

Dear Parents and Carers



Good morning to all our families! We have had a great week at school with lots of learning both indoors and outdoors taking place! A focus for us this week has been on safety and the safeguarding of all our children and staff. We are so delighted that the new fence and gate at the side of our school has made a real difference to the public not having to walk through our playground to access the main road! Could we ask all families to ensure that they close all gates behind them when they enter and exit the school grounds? We are hoping to have some signs made for the gates as a reminder of this security detail. In addition, we have been looking again at our Child Protection policy which you can find on our website and also below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/coyltonpsandeyc/school-docs/child-protection-and-safeguarding-policy/>

We are so pleased that some of our pupils gave us their views on Child Protection and Safeguarding, and you can hear them by scanning the QR code at the end of the policy.



### Staffing

Just a reminder that our staffing changes next week with Mrs Docherty returning to school. Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Cox will take over the lead in P3 until the end of term. Miss McDonald will remain in school until the end of next week, but her last day in class with the children will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.



### Bikeability Level 1

Bikeability Level 1 training is underway 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 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability Session
	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability Session
	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Bikeability Session
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Bikeability Session



## Football

Miss Cowie has been running the school Football Team for a number of years now, with Robert Madeley as coach. The team could not have operated without Robert's guidance, and with his son heading to secondary school in August, Robert will stand down as coach. We want to say a heartfelt thank you to Robert for giving up so much of his time to coach training sessions and games, as well as transporting the team around. We genuinely could not have had a team without him!

I know that the children, and Miss Cowie are really keen to continue having a football team, but we really do need someone to step up and coach. It would be wonderful if anyone was able to have a conversation with Miss Cowie about what would be required in terms of time. Without coaching support, it is unlikely that the team will be able to continue. Please call into the school on 01292 612491 and ask to have a chat with Miss Cowie if you are interested in helping out.



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May 1:45-2:45pm	Transition Day 1 – Literacy focus in class Parents / Carers to attend this event.
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 2 – Numeracy / Maths focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 3 – Health and Wellbeing focus in class Only pupils to attend this session

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to PI Parents/Carers to attend this event
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### Accelerated Reading

Pupils in P4-7 who access Accelerated Reading can read books both in school and at home. However, the facility to complete quizzes can only be done in school from now on! We will continue to encourage children to read for enjoyment at home, and then quiz in school.



### 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 17<sup>th</sup> June      7:30-8:30

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June      1:30-2:30

Following in the same format as last year, tickets will be available to all pupils in P6 and p7 classes in the first instance. All p6 and 7 pupils will be allocated:

3 EVENING tickets and 2 AFTERNOON tickets.

Please note, it is not obligatory that you use all these tickets. We don't anticipate there being as many tickets required for the afternoon show as obviously the majority of siblings will be in school and won't attend this performance. Be assured, the whole school will be an audience at a rehearsal in the run up to show day! In order to adhere to fire regulations, young children are not permitted to come along without a ticket and sit on an adult's lap. We hope that you understand.

Tickets will cost £5 and MUST be presented for the performance. We are having to be strict about seating and so we cannot have anyone come in without a ticket this time. Every ticket purchased will be entered into a free Prize Draw, organised by the Parent Council. School will also run a small tuck shop at both performances.

Any tickets not being used will become available on a first come first served basis for anyone else in P6 or 7, and then the wider school. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May via the school office and please be advised, it will be cash only. We will open up for the purchase of additional tickets on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. If we feel that there is a demand, we can look at adding seats to the afternoon performance.

We are always looking at ways to gather the views of parents and carers, and so each ticket will have a Quick Question on the back. We would be really grateful if you can take a

minute to answer the question before handing over your ticket at the performances! We will gather the data generated from this activity and report back at a later date.

Rehearsals are going well, and it is sure to be a fantastic performance 😊



## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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



## Parent Council

Our next Parent council meeting is on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in school – all welcome



## South Ayrshire Information and Advice Hub drop ins

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 Croyton Primary School**

Croyton 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
- Applications for 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 28<sup>th</sup> April between 2pm and 4pm
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May between 2pm and 4pm
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Croyton Primary. You can also contact us on 0300 123 0900 and ask for the Information and Advice Hub



## News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-3 room this week we have enjoyed being outdoors in the beautiful sunshine. We have been developing our skills in persevering. We have been completing tasks all on our own and with a little support from the ladies. We worked hard to complete the obstacle course in the playground, persevered to blow bubbles by ourselves and loved exploring the new water fountain.



We have a new addition to our EYC family, his name is 'Adventure Ted'. Adventure Ted is available for the children to take away on any adventure they may be going on no matter how big or small. It could be a trip to the supermarket, the beach or helping in the garden. If your child would like to borrow Adventure Ted, then please speak to one of the staff who will be happy to arrange this. We look forward to seeing what adventures you all get up to with Adventure Ted.

Our PEEP sessions will be running for a three-week block starting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We look forward to seeing you there.



### 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 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Council Meeting in school at 7pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Rights Respecting Schools Silver Accreditation Day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Ayr Rotary Club Careers Fair for P7 pupils
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Greatest Showman rehearsal day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	EYC PEEP Session - am
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Parent Council Bounce a Thon in school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	In Service – School and EYC closed
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC to PI Transition 1 EYC PEEP session -am
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	School Sports Morning
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	P4-7 Championship events
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	EYC Sports morning
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC to PI Transition 2 EYC PEEP session - am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to SI Transition 1 Parent Drop In 3:15-5:15
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to SI Transition 2 EYC to PI Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	P6&7 The Greatest Showman - evening
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	P6&7 The Greatest Showman - afternoon
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	House Netball
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	House Football
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers service

	EYC Tie Ceremony P7 Leavers Disco - evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Treat Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Close for holidays at 1pm