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Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back!! We hope that you all enjoyed a bit of a breather over the holiday and are all set for the whirlwind that is Term 4! This term, there will be a focus on transition – preparing our youngest children for Primary 1, our oldest children for S1 and for all children moving up a year! Although we will still very much be introducing new learning, we will be doing so at the same time as preparing for the next stage! Exciting times! We are delighted to see the sun shining at the moment, although there is still a bit of a chill in the air. That said, please consider applying sun cream in the morning and sending in a hat should you feel your child needs it. As always, time will be spent learning outdoors each week for all classes.



Staff changes

We will be pleased to welcome Mrs Docherty back to her Depute Head Teacher role later this term as she returns from maternity leave. Although there are a few weeks left before she returns, I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Campbell for stepping up into the DHT role during Mrs Docherty's absence. Mrs Campbell has continued to provide children, families and staff with nurture and support, whilst at the same time juggling the remit of the Senior Leadership Team. I know that Mrs Campbell may have regretted saying yes to the job at times, but she has handled all aspects of it with professionalism and her usual child centred commitment. In addition, Wendy has been an enormous support to me personally over the course of her time in post and I will be forever grateful to her for pushing herself out of her comfort zone to take on the job.

With Mrs Docherty returning, we do have to say a very sad farewell to Miss McDonald who has led the learning in P3 this session. Parents of P3 have already been informed. Carissa has been a valued member of our team over this session and last session, and she has provided our children with wonderful learning experiences in a nurturing and creative way. Carissa has built up such lovely relationships with children, families and staff and I am hopeful that this will not be the last time we see her in our school. Her last day in class will be Tuesday 13th May, although she may be in and around the school for other days.

In order to ensure the progression of learning in P3, Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Cox will lead within P3 from middle May until the end of June. Both teachers are already members of

staff in our school and know the class well. Parents will have the chance to meet the teachers at the Drop-In session on Tuesday 10th June.



Bikeability Level 1

Bikeability Level 1 training will commence in Term 4 for our Primary 5 pupils. This programme has been developed by Cycling Scotland and is being delivered throughout schools in South Ayrshire. The training is taking place within the school playgrounds and Miss Herron and Mr MacLeod are delivering the sessions each week.

Reminder...pupils must wear acceptable head protection and suitable outdoor clothing for every session. Bikes must be walked through the school playgrounds AT ALL TIMES and parked in the bike shelters.

SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

P5 - 9.15am - 10.30am P4/5 - 11.15am - 12.30pm	Tuesday 29 th April	Bike Checks
	Tuesday 6 th May	Bikeability Session
	Tuesday 13 th May	Bikeability Session
	Tuesday 20 th May	Bikeability Session
	Tuesday 3 rd June	Bikeability Session

P5 parents have already been sent this Microsoft form for completion.

<https://forms.office.com/e/Q5n6QqNgzI>



P6 and P7 Greatest Showman Showcase

Following the success of the musical showcase at Christmas, P6 and P7 pupils are very busy rehearsing for a new showcase based on the musical Greatest Showman! They are working closely with Mr Thomson who will direct the showcase, and also with their class teachers. We will have 2 performances, held in our own school on:

Tuesday 17th June 7:30-8:30

Wednesday 18th June 1:30-2:30

Tickets will be on sale for both performances, and although only pupils from p6 and 7 classes are performing, we encourage our whole school community to come along if they wish. More information around the number of available tickets and cost will come out in due course.



P7 Careers Fair

We are delighted that our P7 pupils have been selected to take part in a Careers Fair, organised by Ayr Rotary Club. This event will take place on Thursday 15th May in Ayr Town Hall. Over 30 different career stalls will be available, and pupils will be able to choose 10 to visit during the time. Our P7 pupils last year attended this event and found it really

worthwhile and enjoyable. P7 teachers will work with pupils ahead of this event to provide information on various careers in order that they can make their choices. Look out for more information coming soon to P7 pupils. This links in very well with the work we are doing under Developing the Young Workforce this year.



EYC – P1 Transition

Ali Watkins and myself are in the process of planning a robust transition programme for pupils moving on to Primary 1 next year. More details will be sent directly to EYC parents but important diary dates are as follows: -

Wednesday 28 th May 1:45-2:45pm	Transition Day 1 – Literacy focus in class Parents / Carers to attend this event.
Wednesday 4 th June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 2 – Numeracy / Maths focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 11 th June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 3 – Health and Wellbeing focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 26 th June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to P1 Parents/Carers to attend this event



Fairtrade

The Fairtrade Pupil Group were looking for a way to share information with the classes and decided that they wanted to make a film! I'm sure you will agree that they did a fantastic job! They will also be sending out a Fairtrade newsletter soon and are hoping to run a Fairtrade tuck shop this term. My thanks go to Mrs Cairn for leading the group, and for creating the video with the children.

<https://youtu.be/KQHuzDO6zZI?si=wTGQWBquuSo7swmz>



Rights Respecting Schools

Work is going ahead in school and EYC at the moment to prepare for our Silver RRS accreditation which will take place on Wednesday 14th May. Miss McFarlane has been working very hard to collate our evidence as well as working with staff and pupils to prepare for the online visit. I am confident that the hard work of all children and staff will pay off, and we will let you know the outcome as soon as we can following the visit.



Accelerated Reading

We have continued to be impressed by the efforts of pupils across P4-7 who are choosing reading books and quizzing. Here is the up to date information:

Top Readers

P4 - Poppy 367,262 words read.

P4/5 - Teddy 509,024 words read.

P5 – Brodie 1,060,467 words read.

P6 - Jamie 585,089 words read.

P6/7 -Kirsty 1,061,116 words read.

P7 - Holly 1,463,811 words read.

Special mention to the following pupils who have read the following amount of words:

P4	P4/5	P5	P6	P6/7	P7
Charlie 136,447	Andrew 335, 739	Emily 285,323	Elisha 285,556	Theo 343,334	Oscar 651,849
Lewis115,515	Euan 433,952	Mary-Jane 206,615	Freya 393,701	Arlo 331,822	Soraya 578,201
Lochie 119,574	Murray 457,634	Anna 846,614	Rachel 207,431	Indie 242,662	Mirren 381,243
		Quinn 946,909	Sophie 255,694	Kate 242,379	Aylie 414,565
			Eve 288,218	Sam 299,214	Luke 369,048
				Finn 521,466	Kai 284,033
				Jayden Hutton 343,364	Broden 205,805
				Robbie Gordon 611,421	Rafe 225,000 Cameron 222,427 Isla 263,815

The top class is Primary 7 with 6,815,895 words read since August.

Total words read between all 6 classes are 24,154,867 . How amazing is this??



Outdoor Learning

Due to all our hard work in our outdoor classroom and beyond we have successfully achieved Level 1 and Level 2 of the RHS School Gardening Award, demonstrating we understand the benefits of gardening, we have a garden accessible to all, we have worked together to plan and develop our garden and are developing gardening skills. As part of the award, we have received seeds, gardening books and a £50 voucher for gardening resources. Well done to all the children who have been working so hard in the garden. Miss

McFarlane visited Dobbies with a small group of children yesterday where they bought some resources with our voucher.



Parent Council

We are in the process of organising a homework survey on the behalf of the Parent Council to capture the views of all parents around homework. We hope to have this out to parents next week.

Our next Parent council meeting is on Monday 12th May at 7pm in school – all welcome!



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>

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

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News from the EYC (provided by Rebecca L 😊)

This week in the EYC we have had some very special visitors. Alfie's mum kindly brought in some lambs from the farm for us all to see. All children had the opportunity to pet and feed the lambs. We also spoke about the signs of spring that we may see in our local environment.



During the Easter Holidays the 52-week children were busy renovating the garden with help from the ladies. We painted the mud kitchen and the shed to freshen up the outdoor area. Our handy man Tam was also there to repair some of our resources.



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.

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
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