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Hello everyone 😊

Wow!!! This week we have had nativities, pantomimes, musical showcases, Santa strolls, Christmas shows, Santa storytelling and parties! We are exhausted but full of Christmas spirit for sure. We even had a surprise Flash Mob arrive in school on Thursday morning from Kincaidston Primary! They were going around Ayr singing Christmas songs in both English and Gaelic! We were so pleased that they chose to pop in to our school! Look out for photos on X (formerly Twitter)



P6 and P7 Musical Showcase

We were blown away by the talents of P6 and P7 under the instruction of Mr Thomson on Wednesday afternoon! They performed some of the hits from Matilda the Musical to family and friends with high energy and we are proud of every one of them. Thanks also go to p6 and 7 staff for ensuring the rehearsals continued throughout the weeks leading up to Wednesday.

Just a reminder that pupils from P6 and 7 are invited to come along to Ayr Academy on Tuesday 19th December from 6pm till 7pm to take part in their Christmas concert. Pupil have already been issued with a letter and we encourage as many as possible to attend. Please return your tear off slip as soon as possible. Parents are invited to go along for the hour and enjoy the music and drama.



Parent Council

Raffle tickets have gone home to all families with some fantastic prizes up for grabs! Please send back any money, stubs and unused tickets to the school office as soon as you can. There are additional raffle tickets available from the office – just pop in or give us a call to have more sent home!

Secret Room – We are once again planning to have our Secret Room available for all children to allow them to purchase a small gift for a family member for Christmas at pocket money prices. Our children have really enjoyed this experience as they can choose and wrap a gift and take it home to put it under the tree.

We are collecting unwanted and unused gift sets, toiletries, mugs, chocolates, socks, gloves, fidgets, photo frames, make up - anything that you would think the children would like to buy. We will also be happy to accept donations of wrapping paper, gift bags,

sellotapes and ribbons. Gifts will range from £1 -£3. Please send any donations into school. The Secret Room will be set up on 18th, 19th and 20th December.

We are delighted to list the winners of the Guess the Sweets in the Jar and Guess the Bear's birthday!

Guess the Sweets in the Jar	
P1	Emily McHaffie
P1/2	Jaxon Murphy
P2/3	Aaron McLeod
P3	Holly Kennedy
P3/4	Charlie Watson
P4	Sophie McCloy
P5	Cameron McLellan
P5/6	Jared Hutton
P6	Maddison Watson
P7C	Annie McIntyre
P7E	Evan Campbell
Guess the Bear's Birthday	
Harry Connell P4	

The EYC are still working on these activities and will let winners know as soon as possible!



Christmas Showcase

It will be so lovely to invite parents and carers to our Christmas Showcase this year! In order not to over fill our main hall however, we will run the Christmas Showcase in two sittings.

From 9:15 till 10:15, pupils in the EYC, P1, P1/2, P2/3, P3, P3/4 and P4 will take to the stage to perform a Christmas song. Parents and carers are welcome to come along. Doors will open from 9:00.

From 10:45 till 11:45, pupils in P5, P5/6, P6, P7C and P7E will take to the stage to perform a Christmas song. Parents and carers are welcome to come along.

Mince pies and coffee/tea will be available between 10:15 and 10:45 for any parents and carers who wish to attend both performances. This will also be available if you come along a little earlier or wish to stay on a little after the first performance



Christmas Parties

We have started our parties this week, with P5 having fun yesterday, and P4 this afternoon. All P1-7 Christmas parties will be in the afternoons of the days set (see Christmas Calendar). Pupils may come to school dressed for their party on the day, or bring clothes to change into. Given we only have 45 minutes at lunchtime, it is very tight to have children go home for lunch and be back in time and so staff will be on hand to help

them change if they require support. Snack will be provided at the parties, and we are grateful to the Parent Council for supplying this.



We had a fabulous day on Monday completing our Santa stroll around the village. The children completed challenges along the way, and we are grateful to the staff at Coylton Costcutter who were in on the challenges and who heled us out.

Thank you to everyone who donated some coins for the Aqua Box charity. Thanks to you, we were able to collect £175.81. In addition to that, we would like to give special thanks to Aiden in P6 who volunteered to make and sell, hand drawn bookmarks. He raised £70.85 which he asked to put to our school collection, making £246.66. Mr Alex Thompson from the Rotary Club of Ayr will come back to school next week and accept a cheque.



Storytelling with Santa

Thank you so much to all families who came along to our Storytelling with Santa night on Monday. What a wonderful atmosphere we had in school, and Santa was a sure hit with all the children.



Panto

We had a wonderful time at Ayr Gaiety on Wednesday morning at Cinderella! It was a fantastic show, and the cast were amazing. We actually received some feedback from some of the cast.....

Just had a message from Button's to say this morning's audience were the best one yet – 'just the right amount of crazy, but also listened well. Well done to them all!



News from the EYC (provided by Kelly 😊)

On behalf of everyone involved in our Nativity celebration, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for joining us in celebrating this special event.

Your presence added a significant touch of joy and love to the occasion, creating cherished memories for our children and the entire community, your support and involvement is invaluable, seeing you in the audience, sharing in the magic of the Nativity, made the event even more special.



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 15 th December	EYC Outing to Cutty Sark, Ayr (3-5 year old room) P4 Christmas Party
Monday 18 th December	Secret Room for P1-4 P3 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	Secret Room for P5-7 P2 Christmas Party Ayr Academy Christmas Concert 6pm-7pm
Wednesday 20 th December	Secret Room extra P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Service EYC-P4 9:15-10:15 and P5-7 10:45-11:45 P6 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco in school, 7-9pm
Friday 22 nd December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 8 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Tuesday 16 th January	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 3
Tuesday 30 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Thursday 1 st February	Dolphin House meeting for P7 parents 3:15
Friday 2 nd February	Scots Verse Competition
Monday 12 th February	Holiday
Tuesday 13 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 14 th Feb – Thursday 22 nd Feb	Dolphin House Week 1 P7C
Friday 23 rd February	House Assembly
Monday 26 th Feb – Thursday 29 th Feb	Dolphin House Week 2 P7E
Tuesday 27 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Tuesday 19 th March	P7 Ayr Academy Challenge Day 4
Monday 18 th -Friday 22 nd March	Ayr Cluster Climate Change Campaign
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
Monday 22 nd April	Ayr United in school for South Ayrshire Reads
Friday 26 th April	P5 Bikeability 1 House Assembly
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
Thursday 16 th May	P7 Careers Fair
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 House Assembly
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
Sunday 16 th June	School Show Rehearsal
Monday 17 th June	School Show
Tuesday 18 th June	School Show
Thursday 13 th June	P5 Bikeability 8
Tuesday 18 th June	House Netball
Thursday 20 th June	House Football
Friday 21 st June	House Treat
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