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Dear Parents and Carers

Wow...is it not the end of term yet??? I am consistently impressed by the hard work and dedication of all staff and pupils as we make our way to the spring holiday – which is a whole week later than usual! Term 3 has been a very long term, but a very rewarding one. Pupils across all classes have been working towards their GOAL GETTER targets, with many achieving them already! Excellent work! All pupils across P1, P4 and P7 classes have completed National Standardised Assessments, and we are delighted with the results! We have so many things to be proud of!



Sports Scotland Award

Hot off the press is news from Sports Scotland which only came in last night! Mrs Edmiston is our Sports Coordinator and she has been really busy this year working to provide an extensive Sports programme across our school. As well as this, Mrs Edmiston has submitted a presentation filled with loads and loads of evidence to Sports Scotland.....and we have been awarded their GOLD AWARD!!!!!!!!!!

The Gold School Sport Award is recognition of a school's achievements in putting sport at the heart of school's planning, practice, and ethos. The Gold Award also highlights that a school has shown excellent practice across the core areas of the Award and demonstrated an on-going commitment to increasing young people's opportunities and engagement in physical education, school sport and leadership and provide clear pathways to life-long participation in sport. WE DID IT!!! We are so very proud of this achievement, and my sincere thanks go to every pupil who has participated in the various activities over the year, to the adults who have helped facilitate these events and to Mrs Edmiston for her hard work and determination to have the efforts of our pupils recognised!!!



Comic Relief 2025

Well, what a wonderful day we had last Friday....cakes, cakes and more cakes! It was an amazing effort from our Pupil Council and Mrs Duncan who organised and ran a Bake Sale for all classes....and this year parents, and families too! We loved having you join us for a coffee afterwards too. Everyone looked fantastic, dressed in red or rocking the 1985 fashion. The playlist for that year happened to have a few belters in it too 😊

We raised.....£860.89 .OUTSTANDING!!!

DIY



Outdoor Classroom Parent and Child DIY event

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. Miss McFarlane has now provided some additional information:

We will be building new planters, filling them with compost and other items from our outdoor classroom, digging a hole and setting our weather station in the ground with fence-post concrete, repairing the triangle shelter and cold frame and for those who are talented enough, building a small planter using reclaimed wood. If anybody is able and willing (and can bring a ladder), we have some anti-climb paint that needs added to the shed to discourage people from climbing on the roof.

Could all parents who are able to help please come to the school office at 9:15 and we will match you up with your children (p4-7 only). The event will last from 9:30-11:30 approximately – refreshments will be available as we reckon it will be thirsty work 😊



Orienteering

P4/5 and 5 had a fabulous time at the South Ayrshire Orienteering day yesterday at Rozelle! Despite the rain, they worked well together and found their way around the course. It was good to see the children using the skills that they have been developing during some outdoor learning sessions at school.

BOOM



Offensive Language

We would like to thank PC McPheat, Campus Police Officer at Ayr Academy for coming up to school to talk to P4-7 classes about the use of offensive language. We had become aware of some children using language in school which could be deemed as racist, sexist, or homophobic. Through conversations with classes about this, we discovered that there was a lack of understanding around the difference between inappropriate language and offensive language. PC McPheat was able to provide the children with a better understanding about this subject, and so far, we have not heard of anything more being said. We will continue to monitor the situation.



Digital Schools Award

Miss Thomson and our Digi Leaders have been working hard preparing for our Digital Schools accreditation visit which is on Tuesday 1st April. The accreditation team will speak to Miss Thomson and myself, as well as other staff and pupils too, and some classes will showcase learning in Digital Technology. We are keeping everything crossed that it goes well, and we will let families know of the outcome as soon as we can.



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. Come along to the main entrance and you will be escorted to the classroom to experience the learning there.



Daffodil Tea

We are looking forward to welcoming families of pre-school children and P1 children to our Daffodil Tea on Thursday 3rd April from 2pm. The children have been busy working together to create a 'transition showcase' of our learning together. We will be sharing our joint learning with you, while you enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some cakes. We have produced some daffodil artwork that we would love you to buy, and we will be entertaining you with some songs we have been learning together. We ask only for a donation to purchase artwork, with any money raised going towards a Teddy Bear's picnic in term 4.

Plans are already underway for transition to P1 for our pre-school children. Ali and I will be in touch with parents of children starting school in August very soon.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-year-old room this week the children have been exploring the outdoor classroom within the school where we have been noticing some changes in the environment and glad that the Spring is on the way. The children have been using the playground equipment to develop their gross motor skills in particular climbing and balancing. We will be spending lots more time outdoors as we hope the sun continues to shine.



In the 3-5 room the staff and children have been busy revamping the indoor environment. The children had great fun moving the furniture and contributing their ideas to how they wanted their playroom. In the EYC foyer we have created a new 'What we are Learning' board. Just scan the QR code to watch what the children have been learning.

Just a reminder that the Daffodil Tea will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 2pm for parents of Pre-school children. This is an opportunity for you see our transition showcase of learning between the Preschool children and Primary One. There will also be an opportunity to purchase beautiful artwork created by the children.



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 1 st April	P3 Egyptian Showcase for parents 2:15 – 3:00
Thursday 3 rd April	Parents as partners – Outdoor Classroom - am 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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