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**Right of  
the  
Fortnight**

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**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

**Kit-Kaboodle**

Kit-Kaboodle is a local charity which specialises in recycling old football/ rugby strips along with football boots etc in a bid to raise money that will go back into Renfrewshire. If you have any old strips or boots that your child no longer wears and are still in good condition then please send them into the school. These will then be collected and recycled by Kit Kaboodle. At our Eco Day in March, the charity will set up a stall with newly reconditioned strips and boots and sell them for 20p each. It is a very cheap and easy way of getting rid of old clothes and buying some new ones. We will start collecting the clothes next week.

**Active Communities - Wednesday 24 February**

Active Communities will be launching a new Active Families group at Johnstone Castle Community Centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 3.30 -5.00pm. The group will look at fun ways to get fit and healthy. Sessions will include fun & games, family challenges, team building activities, fun health workshops and family cookery sessions. The course will run for 10 weeks and sessions are FREE! To find out more come along and meet the group for a chat and tea/coffee at Auchenlodment Primary on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2.15-3.00pm or give Susan a call on 0141 258 9923. Ideally for Primary 4 -7 pupils , however younger siblings can attend.

**Citizenship Groups (Primary 3-7)**

Citizenship Groups started back this week. Every child in P3-7 is a member of a group which will help drive forward improvement in various areas of the school. These include Eco Committee, Digital Leaders, Rights, Fairtrade, Outdoor/ Gardening, School Magazine, Pupil Council, and a Continental Cafe (French and Spanish focus). The groups will run for 5 weeks and we are looking forward to seeing the progress they make. The Citizenship Groups provide opportunities for pupils to voice what they want to happen in the school. This is very relevant to our Right of the Fortnight - **All children have the right to give their opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.**

**Skills Groups (Primary 1 and 2)**

The P1 and P2 Skills Groups also started this week. The children's skills will be developed through activities in the Numeracy Garden, French Games, Solve-It blocks (problem solving skills), Sports Club and Family Friday Club. P1 and P2 parents should have received their date for Family Friday. There has been some confusion over the dates, however, this has been rectified with a text being sent out to all parents. If you are unsure of your date for attending Family Friday please contact the school and we'll let you know.

**Willow Igloo**

Thank you to Mrs Rossiter and Mrs Murray for building our new willow igloo in the big playground. They spent the whole of the in-service day in the freezing cold and I'm sure you'll agree it looks great. For safety reasons, we ask that pupils don't go into the igloo until it is completely finished and has been risk assessed. Thank you.

**Primary 7 Important Dates**

We can now confirm that the P7 Leavers' Dance will be held on Thursday 23 June at 7pm. The Valedictory will take place on Monday 28 June at 1pm.

**P7 Young Scot Photographs**

The Tempest photographer will be in on Tuesday morning to take pupil photographs for the Young Scot cards. Pupil should be dressed in smart school uniform.

	<b>Primary 5 Assembly - Friday 4 March</b>
	Parents and families of P5 pupils are invited in for the class assembly on Friday 4 March at 9.30am.
	<b>Fairtrade Coffee Morning - Friday 11 March</b>
	As part of Fairtrade Fortnight (29 February - 11 March) we will be hosting our Fairtrade Coffee Morning at 10.30am on Friday 11 March. All families and local residents are welcome to attend.
	Thank you
	<i>Gerry Carlton</i> Head Teacher

## Pupil of the Week

Primary 1E  
**Miley Jane Robson**  
For excellent contribution and understanding of 'The Rights of the child task'

Primary 2  
**Freddie Devine**  
For working co-operatively in problem solving and being a great table buddy.

Primary 4  
**Tanika Smith**  
For excellent enthusiasm and participation during our trip to Vikingar.

Primary 6  
**Chloe Brisbane**  
For being a responsible citizen and always being kind and helpful to others.

Primary 1S  
**Orhan Dilmen**  
For meeting work targets. Well done!

Primary 3  
**Alex Ivanski**  
For great participation in reciprocal reading activities. Well done Alex!

Primary 5  
**Jay Keegan**  
For delivering an outstanding solo talk on the Titanic including a powerpoint, essay and model. Well done Jay!

Primary 1E  
**Amber Kaplan**  
For excellent investigation skills when exploring WW2 propaganda posters.

### Tips for Reading

Children who read for enjoyment every day perform better across the curriculum, develop a broader vocabulary and have a better understanding of other cultures.

- **My child is too young to learn to read yet, but what can I do to set them off in the right direction?**  
Make sure that your child is familiar with language and books so that they can see how enjoyable reading is.
- **Reading aloud to your child:**  
Talking about the words and pictures and sharing ideas about the book
- **Reading Yourself:**  
Children who see adults reading, and enjoying reading, are much more likely to want to read themselves
- **Making sure your child is surrounded by books:**  
You don't need hundreds of books at home, but make regular trips to the library, visit our school library, not just to borrow books but to spend time together browsing and learning to make choices.

Most importantly, talk to your child. Spend time with them, doing simple activities (cooking, making something). As you talk about what you're doing, you are helping them to learn new words. Later, when they see words written down, they have already heard them, and know what they mean.