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Hello, and welcome to Term 2 here in school and EYC. I hope that everyone had a good break over the October holiday. It has been great to catch up with the children again this week, and I am really pleased to say they have come back with positive attitudes and are working hard.



South Ayrshire Foodbank

P2/3 have been learning about the work of various charities. Cody, Blair and Max J would like to give you more information:

P2/3 are looking for donations for the South Ayrshire Foodbank. We are learning about the festival of Harvest. We are looking for things like:

Cereals, tinned main meals, tinned or packet custard, tinned vegetables or fruit, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, tinned fish, diluting juice, biscuits, teabags, coffee, UHT Milk.

We will be handing over the donations to the South Ayrshire Foodbank on Thursday 30th October so please make sure donations are in before that date. Any donations are appreciated.



Transition to Secondary School

P7 pupils had a great time at Ayr Academy on Tuesday at their first Challenge Morning. The time spent in Ayr Academy allowed all P7 pupils the opportunity to experience life in secondary school as part of the transition programme. The focus for this challenge morning was Creative and Expressive Art, with pupils taking part in lessons in music, drama and art. The next Challenge morning is on 18th November and this one will have a Health and Wellbeing focus.

Ayr Academy will hold an Open Night for P5-7 parents on the 2nd December so be sure and save the date!



Celebrating Success

We are always eager to hear about your child's wider achievements, both in and outside of school. This could be an achievement in sport, music, arts, community involvement or any other area where your child has excelled or shown dedication.

If your child has a wider achievement that you would like to share, please provide us with details and a photo. You can send this information to

Coylton.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

These achievements will be discussed and celebrated with your child in class and also during an upcoming assembly. Photos will be added to our Wall of Fame which is displayed in the gym hall.



Pumpkins and Alpacas

Mrs Edmiston and her P7 class visited Hannahston Alpacas near Drongan this week and had a wonderful experience. They were able to consider the Meta skills we have looked at so far (ADAPTING and FEELING) when working with these lovely animals as they had to adapt the way they responded and considered the feelings of the Alpacas. The class were fascinated to hear that even Alpacas can be neurodiverse and so they considered the similarities between behaviours with the animals and children. As a seasonal bonus, they also had the chance to show off their CREATIVITY skills by carving their own Halloween pumpkins. We are keen to support this local business and here are some details of an event coming soon for families to join.





Halloween Costume Swap

DONATIONS REQUIRED

Once again, we are happy for children to come to school in costumes for Halloween on Friday October 31st. We are aware that costumes can be pricey and may only be worn once or twice and so therefore we would be happy to accept any costumes that you no longer use in order that we have a costume swap where anyone can come along and take away a preloved costume to use at Halloween. Please hand in any preloved costumes to the school office from next week, and we will have them available to look through from Tuesday 21st October. (Please note, we will also do this for Christmas jumpers later in the term.



Homework

At the start of term 1, we informed parents that we were suspending homework tasks. This was as a result of the Parent Council Survey at the end of last session. It was a very low response, but even so, the results were almost split evenly with parents who wanted homework tasks and those who did not. Staff in school were spending a lot of time planning homework tasks to reflect the learning in class and were getting a very low percentage of classes completing it. We have consulted with the Parent Council and have agreed to re send the survey in the hope that we get a higher response rate. Please look out for a new link being sent home over the next week or so.



Welby Breakfast Event

We are delighted to have been approached by SGF Healthy Living in conjunction with Coylton Day to Day to plan a Welby Big Breakfast event on Thursday 13th November. Staff from the programme and from the local store will come into school and provide healthy breakfast for our whole school during the morning, with items such as fresh fruit, toast and Weetabix on offer. This is a great opportunity for pupils to potentially try new foods as well as working within our local community. Next week, information will come home asking parents to ensure that all dietary information is up to date. What makes this event extra special is that our school's involvement will take the programme over the 50,000 pupils mark and so additional celebrations will be in place with goodie bags for all.



Share the Learning

We are always keen to provide opportunities for parents to share the learning in classes. Over the course of the session, we hope that all classes will get involved. Here are some of the ideas we have so far, although this will be added to, and more information will follow in due course:

Come and Play in P1 and P1/2

Polytunnel building in the outdoor classroom with senior pupils.

Outdoor DIY Day with pupils from P4-7

Science Showcase in P4/5
Christmas Musical Showcase for P6 and P7
Summer School show for P6 and P7
Daffodil tea with P1 and the EYC
.....and more to follow 😊

The first of these events is being planned for November. We would like to offer parents in P1 and P1/2 the opportunity to Come and Play for a short time in classes. Dates for these will be Thursday 6th November, Thursday 13th November, Thursday 20th November and Thursday 27th November from 2:15pm till 2:45pm. In order to manage the numbers, there will be 7 slots available for each of the 2 classes each week. All families will have the opportunity to join one of the sessions. Information will come out later today around how to book a slot.



X (Twitter)

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been able to celebrate successes in classes via our school and EYC X (Twitter) accounts. Be sure to follow us and keep up to date with what's happening across classes.

@Coylton Primary

@Coylton EYC



News from the EYC (provided by Rebecca L 😊)

2-3 room

This week in the 2-year-old room we have been looking for little and big things. We have been exploring the difference between bigger and smaller items in our environment. We have been using the blocks to build different sized castle's and filling up containers to see which one held more and less. We have been able to identify "daddy" items and "baby" items.



3-5 room

In the 3-5 room we have been focusing on capacity. We have been looking at it through a variety of contexts using water and sand. The children have been practicing using mathematical language to describe how full their different sized container is. "full", "empty", "half full" and "nearly full". We are also beginning to explore weight using "heavy" and "light" to describe how heavy our toys are.



We also have a Halloween themed Book bug session taking place on Tuesday 28th October at 2pm. Everyone from the EYC is welcome to come along, we hope to see 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. Events will be added throughout the year, and we will aim to give as much notice as possible.

PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE A FEW DATES HIGHLIGHTED TO INDICATE A CHANGE OF DATES/TIMES

Friday 24 th October	Sense over Sectarianism visiting P7
Tuesday 28 th October	P6/7 visit to Dumfries House
Thursday 30 th October	P5 swimming week 9 P6 visit to Dumfries House
Friday 31 st October	Halloween Fun – costumes can be worn
Thursday 6 th November	P5 swimming week 10 – FINAL WEEK Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Tuesday 11 th November	P4/5 visit to Spirit Aerospace
Thursday 13 th November	Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Monday 17 th November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Tuesday 18 th November	Ayr Academy Challenge morning for P7
Wednesday 19 th November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 20 th November	Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Friday 21 st November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 27 th November	Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Tuesday 2 nd December	Ayr Academy Open Night for P5-7 parents
Thursday 4 th December	P1 – 7 ALADDIE PANTO at THE GAIETY
Tuesday 9 th December	EYC Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 th December	EYC Christmas Lunch P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch P2 Christmas Party
Friday 12 th December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 15 th December	P4 Christmas Party Ayr Academy Christmas Concert - evening
Tuesday 16 th December	P3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 th December	P6 and 7 Musical Showcase – afternoon
Thursday 18 th December	Whole School Christmas Celebration P1-3 9:15-10:15 and P4-7 10:45-11:45 P5 Christmas Party P7 Christmas Disco - evening

Friday 19 th December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 5 th January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Monday 12 th January	PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION WEEK Dolphin House Parents Meeting 3pm
Wednesday 21 st January	Early level Burns Supper
Tuesday 27 th January	P7 Burns Supper
Thursday 29 th January	Burns themed Lunch
Friday 30 th January	PI-7 Scots Verse Competition 9:30-10:30
Monday 2 nd February – Thursday 5 th February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 1 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Friday 6 th February	HOLIDAY
Monday 9 th February	HOLIDAY
Tuesday 10 th February Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th February	In Service – School and EYC closed P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 2
Monday 16 th February	EYC REGISTRATION WEEK
Tuesday 24 th February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Monday 30 th March	Early level Daffodil Tea
Tuesday 31 st March	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 20 th April	School Reopens
Monday 27 th April	EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 4 th May	Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL AND EYC CLOSED
Thursday 21 st May	School Sports Morning
Monday 25 th May	Holiday
Wednesday 27 th May	EYC to PI Transition 1
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYC Sports
Wednesday 3 rd June	EYC to PI Transition 2
Monday 8 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 9 th June	P7 to SI Transition 1
Wednesday 10 th June	P7 to SI Transition 2 EYC to PI Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 25 th June	P7 Leavers Disco
Friday 26 th June	P7 Leavers Service EYC Tie Ceremony
Monday 29 th June	P7 Treat
Tuesday 30 th June	School closes at 1pm

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