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Dear Parents and Carers

Oh my goodness, the weather has been tropical this week, and fingers crossed that it remains so over the weekend too. No doubt, many families will be heading to the International Ayr Show, Festival of Flight and we look forward to hearing all about it from our pupils on Monday

Just a reminder that until Thursday 21st September, P1 children should come to school from 8:50am, and be collected in the playground at 2:50pm. Thereafter, P1 pupils will finish at 3pm in line with the rest of the school.



Parent Council

We have attached the newsletter from the Parent Council with the Round Up this week. Please take time to have a look over the contents, and mark the dates in your diary for meetings. We really would love to see some new faces at Parent Council to join our already hard-working team. Our sincere thanks go to Parent Council for the donation cheque we received last week. We will ensure to keep you posted on our spending!



Sense over Sectarianism

P7 pupils really engaged in workshops this week which focused on sectarianism. Led by Mark Adams, the workshops supported the work being covered in class on the novel *Divided City*, and gave the pupils a deeper understanding of the need for tolerance in our society. The workshops included plans from Education Scotland, so our thanks go to Mark for coming out to school!



Outdoor Classroom

Last session. Mrs Burns and a team from SAC transformed an area at the back of our school into an Outdoor Classroom. A sheltered area was built to allow children to work on any area of the curriculum outdoors, as well as raised beds for vegetable growing and other areas. P3 created a bug hotel and the area was well used by P1 and P1/2 classes every Friday afternoon.

This year, every class in school and EYC have a designated time in their week to learn outdoors. Unfortunately, over the summer holidays, there has been some damage done to the area, and some parts have become quite overgrown. In order to ensure that the area is maintained and is fit for purpose, we were hoping to engage the help of some green fingered parents/ grandparents to help out with the maintenance of the area. This could be a one off, or a more regular support. Please can you let the school office know if you can help us, and we will arrange to have a quick meeting with you!

In addition, class teachers are looking for some resources to use which will enhance outdoor learning. Miss Thomson has created a wish list of items, and this is attached to the Round Up today. Our thanks go in advance to you for your support.



Coffee Afternoon

We are delighted to say that we will be holding a Coffee Afternoon to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support. This will be held on Friday 29th September in our main hall between 2pm and 4pm. This will give families the chance to come along and have a coffee and cake before collecting their children, or the children could join parents when school finishes at 3pm. Tickets for this event will be £1.50 for adults, and 50p for children. Under 3's are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. More information will follow, but for now save the date!



Diary Dates

We will try and give as much advance notice of school events as we can to help fit in with your family plans. This list is subject to change, and is not exhaustive.

Tuesday 12 th September	6 Bikeability 3
Friday 8 th September	P5 swimming week 2
Friday 15 th September	P5 swimming week 3
Tuesday 19 th September	P6 Bikeability 4
Wednesday 20 th September	P1 and P7 Dental Checks
Friday 22 nd September	Holiday
Monday 25 th September	Holiday
Tuesday 26 th September	P6 Bikeability 5
Friday 29 th September	P5 swimming week 4 MacMillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm-4pm
Tuesday 3 rd October	P6 Bikeability 6
Friday 6 th October	P5 swimming week 5
Tuesday 10 th October	P6 Bikeability 7
Thursday 12 th October	P6 Bikeability 8
Friday 13 th October	P5 swimming week 6 STOP AT 3PM FOR HOLIDAY WEEK
Monday 23 rd October	In Service – school and EYC closed
Tuesday 24 th October	School and EYC re open
Friday 27 th October	P5 swimming week 7
Tuesday 31 st October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Friday 3 rd November	P5 swimming week 8
Friday 10 th November	P5 swimming week 9
Monday 13 th November	Book Week Scotland

	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 14 th November	Flu Immunisations P1-P7
Thursday 16 th November	Parent Appointments
Friday 17 th November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL SESSION Children In Need Day
Monday 20 th November	Road Safety Week
Monday 11 th December	EYC Nativity
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 th December	Cinderella Panto at The Gaiety P1-P7 EYC Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14 th December	P5 Christmas Party
Friday 15 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 th December	P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service P1-4 9:15-10:15 and P5-7 10:45-11:45 P6 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco - evening
Friday 22 nd December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 8 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Tuesday 30 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Friday 2 nd February	Scots Verse Competition
Monday 12 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 19 th Feb – Thursday 22 nd Feb	Dolphin House Week 1
Monday 26 th Feb – Thursday 29 th Feb	Dolphin House Week 2
Tuesday 27 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Wednesday 20 th March	Annual Reports to parents
Wednesday 27 th March	Parent Appointments
Thursday 28 th March	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 15 th April	School Reopens
Friday 19 th April	P5 Bike Checks
Friday 26 th April	P5 Bikeability 1
Friday 3 rd May	P5 Bikeability 2
Thursday 2 nd May	Inservice – School and EYC closed
Monday 6 th May	Holiday
Friday 10 th May	P5 Bikeability 3
Friday 17 th May	P5 Bikeability 4
Thursday 23 rd May	P5 Bikeability 5
Friday 24 th May	Holiday
Monday 27 th May	Holiday
Thursday 30 th May	P5 Bikeability 6
Wednesday 29 th May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Friday 31 st May	School Sports Morning
Thursday 6 th June	P5 Bikeability 7
Wednesday 5 th June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Friday 7 th June	P4-7 Sports Championship Events
Monday 10 th June	Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Tuesday 11 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 12 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 13 th June	P5 Bikeability 8

Tuesday 18 th June	House Netball
Thursday 20 th June	House Football
Monday 24 th June	Potted Sports
Wednesday 26 th June	P7 Leavers service P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 27 th June	P7 Treat day
Friday 28 th June	Close for holidays at 1pm

Have a great weekend, and see you all on Monday!

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