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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to all who have taken time to complete the survey. To date, we have had 126 responses which is great. The link is below, and it closes at 3pm today.

Next week, we will share the results with you and any action points that we will make from your comments and suggestions. Thanks again for working in partnership with us across school and EYC

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKAbgSS7z5nhDpgyV5PHVsrIUQUY2OU9OWkdERk9FVEhRSVNyRFFRTlk3Mg4u>

Early Years Registration

Registration for Early Years in South Ayrshire opens on Monday 3rd March and closes on 9th March. South Ayrshire children have access to 1140 hours of funded early learning and childcare. Children who turn 3 between March – August 2025 are eligible to start in August 2025. Children who turn 3 between September 2025 - February 2026 are eligible to start the week after their 3rd birthday.

Information can also be found on South Ayrshire Council's website here:-

[Register for Early Learning and Childcare - South Ayrshire Council](#)

Please find link to admissions video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QOT9Sx3BPPA>



Dolphin House

Dolphin House is over for another year, and what a fantastic 2 weeks we have had. The children seemed so happy and it was great to see them working in teams, sometimes with people that they don't usually work with. This will really set them up for the remainder of their P7 year.

My sincere thanks go to the staff team at Dolphin House for providing amazing outdoor learning experiences, and to the staff team here in school who went over and above staying with the children overnight. This experience couldn't have happened without you 😊



Beyond the classroom – P4 and P5 pupils

Pupils from P4, P4/5 and P5 visited Eglinton Park this week to take part in some orienteering. They spent the whole day outdoors and thankfully it stayed dry! They arrived back at school having had a fun, active day. Thanks to parent helpers for accompanying the staff and children.



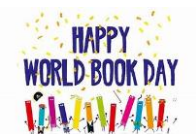
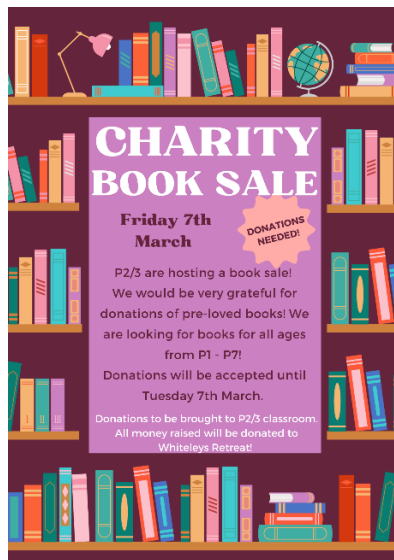
Rugby Festival

Unfortunately, the rugby festival was cancelled due to the wet and windy weather yesterday. We will keep you posted of a new date when we get it.



Charity Book Sale

Miss Thomson and P2/3 are running a charity book sale on Friday 7th March 2025. They are asking for donations of children's preloved books in good condition to come into school in advance of the date. On the day, all classes will have the opportunity to come along and buy a book for a very small donation, with all money raised going to a local charity, Whiteleys Retreat. Already, we have had some donations of pre loved books so please keep them coming



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March this year. Children are invited to come to school in their comfy clothing or even pyjamas and bring along their favourite book to read throughout the day if they wish.

In addition, we would love to invite families to join us in school between 2:15pm and 3pm on the day where they can head along to classes to join in with the literacy activities taking place. This is a drop-in and no booking is required, and it should give you time to visit multiple classes if you have more than one child in school. Please come in through the main entrance from 2:15pm and we will direct you to the classes you would like to visit.



Daffodil Tea

As part of transition to P1, we are delighted to say that our pre-school children and our P1 children are going to join together to hold a Daffodil Tea where their families can come along to school and enjoy some coffee and cake whilst the children entertain them. This event is still at the planning stage so for now, save the date – Thursday 3rd April at 2pm.

More information will follow.



Comic Relief 2025

This year, Comic Relief is on Friday 21st March. Our Pupil Council have identified this day as one that they would like the school and EYC to participate in. Plans are being put together at the moment, but one thing that they would like to do is hold a Bake Sale, similar to last year where each class is timetabled to come down and buy a sweet treat. This year, they would like to extend this further by inviting parents and families into class to purchase a cake. All grownups who come along and buy from the Bake Sale are invited to stay and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee to wash it down. This event will be open to all families across school and EYC and again, more information will follow!



Outdoor Classroom request – advance notice

Parents/carers of pupils from P4-7 are invited to partner with their child/children in the morning of Thursday 3rd of April to help with building and carpentry activities in our outdoor classroom. We are looking for some creativity and carpentry skills to help us plan and build some secure storage for our outdoor resources using some pallets that have been donated. Materials, (wood and screws will be provided) and a battery-operated drill/screwdriver and a saw are available too. We have other odd jobs that need to be undertaken too; resetting one of the benches, setting a weather station into the ground using post-setting concrete; and addressing the need to deter people from accessing the roof. With your and your child's/children's help, we can work together to improve the space and make it more secure for the future. Please email the school office to note your interest or require further details.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

This week we have been exploring a variety of different textures and materials and telling the ladies what we liked and disliked, we had lots of fun and got very messy! We also had a visit from Elise, the Childsmile Dental Nurse who used the toothbrush monster to show us how to brush our teeth properly, we got a sticker for doing it so well!



In the 3-5 room this week we have been exploring the world of pirates through our responsive floorbook. We used our new listening post to listen to a pirate story and then made their own pirate ship using the blocks. We have also been in the outdoor classroom looking for pirate treasure.

Our PEEP session this week saw nine families attend where we done a make and taste session which focused on using pattern in our creations. Join us next Wednesday at 9.15am where we will be exploring the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.



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 25 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day Families can join the literacy learning from 2:15-3:00
Friday 7 th March	P2/3 Charity Book Sale
Monday 10 th March	British Science Week
Friday 14 th March	Annual Reports home to Parents
Thursday 20 th March	Parent Appointments
Friday 21 st March	Comic Relief Bake Sale
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents as partners – Outdoor Classroom Daffodil Tea for Pre school and P1 families – 2pm
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 PI 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 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