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Good morning,

Good morning and welcome to November. We have had lots of fun in school celebrating Halloween this week, and our thanks once again go to Ross at Coylton Costcutters for supplying treats for our goodie bags. I know that the children have been talking about Bonfire Night in classes in preparation for this weekend. They have focused on the safety aspects of Bonfire Night, and we hope that whatever you have planned, everyone stays safe – and that the weather stays dry 😊



Welcome

I am delighted to welcome Maxine Henry to our Support staff Team. Maxine will work across many classes in school supporting the learning and wellbeing of pupils.



Parent Appointments

Parent appointments will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. As usual, we will have 2 blocks of appointments – 3:30-5:30 and 6:15-8:15. Appointment booking is now live through Groupcall Xpressions – a message went out to all parents about this yesterday. Please contact the school office on 01292 612491 if you have any queries about booking. Travelling Book Fair will be available on the night, and all classes will have the chance to browse the books in advance of the 16<sup>th</sup> November. School and EYC earn rewards from this book sale, which we can then use to enhance our library and Accelerated Reading books.



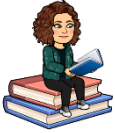
MyBnk Sessions

P3 and P4 learners will engage in a three week highly interactive financial education programme, which is designed to help set positive money habits and mind-sets from an early age. MyBnk's unique and engaging activities teach young people to become informed consumers, savvy savers, and mindful spenders by making finance fun. Lessons over the 3-week period will consist of:-

- Assembly: Introduction to different money mind-sets relating to the consequences of everyday spending and saving.
- My Money: Looking at how and where we get money, forms of payment and different bank accounts.

- My Choices: Making choices with money, delaying gratification, needs vs wants and understanding that money is finite
- My Future: Understanding why people save, setting money goals and how setting positive money habits now will help in the future

Your child will come home with a Family Activity Pack, which includes activities and challenges you can complete at home to support your child's learning about finance and money in a fun way.



### Book Week Scotland

Pupils in P2 and P3 will bring home a Read, Write, Count bag next week. These bags contain 2 high quality story books, as well as activities linked to the stories. We hope families enjoy using them at home.



### Outdoor Learning – 'Wellie and waterproof Drive'

We are still seeing a number of children coming to school without an outdoor jacket, despite many reminders. It is essential that they do bring a jacket with them every day, even if it is dry as we see the weather changing many times throughout the day. We have had a few contributions to our Wellie and Waterproof drive, so many thanks to those who donated. Just another reminder of outdoor classroom days for classes:

Class	Day
P1	Friday
P1/2	Monday and Friday
P2/3	Friday
P3	Wednesday
P3/4	Wednesday
P4	Wednesday
P5	Tuesday
P5/6	Monday
P6	Thursday
P7C	Thursday
P7E	Thursday



P7 pupils are looking at Remembrance as part of their learning this term, and have contacted Poppy Scotland. As a result, they will have poppies for sale from 6<sup>th</sup> November with donations going to the Poppy Scotland appeal. P7 pupils will also lead the learning across all classes to raise awareness of Remembrance in our country



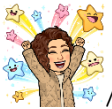
## Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week runs from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November this year. Our P5 class are the Pupil Council, and they will be organising the week for all classes in school and EYC. They ask that as part of the awareness raising, all children come to school wearing odd socks on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.



## Children in Need

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November also happens to be Children in Need day. Primary 1 have asked if we can have a dress down day or wear spots day to take part in this national event.....just ensure that you have Odd Socks on too! We are always aware that we don't want to be asking families for donations all the time, but any donations received will be sent off to Children in Need.



## Ayr Academy

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November there is an opportunity for Parents/Carers and upper primary pupils to visit Ayr Academy after the school day to meet staff and see the facilities across the school. I would encourage as many families as possible to go along to Ayr Academy and have a look around, check out the fantastic facilities and chat to staff. It is important that you visit before making a decision about secondary school for your child. Families with pupils from P5 – P7 are welcome to go along.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Ayr Academy are hosting a Welcome to Ayr family night for S1 families, however parents/carers of upper primary pupils are also invited to attend the event. Details of times for this event will follow.

There will be a marketplace of supports that Ayr have on offer for pupils, and opportunities for family workshops including fun activities and family supports.

In addition, Mr Sloss from Ayr Academy's PE department is coming up to school to deliver some PE sessions with P7 as part of transition. The skills they will develop over their time with Mr Sloss will set them up nicely to join in PE lessons and clubs at Ayr Academy with confidence.



## Christmas

Staff have started to plan a calendar of events for December in school, and we hope to be able to share this with you over the next few weeks. We have given advance notice of things such as the pantomime and parties in our Diary Dates section over the past few weeks, but the calendar of events will give you much more detail. We have added a couple of extra dates onto the diary dates below relating to Christmas events such as P6 and &

musical showcase and Ayr Academy's Christmas Concert. Parent Council met this week and are also planning Christmas activities so look out for more information coming soon.



## 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. We have added a number of things to the Diary Dates this week!

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	P5 swimming week 7
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	P5 swimming week 8
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	MyBnk Sessions for all P3 and P4 pupils EYC Stay and Play
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	EYC Stay and Play
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	EYC Family Learning EYC Stay and Play
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Sportshall Athletics for some P7 pupils
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 swimming week 9 EYC Health Visitor Drop In Session in school 9:30
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week Scotland Anti-Bullying Week MyBnk Sessions for all P3 and P4 pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations P1-P7
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	P5-7 families visit Ayr Academy- end of school day EYC Family Learning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Appointments
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL SESSION Children In Need Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week MyBnk Sessions for all P3 and P4 pupils
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 2
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	EYC Family Learning
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	P5-7 families can attend Ayr Academy Family Night
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	P4 visiting Dumfries House – Farming focus House Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Council meeting - IN SCHOOL Ayr United in school for South Ayrshire Reads
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	EYC Baby Massage session
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Council Christmas raffle starts
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	EYC Nativity 2pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Cinderella Panto at The Gaiety P1-P7 EYC Christmas Lunch P6 & 7 Musical Showcase 2:15pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EYC visiting Cutty Sark for Christmas show 10am P5 Christmas Party
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Room for P1-4 P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Room for P5-7 P2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Secret Room extra P1 Christmas Party

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 3
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	P7 Burns Supper
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Dolphin House meeting for P7 parents 3:15
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Scots Verse Competition
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Dolphin House Week 1 P7C
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	House Assembly
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Dolphin House Week 2 P7E
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 4
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ayr Cluster Climate Change Campaign
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Annual Reports to parents
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Appointments
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	P5 Bike Checks
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ayr United in school for South Ayrshire Reads
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	P5 Bikeability 1 House Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 2
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inservice – School and EYC closed
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 3
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Careers Fair
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 4
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 5
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School Sports Morning House Assembly
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 Bikeability 7
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P4-7 Sports Championship Events
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show Rehearsal
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Show
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 Bikeability 8
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	House Netball
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	House Football
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	House Treat

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Potted Sports
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers service P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Treat day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Close for holidays at 1pm