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Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome to another Friday! It's been such a busy week here in school. Just to remind everyone that school is closed on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May. The EYC will be open for those who attend 52 weeks on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> but will be closed to all children and staff on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May.



### Culzean Outing

We hope that the sun shines on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for the P1 and P2/3 outing to Culzean. They have workshops planned with the park rangers, and I expect a trip to the amazing play park will also be on the cards. Please remember to bring a packed lunch, water, suncream and a sun hat too!



### Parentsportal

What is Parentsportal?

The traditional school bag run has been used to facilitate communication between parents and schools for generations. Parentsportal provides a digital solution to this issue, making it easier for parents and carers to manage paperwork connected with school activities, and to obtain information about their child's educational progress at a time that suits them. The priority, as we introduce Parentsportal, is to enable parents to sign in and complete the Annual Data Check online. We will then be working on introducing additional services to the platform during 2024.

Our school is now live on Parentsportal, and links have been sent out via Groupcall Xpressions on how to sign up. This will make such a difference all round when it comes to the Annual Data Checks as we won't be sending home all the paperwork – it's good for the environment too as we won't be using reams of paper or the photocopier. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office for more information. So far, we have 37% of families signed up, so please take a few minutes to link in.



### Bikeability Level 1

Bike Ability is going well for P5 pupils.

Reminder...pupils must wear acceptable head protection and suitable outdoor clothing for every session. Bikes must be walked through the school playgrounds AT ALL TIMES and parked in the bike shelters.

SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

P5 9:15-10:30am (Miss Herron & Mr MacLeod)	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Bike Checks
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Session 1
	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Session 2
	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Session 3
	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Session 4
P5/6 11:15-12:30pm (Mr MacLeod)	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Session 5
	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Session 6
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Session 7
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Session 8



### Fair Trade Café and Parent Drop In

We have our Parent Drop In session planned for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, from 3:15 till 5:15. This is an opt in for any parent who wishes to come along to their child's class and have an informal chat with the teacher, as well as having a look at pieces of work in jotters and on display.

In addition to this, P5/6 are looking closely at the Fairtrade charity, and its background. They would like to invite any parent or carer dropping in to school during the times above to also pop in to their classroom where they will have a Fairtrade Café up and running, with any money raised going directly to the charity!

The Fairtrade Marketing team within P5/6 are asking parents to complete a very short survey. This has also gone out on teams. Please use the QR code below.



### P6 and P7 School of Rock Showcase

Following the success of the musical showcase at Christmas, P6 and P7 pupils are very busy rehearsing for a new showcase based on the musical School of Rock! They are working closely with Mr Thomson who will direct the showcase, and also with their class teachers. We will have 2 performances, held in our own school on:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June            7:30-8:30

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June       1:30-2:30

In discussions with the Parent Council, we have decided that in the first instance, tickets will be available to all pupils in P6 and p7 classes. All p6 and 7 pupils will be allocated:

3 EVENING tickets and 2 AFTERNOON tickets.

Please note, it is not obligatory that you use all these tickets. We don't anticipate there being as many tickets required for the afternoon show as obviously the majority of siblings will be in school and won't attend this performance. Be assured, the whole school will be an audience at a rehearsal in the run up to show day! In order to adhere to fire regulations, young children are not permitted to come along without a ticket and sit on an adult's lap. We hope that you understand.

Tickets will cost £5 and **MUST** be presented for the performance. We are having to be strict about seating and so we cannot have anyone come in without a ticket this time. Every ticket purchased will be entered into a free Prize Draw, organised by the Parent Council. School will also run a small tuck shop at both performances.

Any tickets not being used will become available on a first come first served basis for anyone else in P6 or 7, and then the wider school. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May via the school office and please be advised, it will be cash only. We will open up for the purchase of additional tickets on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If we feel that there is a demand, we can look at adding seats to the afternoon performance.

We are always looking at ways to gather the views of parents and carers, and so each ticket will have a Quick Question on the back. Our school is very special to us for many reasons. We would like to know why you think our school is special or unique, or what makes it rock! We would be really grateful if you can take a minute to answer the question before handing over your ticket at the performances! We will gather the data generated from this activity and report back at a later date.

Rehearsals are going well, and it is sure to be a fantastic performance 😊



### Super Teams Event

Pupils across P6 and P7 who took part in the Super Teams Competition had a fantastic time on Wednesday. Mrs Edmiston and Miss Cowie were very impressed by the sportsmanship and behaviour of our pupils – we are all very proud of them! Special congratulations go to the 4 boy team who came second overall in the competition!



### P7 Careers Fair

What an amazing time P7 pupils had at the Rotary Careers Event yesterday. We are so grateful to Ayr Rotary for organising such an interactive and informative morning for our pupils. They got to experience careers from so many sectors from hospitality to medicine with loads more in between. It has definitely given them food for thought about their futures.



### Sporting Events

Mrs Edmiston is very busy at the moment planning our annual Sports Morning. This will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May at the park next to the Activity Centre, with races starting from approximately 9:30. This event will be weather permitting, and we will make a judgement call either the day before or early on the day, with a message. Please check the diary dates at the end of the round up for the most up to date sporting events.



### Tennis

Good luck to 4 P6 pupils who will represent our school at South Ayrshire Tennis competition this week. I am sure you will be wonderful ambassadors for our school!

Can I help you?



### Getting in touch

Should parents wish to contact the school with a query or wish to speak to a particular member of staff, we would ask that you contact us via Expressions, phone or email as below:-

By phone – 01292 612491

By email – [Coylton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:Coylton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Parents are kindly reminded not to email class teachers directly in line with our school policy.



### EYC – P1 Transition

Ali Watkins and Mrs Campbell are in the process of planning a robust transition programme for pupils moving on to Primary 1 next year. More details have been sent directly to EYC parents but important dates to diary are as follows: -

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 1:45-2:45pm	<b>Transition Day 1 – Literacy focus in class</b> Parents / Carers to attend this event.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15-10:15am	<b>Transition Day 2 – Numeracy / Maths focus in class</b> Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15-10:15am	<b>Transition Day 3 – Health and Wellbeing focus in class</b> Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to P1



### News from the EYC (provided by Kelly 😊)

We would like to invite all parents to join us for the upcoming PEEP sessions:

Tuesday, May 21st, 1:45 - 2:45 PM

Tuesday, May 28th, 1:45 - 2:45 PM

We also have special transition activities planned for our new children:

- PEEP session on Tuesday, June 11th, from 2:30 to 3:00 PM, followed by a visit to the EYC.
- Book Bug session on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2.30 to 3:00PM, followed by a visit to the EYC.

A letter will be issued to the children in the 2's, inviting them to join us for these activities.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact us.

Additionally, we would like to remind everyone that our Sports Day is on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM for all children in the EYC. There will be a parents' race, so make sure to have your trainers on and get ready to show off your skills. Who knows, you might even impress your children!



### 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 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PEEP session
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 5
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	PEEP session
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	P5 Bikeability 6
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC to P1 Transition 1 1:45-2:45 – PARENTS TO ATTEND
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	School Sports Morning House Assembly
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	P4-7 Championship events
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC Sports afternoon
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC to P1 Transition 2 9:15-10:15 CHILDREN ONLY
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 Bikeability 7 Ayr Academy Information Evening
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	P5-6 Triathlon Event
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15 and P5/6 Fair Trade Cafe
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 1 PEEP session
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 9:15 – 10:15 CHILDREN ONLY Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	P5 Bikeability 8
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	House Football
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	House Netball PEEP session P6 and 7 SCHOOL OF ROCK SHOWCASE in school hall 7:30-8:30
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	P6 and 7 SCHOOL OF ROCK SHOWCASE in school hall 1:30-2:30
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