



Dear Parents and Carers

Schools across South Ayrshire are currently involved in the annual staffing exercise which will determine our classes for next session. As it stands right now, I don't foresee any change to the class structure that we have this year. More information regarding staffing will be given to pupils and parents throughout term 4.



However, I do have some news to share with you today. Mrs Campbell has decided that from August 2025, she will have a phased retirement by reducing her working week to 2 days. Although this is hard for us to think about, it is better to have her in school for 2 days than not at all!! Mrs Campbell has worked in Coylton Primary for 31 years and as a result, she has taught hundreds of children, and many of their parents too! Mrs Campbell will retain her nurturing role within the school and so therefore will still be on hand to support all our children and families. It is with her permission that I share this news with you today.....she will continue in her Acting DHT role for the time being. Business as usual for you at the moment Mrs C 😊



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, which is now live!

Today we send home Annual Progress Reports, ahead of Parent Appointments next week, 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.



Attendance

I am delighted to say that our attendance is continuing to be better than it was this time last year. South Ayrshire Council are really driving home the importance of attending school with their *Every Learner, Every Day* message and so each week, we get attendance figures for our school from the same time last year to compare. We are currently sitting at 95.2% attendance, compared to 93.9% this time last year. We are also higher than the South

Ayrshire average of 93.8%. Let's all work together to keep this momentum going, as we can see from attainment tracking the difference this is making to our pupils 😊



Charity Book Sale

What a wonderful achievement from the pupils in P2/3 who raised £389.38 for Whiteleys Charity through their Book Sale last week. This event will also count towards our Reading Schools Award as we are always looking for ways to encourage children to read for enjoyment. Well done P2/3 😊



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. It is 40 years since the very first Comic Relief fundraiser took place, and so the Pupil Council invite everyone in school and EYC to wear red OR dress as though they were in 1985 😊😊😊 (I remember it well!!!)

In addition, they are holding a Bake Sale for all classes to come along and buy a sweet treat to have at break or lunch. All classes will have an allocated time slot to purchase a cake and.....this year, we would love to have our parents and carers pop in too! Mrs Duncan's classroom will be open to parents between 9:15 and 10:00 to come along and purchase a cake. Pupils from P5 will be on hand to help with the selection. Pupils from P5 will also be on hand to escort parents along to the GP room where we will offer a complimentary cup of tea or coffee to wash down your cake. We would love to see as many of you as can make it along on the day.

The Pupil Council are also looking for donations of baking in advance of the sale. Any donations can be handed in from Wednesday 19th March to the school office, and we will have a designated drop off area for anyone who would like to make a donation at Parent Appointments on Thursday 20th March. WE MUST ASK THAT NO ITEMS OF HOME BAKING CONTAIN NUTS. We are aware of children with allergies and so teachers will be on hand to help them select something appropriate for them. We will also ensure that there are non – dairy items available if those who require them wish to buy.



Your Mission: Discover Local World War II Stories!

South Ayrshire are investing heavily in the 80th Anniversary of VE Day this year and have tasked schools to create a short video with information as follows:

Find out how World War II affected people in our local area! You can explore by speaking to family members and doing your own research. You can present your findings in different ways, such as:

🗣️ Drawing a picture

- 📺 Making a short video
- ✉ Writing a letter or diary entry
- 🗣 Interviewing a family member
- 📖 Doing your own research.

Once everyone has finished, we'll share our work and create a special school video. This video will be sent to the Local Connections Video Project, which is collecting stories from all over South Ayrshire.

Have fun exploring history! We can't wait to see what you discover. Please hand in by 17/3/25.

This information has already been sent out as a homework task on Teams.

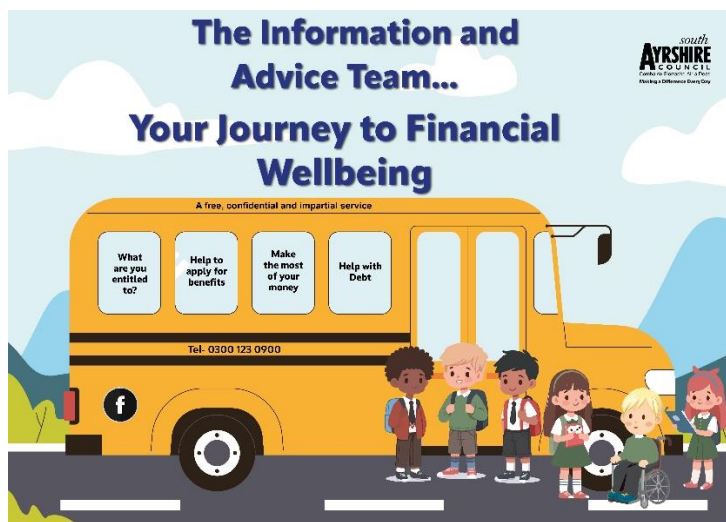


Information and Advice Hub Drop in

Has your situation recently changed? You may possibly be navigating life after health changes, a relationship breakdown, redundancy, or something else as equally unexpected.

South Ayrshire Council Information and Advice Hub are here to help, offering free, impartial, and confidential advice.

Join Laura on Monday 17th March between 2pm and 4pm in school for an informal chat.



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.

DIY



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 😊)

We have had a very busy week in the 2-year-old room! We enjoyed a Stay and Play session on Tuesday where our parents got the chance to come into the EYC and experience some of the activities that we provide for our 2-year-olds. It was very beneficial to spend the time chatting to our parents in a relaxed atmosphere. On Wednesday we took a walk along to the local café where we had our snack. The children walked to the café where we talked about keeping safe when out and about. We had a visit from Louise on Thursday who is a Paediatric Nurse from Crosshouse Hospital who spoke to us about her job and what she does in the hospital.



In the 3–5 room this week we welcomed our families in for a STEM Stay and Play session where we explored lots of different science experiments. Thank you to all parent/carers who attended, we had a fantastic turn out. We have been exploring the topic of People Who Help Us. A huge thank you goes out to one of our parents in the centre - Policeman James, and his policeman friend for bringing the police car to show us. The children had lots of fun

pressing the buttons for the flashing lights and the sirens. Another thank you goes to Louise from Crosshouse Hospital who is a Paediatric nurse, she came and spoke to us about how she cares for children in the hospital when they are poorly. Louise was kind enough to bring her stethoscope, some x-rays, and some bandages with her and did some demonstrations for us. We are working our way through the offers of help for this topic, if anyone else would like to come in and talk to the children for our people who help us topic just let us know.



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 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
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