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Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Friday to everyone. I hope your week has gone well. We are so busy in school and EYC with loads of learning within the classrooms and beyond. Our P6 class enjoyed some time last week at Dumfries House experiencing STEM activities, and all classes continue to use our school grounds every day, regardless of the weather 😊



Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming staff from South Ayrshire Council into our school and EYC. The team will work with our staff and pupils to evaluate our improvement plan and our progress in Learning, Teaching and Assessment. All classes from EYC to P7 will have staff visit them to experience what it is like to be in classes, and in addition staff, some pupils, and parents will also have the opportunity to be part of focus groups. Thank you in advance to those parents who have volunteered to come in and chat to the team 😊 I look forward to sharing some feedback with you afterwards.



Children in Need

It feels as though Children in Need has crept up on us, but all at Coylton Primary and EYC are welcome to dress down (non-uniform) on Friday 15th November to celebrate the charity event. Anyone who wishes to make a small donation is welcome to do so. We will ensure that any donations are sent to Children in Need after the event.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024 - NEW THEME ANNOUNCE!



Anti Bullying Week

In addition, next week in school is Anti Bullying Week and our fabulous Pupil Council have plans in place to deliver lessons to all classes on Monday on the subject of 'Choose Respect' which is this year's theme. This links very neatly with our school values of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

As part of the dress down day on Friday 15th November, the Pupil Council ask everyone to wear odd socks to raise awareness of Anti Bullying.



Ayr Rugby Club Under-12 Girls Indoor Rugby Training

Ayr Rugby Club is keen to welcome more girls to their Under-12 Girls Indoor Rugby Training! Starting Wednesday 20th November, sessions will run weekly from 3:30 - 4:30 pm at Belmont Academy. These sessions offer a fun, supportive environment where girls under 12 can learn rugby skills, enjoy games and make new friends. It would be fantastic to see some of our School of Rugby participants give this a try. For further information or if you have any enquiries, please contact robynn@ayrrugbytrust.org



Remembrance

We are very grateful to our P7 pupils who are working hard to plan and deliver a remembrance lesson for all classes on Monday 11th November. I am sure that they will lead the learning sensitively and with empathy. They have been selling poppies on behalf of Poppy Scotland for a few weeks now and all money will go directly to the charity. We will observe a minute of silence at 11am on Monday morning.



Rag Bag Bins

The Rag Bag bins in our playground have recently been emptied. Did you know that school and EYC receive money back depending on the weight of the contents of the bins, and to date we have had almost £1000 back. This is fantastic! We are delighted that the school community continue to use the bins but could we please ask that all contents are bagged up prior to being placed in the bin and that the bins are NOT used for food waste or rubbish!!!



Celebrating success

Our Wall of Fame is now up and running within our gym hall, and it is filling up fast! If your child has a wider achievement that you would like to share, please provide us with details and a photo. You can send this information to Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

It really does amaze us how busy our children are out of school as well as in classes 😊



Transition to Secondary School

Just a reminder that the next Ayr Academy challenge day is on Tuesday 12th November for all P7 pupils.

Families are also invited to an Open Evening in Ayr Academy on Thursday 21st November from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see the school and meet the staff in an informal way. They will have many activities and stalls available on the night too so take some time and head along 😊



Talk about learning

We have been placing a real focus in all classes from EYC to P7 on pupils being able to talk about their learning – the what, the why and the what next! It would be wonderful if you could have a regular check in with your child to give them the opportunity to discuss their learning with you. Instead of asking

‘What did you do in school today?’ say.....

‘Tell me about something you learned today’



Parent Council

Parent Council met in school on Monday evening, and we were delighted to be joined by Laura and Nicola from South Ayrshire Council’s Information and Advice Hub.

They have agreed to hold some drop-in sessions for parents and members of the community here in school over the next month or so, and can offer advice on budgets, grants, financial support amongst other things. The dates for the first drop-in sessions are below.

Advice and Support for Coylton Primary School

Coylton PS has the backing from South Ayrshire Council’s Information and Advice Hub.



Laura & Nicola will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.



We can support with -

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making benefit claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grant
- Budgeting and money advice

Scan for more!



Laura & Nicola will hold a drop in on Monday 18th November and Monday 16th December between 2pm and 4pm within the school.

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, or contact the Hub directly using our online digital referral form on our website: <https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article26997/Online-Services>

When using our digital referral form please select **Yes** to ‘Would you like access to any other services?’ and type **FAO Community Team and Coylton Primary**. You can also contact us on 0300 123 0900 and ask for the Information and Advice Hub



Making a Difference Every Day



Reading School’s Award

Our Borrow a Book scheme for adults is ready to go live!!!! From Monday 4th November, there will be a trolley situated under the canopy at the main entrance and the EYC entrance for adults to come along and help themselves to a preloved book.

The idea would be that you come along at drop off and pick up times and help yourself to a preloved book. Once you are finished with it, simply pop it back or pass it on to a friend. This will be for adults in the community, parents, and staff to use. Thank you to those who have already sent in donations of books.....Keep them coming!

Our hope is that if pupils see the adults in their lives enjoying reading, it will encourage them to do the same. We will let you know when the trollies will be ready and please hand

any donations into the main office. This scheme will help us work towards our Reading School's award and so I hope that you find it enjoyable.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

The children in the 2 year old room have had their first Play on Pedals session this week where they had an introduction to balancing and co-ordination. We will continue to develop their skills with weekly visits to the playground. We have also been exploring fireworks and the children have been talking about displays that they have saw at home. We watched a video of fireworks on YouTube and then explored different materials and mark making to create our own fireworks



In the 3-5 room this week the children have also been exploring fireworks. They created their own fireworks using forks and broccoli. They then created their own fireworks using tissue paper and interpreted how the fireworks could move using different movements.

Children and families enjoyed our PEEP session this week where they made musical shakers and sensory bottles. Next week's session is playdough and we also have another session of our Baby and Toddler PEEP at 10.45. Please email hazel.murray@south-ayrshire.gov.uk if you would like to book a place.





Children's Services Plan

As part of the work around the Children's Services Plan the groups focusing on the Family priority are looking to gather information from parents and carers within our school cluster. We will use this information to gain insight into potential gaps in services to children and families. The information will also inform a future showcase of services event in your area. There is an incentive for families who complete the survey 😊

[Ayr and Girvan Cluster - Share your Views!](#)



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.

Friday 8 th November	P5 swimming week 9
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week Remembrance
Tuesday 12 th November	P & Ayr Academy Challenge Day 2
Wednesday 13 th November	SAC Collaborative Visit
Thursday 14 th November	SAC Collaborative Visit
Friday 15 th November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL SESSION Flu Immunisations P1-P7 Children In Need Day Wear Odd Socks and Dress Down
Monday 18 th November	Book Week Scotland
Thursday 21 st November	Ayr Academy Open Evening 5:00-7:30
Thursday 5 th December	P1 – 7 MOTHER GOOSE PANTO AT AYR GAIETY
Tuesday 10 th December	EYC Nativity 2pm
Wednesday 11 th December	EYC Christmas Lunch P2 Christmas Party
Thursday 12 th December	School Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 th December	P1 Christmas Party
Monday 16 th December	P3 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17 th December	EYC TRIP TO THE CUTTY SARK, AYR 10am P6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	P4 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Service P1-3 9:15-10:15 and P4-7 10:45-11:45 P5 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco - evening
Friday 20 th December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 6 th January	School reopens. Start of Scottish Culture focus
Thursday 23 rd January	Scottish Lunch menu
Thursday 30 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Friday 31 st January	P1-7 Scots Verse Competition 9:30-10:30
Monday 3 rd February – Thursday 6 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 1 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 10 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed
Monday 17 th February – Thursday 20 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 2
Tuesday 25 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	British Science Week
Friday 14 th March	Annual Reports home to Parents
Thursday 20 th March	Parent Appointments
Wednesday 27 th March	
Friday 4 th April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Reopens
Monday 5 th May	Holiday
Monday 26 th May	Holiday
Tuesday 27 th May	In Service – School and EYC closed
Wednesday 28 th May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Friday 30 th May	School Sports Morning
Monday 2 nd June	P4-7 Championship events
Tuesday 3 rd June	EYC Sports morning
Wednesday 4 th June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Friday 6 th June	P5 and 6 Triathlon Event
Monday 9 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 10 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1 Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Wednesday 11 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Wednesday 25 th June	P7 Leavers service EYC Tie Ceremony P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 26 th June	P7 Treat Day
Friday 27 th June	Close for holidays at 1pm

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