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Dear Parents and Carers



Primary 1 Online Registration – Monday 15th January

Children who are 5 years old between 1 March 2025 and 28 February 2026 are due to be registered for Education. Parents should register their children online at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/schools

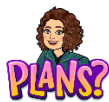
The link will be available from Monday 13th January 2025 and all registrations should be completed by Friday 1st January 2025.

When registering your child, you should attach their birth certificate and proof of your residence in the catchment area in the form of a Council Tax Notice or Utility Bill to the on-line registration.



Parent Council

The first Parent Council meeting of the new term took place on Monday 13th January via Zoom. Thanks to all who attended. Plans are in place for some fundraising events for the children for the rest of this session and information will come out about this soon. We also discussed the report that has been given to us following the Collaborative Improvement visit from SAC back in November which outlined the strengths of our school and EYC as well as areas for future development. We shared the high level messages with you back in November and we are happy to share the report with any parent who wishes to see a full copy via email. Either email Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk or by contacting the Parent Council at coyltonprimaryparentcouncil@yahoo.com



Scottish Culture

Traditionally, January is the month in school where we celebrate all things Scottish. This year, all classes in school and EYC will do so through lessons, songs, dancing and fun! In addition, P1-7 classes will learn some Scots verse. There are 4 categories for Scots verse:

P1

Mince & Tatties

Junior – P2 and P3 pupils	Street Talk
Intermediate – P4 and P5 pupils	Willie Wastle
Senior – P6 and P7 pupils	To A Mouse

Children from every class can put themselves forward and 3 finalists will be selected for each category. Pupils have been issued with their poems and we encourage them to read them aloud as much as possible at home as well as in school. Pupils do not need to put themselves forward if they don't want to.

The date for Scots Verse is Friday 31st January, starting at 9:30. We will inform parents of the finalists on Friday 24th January. Parents are invited to come along to the event if they wish.

EYC and P1 classes are having a small Burns event on Wednesday 22nd January. More information on this will come home soon. Our P7 pupils will have their Burns Supper in school on Thursday 30th January. P7 teachers will provide more information about this event via Teams.



Term 3 After school Clubs

Mrs Edmiston has been working hard to organise the following after school clubs for classes:

P6 and P7

Netball will run for pupils in P6 and P7 on Friday's and the dates are 24th January, 31st January, 7th February, 14th February, 21st February, 28th February, 7th March, 14th March, 21st March and 28th March. (10 weeks)

P4 and P5

Handball will run for pupils in P4 and P5. Eoin Yates from Active Schools will lead this on Wednesday's and the dates are 29th January, 5th February, 12th February, 19th February, 26th February and 5th March. (6 weeks)

P3

P7 Junior Coaches will lead an after-school Multi-Sports club. Jade Davis from Active Schools will supervise this. By dedicating this block to P3 only, we can ensure a better chance for pupils to secure a space. Additionally, this approach allows us to accommodate other year groups in future blocks, giving everyone a fair opportunity to participate.

The day will be Monday and the dates are 17th March, 24th March and 31st March. (3 weeks)

P2

P7 Junior Coaches will lead an after-school Multi-Sports club. Jade Davis from Active Schools will supervise this. By dedicating this block to P2 only, we can ensure a better

chance for pupils to secure a space. Additionally, this approach allows us to accommodate other year groups in future blocks, giving everyone a fair opportunity to participate.

The day will be Monday and the dates are: 24th February, 3rd March and 10th March. (3 weeks)

P1

P7 Junior Coaches will lead an after-school Multi-Sports club. Jade Davis from Active Schools will supervise this. By dedicating this block to P1 only, we can ensure a better chance for pupils to secure a space. Additionally, this approach allows us to accommodate other year groups in future blocks, giving everyone a fair opportunity to participate.

The day will be Monday and the dates are: 27th January, 3rd February and 17th February. (3 weeks)



P6 and P7 School Show

Following the success of the P6 and 7 Christmas showcase and last year's school show, we are delighted to announce that we will present The Greatest Showman in June 2025. This will be an action packed show for all P6 and P7 pupils so save the dates – Tuesday 17th June in the evening and Wednesday 18th June in the afternoon. Times to be confirmed. Pupils across P6 and P7 classes will start work on this soon with their teachers and Mr Thomson, and it sure to be a great event!!



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

We have had a very busy, fun filled week in the 2's! We have loved being out and about in the winter sunshine exploring our local environment. We went a walk to the local shops where we bought a tasty snack. We all listened very well to Lynn and Becca about how to keep safe when we are out. We loved having a visit from Suzie where we took part in a Scottish themed Book Bug session, we learned some new songs and we will continue to practice these each week.



In the 3-5 room this week we have been busy doing lots of different activities. We baked our own scones with Hazel. During the activity we talked about following a recipe and how it tells us what and how much we need, as well as discussing what ingredients we would need. We used the scales to weigh out the correct amounts and added each one in order using the recipe. Once the scones were ready, we had them for our afternoon snack and they were delicious.



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 st January	Ayr Academy Challenge Day 3 - STEM
Wednesday 22 nd January	Early Level Burns Supper
Thursday 23 rd January	Scottish Lunch menu P7 Dolphin House meeting for parents -3pm
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 I
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 PI Transition 2
Friday 6 th June	P5 and 6 Triathlon Event
Monday 9 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 10 th June	P7 to SI Transition 1 Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Wednesday 11 th June	P7 to SI Transition 2 EYC to PI Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Tuesday 17 th June	P6&7 The Greatest Showman - evening
Wednesday 18 th June	P6&7 The Greatest Showman - afternoon
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