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Dear Parents and Carers



Congratulaions to all pupils and staff....we made it to the end of what has felt like the longest term ever! I know that when 2:30pm comes this afternoon, everyone will be ready for a good break. Just a reminder, we do finish earlier today at 2:30pm, and school opens again on Tuesday 22nd April. The EYC remains open over the holidays for those who attend on a 52 week pattern, with the exception of Friday 18th April and Monday 21st April which are public holidays. On behalf of all our staff, I wish everyone a relaxing break and the chance to recharge the batteries with lots of sunshine, and maybe one or two chocolate eggs!

Please note, some additional dates have been added to the diary section of the Round Up today.

As we finish up today, the good news keeps on coming.....



Digital School Award

I am over the moon to let you know that this week, we had a validation from Digital Schools Award Scotland which involved being online for the morning with a validator who met virtually with pupils and staff, as well as observing some learning!!! AND WE GOT IT!!!!!! Our validator was really impressed by how confidently our pupils spoke about how technology at school is embedded into everything we do, and she also talked about our staff being inspirational! I am so proud of everyone, and particularr mention must go to Miss Thomson who is our Digital Champion and who has worked incredibly hard over time to upskill our staff, provide leadership opportunities for our pupils and collate an amazing amount of evidence to submit!! Thank you so much. We have already received our report and here are a couple of extracts from it:

"We are confident that Coylton Primary School will be a pioneer among schools where digitally enhanced teaching and learning is helping our children and young people prepare for living and working in the 21st Century. "

"There is a very strong culture at Coylton Primary of pupil voice and pupils lead on their learning."

"In relation to school culture, all classrooms are mature, digital learning and teaching environments, where digital technologies are deployed in ways that help learners improve their resilience, motivation and self-esteem".

"The use of technology to support pupils with additional needs was strongly evident".

In addition to the Digital Schools Award, we also qualified for Digital Wellbeing Award and the Equitable Creative Coding Award!!

DIY



Outdoor Classroom Parent and Child DIY event

We were blessed with lovely weather for our Outdoor DIY session yesterday. Thank you so much to those parents and family members who gave up their time to work with their children enhancing our outdoor classroom. Thanks also go to Miss McFarlane who has been leading Outdoor Learning with classes this session. She has big plans for how to extend learning outdoors as we move into Term 4.

This week, Miss McFarlane shared with the staff and pupils that as a result of the hard work of children throughout the school, creating a frog hibernation station, surveying the school grounds for signs of biodiversity, taking part in a community litter pick and much more, we have achieved a GOLD award for the RSPB's 'Wild Challenge'. Another award to be proud of!



P3 Egyptian Showcase

It was really wonderful to see so many parents and family members come along to P3 to share their learning on Tuesday afternoon! The children brought the world of Ancient Egypt to life with their knowledge and the artefacts that they had made. Learning like this is interdisciplinary, meaning it takes account of many different curricular areas, and so therefore children have the opportunity to develop a whole range of skills! The children had a wonderful time leading their learning, and parents and families left with smiles, and perhaps a bit more historical knowledge than they had before! Well done to P3 and Miss McDonald 😊



Daffodil Tea

The sun was shining for our Transition to P1 Daffodil Tea yesterday afternoon. It was fantastic to see the families of our pre-school children come together with families of our P1 pupils for some refreshments, and the entertainment from the children was uplifting! They sang their hearts out, not to mention showcasing their artistic talents in the Art Gallery. Thank you to those who made a donation to take home a piece of art....we raised £125.78 which will go toward a shared learning event for the children in Term 4.

Plans are well 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. We just need to get confirmation of those who have submitted placing requests, and then we will send out letters. For the moment, save the date of 28th May as this will be an opportunity for pre-

school parents to come in for an information session and for pre-school children to meet their PI teachers and classmates for the first time. Much more information will follow, and some dates are already on the Diary Dates section of the Round Up.



Parent Council Easter Raffle

Thanks, so much to everyone who donated raffle prizes or bought raffle tickets. The draw was carried out today, and we will be in touch if you have won a prize! The total raised from the raffle was £1371 -what a result!!!

We would also like to thank the Parent Council for their tasty chocolate bunnies that will go home with every child in school and EYC today 😊



South Ayrshire Information and Advice Hub drop In's

Laura from the Information and Advice Hub will be in school on the dates below for anyone who is looking for some guidance around finances and support.

Advice and Support for Coylton Primary School

Coylton PS has the backing from South Ayrshire Council's Information and Advice Hub



Laura & Nicola will provide a free, confidential, and impartial, information and advice service in welfare benefits, money/debt advice to families.



We can support with -

- Checking your entitlement and supporting you in making benefit claims
- Advice regarding Free School Meals, School Clothing Grant, Scottish Child Payment and any other eligible grant
- Budgeting and money advice

Scan for more!



- **Laura & Nicola will hold a drop in on**
- Monday 28th April between 2pm and 4pm
- Monday 19th May between 2pm and 4pm
- Monday 16th June between 2pm and 4pm

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code, or contact the Hub directly using our online digital referral form on our website: <https://beta.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article26997/Online-Services>

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When using our digital referral form please select **Yes** to 'Would you like access to any other services?' and type **FAO Community Team and Coylton Primary**.

You can also contact us on 0300 123 0900 and ask for the Information and Advice Hub



Making a Difference Every Day



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the EYC this week we have been busy exploring our people who help us topic. Thank you so much to Finn's mum who brought the ambulance to show us. The children had lots of fun using the sirens and lights and were learning about how paramedics help people. Another thank you to Kevin from Ayr Fire Station who brought the fire engine to the EYC. The children got the chance to use the hose and and sit in the fire engine they also found out information about what a firefighter does. The children from both the 2-3 room and the 3-5 room have really enjoyed exploring this topic and having the chance to use real life

resources to support their understanding. Thank you to everyone who has supported this topic over the past few weeks without your help and support we would be unable to fully explore people who help us.



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 4 th April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Reopens
Monday 28 th April	P1 and P7 Dental Checks
Tuesday 29 th April	P1 and P1/2 visiting Culzean Country Park
Wednesday 30 th April	P2/3 and P3 visiting Culzean Country Park
Monday 5 th May	Holiday
Monday 12 th May	Parent Council Meeting in school at 7pm
Wednesday 14 th May	Rights Respecting Schools Silver Accreditation Day
Thursday 15 th May	Ayr Rotary Club Careers Fair for P7 pupils
Sunday 18 th May	Greatest Showman rehearsal day
Wednesday 21 st May	EYC PEEP Session - am
Friday 23 rd May	Parent Council Bounce a Thon in school
Monday 26 th May	Holiday
Tuesday 27 th May	In Service – School and EYC closed
Wednesday 28 th May	EYC to P1 Transition 1 EYC PEEP session -am
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 EYC PEEP session - am
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
Thursday 19 th June	House Netball
Friday 20 th June	House Football
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