

# Colmonell Primary School and Early Years

## Term 2 Newsletter





### A note from your Head Teacher

The days are getting shorter, and the clocks have gone back making our days darker. Let's hope the weather is kind to us over the winter.

In this newsletter you will find information about what is happening in school over the next term. This is our busy Christmas term, and we have lots of activities coming up, where parents are warmly invited to join us in school – we hope you can support us. As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

#### Ethos and Life of the School

#### **Staffing**

We welcome to our school, Mrs Nina Roberts, our new School Assistant. Mrs Roberts is settling in well to our busy school and getting to know our children, supporting them with their learning and wellbeing.

#### <u>Gaelic</u>

P1 to P7 children are visited online by Mhairi, from Blasad Gàidhlig. Our Gaelic language knowledge is improving significantly, and children are thoroughly enjoying their lessons. This term we are learning our numbers, colours, months of the year and how to ask our name, along with basic classroom instructions.

#### **Ayr United Football Academy**

We are fortunate to have secured 4 x weekly sessions with AUFA, we split our classes into 2 groups and the coaches teach our children ball control and dribbling, passing, receiving and shooting. The game is great for teamwork and sportsmanship. All children from P1-P7 are taking part in this activity.

### <u>ACE</u>

We have been fortunate to receive further ACE days this session, through funding applied for by ACE themselves. Dates will be arranged shortly, and information sent to parents. Currently, our P5 children are joining with Ballantrae P5 from now until summer 2026, offering them a great opportunity to meet other people. We will also keep you reminded via EduSpot /email messages.

#### **Active Schools**

Caitlin Flanagan, Active Schools Coordinator – Girvan Cluster, has been in school for a block of Fitness Fusion with our P4-7s. Recently, P6/7s attended Girvan Academy for a competition on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October and performed especially well. Caitlin returns to school in November for a block of Sportshall Athletics for our upper school pupils and during December our P4-7s will attend an athletics competition in Girvan Academy.

#### Remembrance

Remembrance activities will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Miss Houston will be taking the Primary 4 to Primary 7 class down to the memorial to say poems and reflect. Primary 4-7 parents are welcome to join us we will depart at 10.45am from school.

### **Day of Dance**

Primary 4-7 have been participating in Scottish Country Dancing classes. At the end of November our P4-7 class will attend an event in Maybole organised by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

#### **Christmas Activities**

A range of Christmas activities will also take place throughout the month of December, from Christmas Craft mornings, school Christmas show and parties, culminating in our end of term Christmas Carol Service in the Church Hall during the Community Coffee Morning. This will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

November	
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day: P4-7 at Colmonell memorial depart 10.45am parents welcome
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 ACE Day: Bushcraft (with Ballantrae P5s)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Activities in school. School Uniform as normal.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	P7 Residential trip to Sport Scotland, Inverclyde.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	P5-7 Day of Dance: Letter to follow
December	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	EYC- P3 Jingle Bell morning 9am to 10.30am
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-7 Outdoor Learning
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Village Christmas Party in Hall 4.30pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	P4-7 Sportshall Athletics Competition at Girvan Academy
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Christmas Lunch: EYC to P7.
	Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper to school.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	EYC, P1-7 CHRISTMAS PARTY 1PM TO 3PM
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	PANTO VILLAGE HALL – ALLADIN 1.30PM TO 2.45PM
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Service Village Hall 11.15am to 12pm
	Christmas Show P1-7 in School Night performance time TBC
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Please note school closes at the earlier time of 2.30pm
	School re-opens on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026

П