

Dear Parents and Carers



I recently met with the Rights Respecting Schools Pupil Group to evaluate and update our Positive Relationships Policy. The pupils took time to go over each section, and contributed to them in order that it reflects the culture of nurture and relationships between children, staff, and families. I am delighted to share the updated policy with you, and it is attached to the email today. It will also be saved on the school website. Please don't hesitate to speak to your child about it at home as it has been discussed at assembly with all classes.



Staged Intervention - Block 2 (Feb-June)

We are still waiting for a number of Staged Intervention copies to be returned to us. It is important that you do so as these copies form part of your child's Staged Intervention profile. Please read over, comment and send one copy back to the class teacher. Parents / carers may also receive two copies of the evaluated Block 1 plan. It is important that you take the time to read through the comments, add any feedback and also send one copy back to the class teacher.

Thank you to all families who have already sent back completed copies, we would encourage all families to do so as soon as possible.



Survey results

We received 128 returns for our school and EYC parent survey – thank you so much to everyone who took the time to complete it. We are viewing the results as positive for the school and EYC, and as always, there are areas that we will work on to make the experience of being part of our school community a positive one for all. There were 38 comments submitted and we have tried to gather a flavour of those that were positive, whilst at the same time address those that were areas for improvements. You will find the results of the survey, as well as a YOU SAID, WE DID and WE WILL ALSO DO section attached to the email today.

It was really helpful that for some survey results, we could reach out and contact families directly. For those we have contacted, we have already 'fixed' some of the issues. We are very proud of the relationships we have with our families, and so please get in touch with us if you feel you would like to discuss any aspect of the survey further!



Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper

This week, Holly, Indie and Eve represented our school at the Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper. The girls recited an Extract from Tam O'Shanter in front of other pupils and staff from across South Ayrshire. Miss Cowie accompanied the girls, and they were amazing. We are very proud of them!



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>



Parent/Carer Appointments

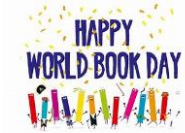
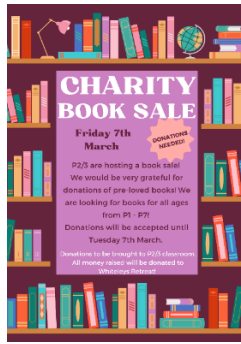
Our next round of Parent/Carer Appointments take place in school on Thursday 20th March. Bookings will be online via Parents Portal and will go live on Thursday 6th March at 9am.

Annual progress reports will go home to parents and carers ahead of Parent Appointments this year, in order that you can discuss them with your child's teacher. The report that comes home this year will show progress levels as they are in Term 3, and not end of year. Teachers still have a whole term of teaching to deliver which means a whole term of progress to make 😊. Teachers will explain this further at appointments.



Charity Book Sale

Primary 2/3 are still looking for book donations for their book sale on Friday 8th March, in particular, chapter books! Pupils are reminded they can bring in some money next Friday to buy a pre-loved book. Books will be on sale for 20p, 50p or £1! All the money raised will be donated to Whiteleys Retreat. 😊



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.



P3 Egyptian Showcase

Pupils in Miss McDonald's P3 class are working really hard to learn all about life in Ancient Egypt. They would love to invite families into their class on Tuesday 1st April from 2:15 – 3:00 to show off all their amazing work. Look out for more information coming soon!



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 😊)

The children in the 2 year old room have enjoyed being out in the winter sunshine exploring the school grounds. The children have shown a keen interest in looking after the babies, so we decided to take them a walk out and about with their babies and prams. We enjoyed looking for puddles and managed to find big ones to jump into!



In the 3-5 room this week we have been exploring stories and creating our own stories using the puppet theatre. The children have showed great creativity and imagination with their ideas and have performed their ideas to their peers. We have also been developing our understanding of positional language. The children have used different resources to demonstrate their knowledge of on top of, under, behind and in front.

Our last PEEP session of the term will take place on Wednesday 5th March at 9.15. We have World Book Day on Thursday 6th March where we are looking for parent/carers to come in and read a story to a small group of children. If you would like to take part speak to your child's key worker. Parent/carers are also invited to our upcoming stay and play session which will take place on Tuesday 11th March. Keep an eye on Learning Journals for more information.



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 few things to the Diary Dates this week!

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
Tuesday 1 st April	P3 Egyptian Showcase for parents 2:15 – 3:00
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 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
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