schools will be closed on Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June for the Jubilee.

Schools will be open as usual on Monday 2 May (previously May Day holiday)

Best Wishes

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