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Good morning, everyone, and Happy Friday! We have had a really busy week in school and EYC this week.



Inspection of Coylton Primary and EYC

. Thank you so much to those parents and carers in school and EYC who have already completed a survey ahead of our Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate inspection. The survey will close at some point today, and so if you haven't already done so, please look at the links that have been sent on Group Call last Friday and again on Wednesday.

Education Scotland will contact parents and Carers directly if you have volunteered to come in and speak with the team at Parent Focus Meetings. Pupils from P4-7 have also completed surveys in school this week, and so have all staff and partners who work with us. The inspection team will engage with all staff and children, families, and partners to evaluate the areas that we are doing well in and to support us in ways that we could improve our service.

Following the inspection week, a letter of findings will be shared with all parents and carers as well as a more detailed report which will be published on the Education Scotland website.

Just a reminder, because of notification of Inspection, we will not be able to hold our planned Parent Appointments on Wednesday 19th November. The new date for this is WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER. We will open the booking system for this on Monday 24th November.



Anti Bullying Week

Next week is Anti Bullying awareness week in schools. Our Pupil Council have already been active in raising awareness of this important topic in school by inviting all staff and pupils to complete an 'Odd Socks' sheet which will be entered into a competition. The theme for this year is *Power for Good* which empowers everyone to do something positive to counter the hurt and harm that bullying can cause. The Pupil Council will deliver lessons across all classes

in school and EYC throughout this week, and they invite everyone to wear ODD SOCKS on Friday 14th November.



Children in Need

In addition to Odd Socks Day on Friday 14th November, it is also national Children in Need day. Given that we are already asking for odd socks to be worn, we are happy to have a Dress Down day for Children in Need so uniform need not be worn next Friday. If anyone wishes to bring a donation in for Children in Need, we will ensure that these are collated and sent off to the charity.



We are very grateful to our P7 pupils who have been working hard to plan and deliver a remembrance lesson for all classes. They will deliver these lessons later today. I am sure that they will lead the learning sensitively and with empathy. They have been selling poppies on behalf of Poppy Scotland for a few weeks now and all money will go directly to the charity. We will observe a minute of silence at 11am on Tuesday morning.



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. The link for this survey is now open for all parents and carers and can be found below. The survey will close on Monday 24th November.

[Coylton Parent Council Homework Survey – Fill out form](#)



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 – THURSDAY AFTERNOONS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

Polytunnel building in the outdoor classroom with senior pupils. - TBC

Outdoor DIY Day with pupils from P4-7 - TBC

Science Showcase in P4/5 - TBC

Christmas Musical Showcase for P6 and P7 – WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Summer School show for P6 and P7 – TUESDAY 23RD AND WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

Daffodil tea with P1 and the EYC – MONDAY 30TH MARCH

.....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. The first of these sessions took place this week and it was just wonderful to see our P1 children showing their parents how they learn and play.

Dates for the remaining sessions will be, 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. Contact the office if you haven't booked a slot yet.



Book Week Scotland

With Book Week Scotland fast approaching, we would like to invite P2 and P3 parents to come into school on Thursday 13th November to explore the Read Write Count bags gifted to the children from The Scottish Book Trust. Please come into school at 2:40pm via the main entrance and we will take you along to classes. P1 pupils will also receive a Book Bug Bag however the date for these arriving in school has not been announced yet.



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



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.



Transition to Secondary School

Just a reminder that the next Ayr Academy challenge day is on Tuesday 18th November for all P7 pupils.

Families are also invited to an Open Evening in Ayr Academy on Tuesday 2nd December from 5:00pm – 7:30pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see the school and meet the staff in an informal way. They will have many activities and stalls available on the night too so take some time and head along 😊

Coylton Community Council

As you know, we are working closely with Coylton Community Council to relocate the amazing polytunnel and other items from their garden to our Outdoor Classroom. The Community Council meet regularly to discuss many aspects of life in our village. They are having a public consultation next week and have asked us to help spread the word.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

CONTACT US

LAND AT GALLOWHILL, COYLTON,

Public Consultation Event details:
Tuesday 11 November 2025; drop in
anytime between 2.30pm
and 6.30pm.

VENUE:
COYLTON BOWLING CLUB
HOLE ROAD

If you cannot attend but have something
you feel needs to be discussed you can
email us at
coyltoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com

COYLTON
COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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 7 th November	P7 presenting to all classes – REMEMBRANCE. House Assembly
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th November	ANTI BULLYING WEEK
Tuesday 11 th November	P4/5 visit to Spirit Aerospace Minute's Silence at 11am
Thursday 13 th November	Big Breakfast Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45

Friday 14 th November	DRESS DOWN FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AND WEAR ODD SOCKS FOR ANTI BULLYING AWARENESS
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st November	Education Scotland and Care Inspectorate Visit to school and EYC Book Week Scotland
Monday 17 th November	EYC Care Plan Meetings
Tuesday 18 th November	Ayr Academy Challenge morning for P7
Wednesday 19 th November	PARENT APPOINTMENTS RESCHEDULED TO WEDNESDAY 3 RD DECEMBER
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
Wednesday 3 rd December	RECHEDULED PARENTS APPOINTMENTS
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	P1-7 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	In Service – School and EYC closed
Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th February	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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