

People Directorate  
Head Teacher: Fiona Donnelly  
Coylton Primary School  
Main Road, Coylton, KA6 6JP  
Tel: 01292 612491  
Email: Coylton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk  
Our Ref: Your Ref:  
Date: 21.11.25



Good morning, everyone, and Happy Friday. Our apologies for not having a Round Up sent home last Friday. Hopefully we have captured the last 2 weeks today.



### Inspection of Coylton Primary and EYC

We have had the busiest week in school and EYC as we welcomed our visitors from His Majesty's Inspectors and Care Inspectorate. The team of 7 visited every single area/ class/ staff member and spoke to loads and loads of children. On Tuesday, we had an additional 27 people in and out for meetings with the team, so our sincere thanks go to those parents, partners, and our Parent Council chair for giving up their time to be part of this inspection process.

We would also like to express our thanks to the owners of the building opposite our school (where the vet used to be) who kindly agreed to let some staff park in their carpark for the week, as we knew how busy our own car park was going to be. These things all matter 😊

So, later today the inspection team will feedback and then disengage with us. We will be able to give you a flavour of how things have gone next week, as although the report won't be out till after Christmas, they will leave us today with some high-level messages.

Regardless of the outcome, let me say how massively proud I am of this amazing school – the team of hard working, dedicated staff and the utterly wonderful children who come to us every day. **THEY WERE FANTASTIC!!!!** The inspection team were bowled over by how friendly, polite, and courteous our children were, and most importantly, how proud they were of their school! This is what I see every day and I am so chuffed that they got to share that pride with the inspection team.

To the staff team across school and EYC, have a well-deserved, restful weekend and catch up on some sleep – as we now start the planning for Christmas 😊

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. This won't be till after Christmas and we will let you know once we have a publication date.

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



### Children in Need

It is great to see everyone in school last Friday without uniform, and lots of Pudsey t shirts and accessories are being worn! Thanks to anyone who brought a donation in for Children in Need. We sent off £225.41 to the charity from our school and EYC!



### Anti Bullying Week

Well done to everyone who wore odd socks today as part of Anti Bullying week, and to those who were winners in the 'odd socks' competition. Photos of this important awareness raising are on X.



### Homework

We have had a very good response so far to the recent homework survey so thank you to those who have already completed it. The link for this survey remains open for all parents and carers and can be found below. The survey will close on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

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



### Welby Breakfast Event

What a great event the Big Breakfast was last week!! All classes in school were involved and our sincere thanks go to Ross from Costcutter, Coylton and SGF Healthy Living. Our school's participation helped the programme reach over 50,000 pupils.



### 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 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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

Daffodil tea with P1 and the EYC – MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

.....and more to follow 😊

Come and Play sessions in P1 and P1/2 are going well!

The remaining session will be on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 2:15pm till 2:45pm.

Contact the office if you haven't booked a slot yet.



### Book Week Scotland

Thanks so much to those parents who came into school last week to collect READ WRITE COUNT bags and share the contents with their children. The open area was so busy, and it was great to see!

We have now taken delivery of the P1 Book Bug Bags, and we would like to invite parents of P1 pupils to come into school next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45 to collect their child's bag.



### Christmas

With inspection week over, we are now starting to think about our plans in school and EYC for Christmas and we hope to be able to share these with you in the round up over the next couple of weeks.

Advanced notice, we will be happy to have Christmas jumpers worn from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Just like Halloween, we will happily organise a preloved Christmas Jumper event from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November and so if you have preloved Christmas jumpers in good condition that children may have grown out of, please drop them into the school office any time. We will have a rail available in the foyer from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November for anyone to help themselves.



### 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](mailto: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

P7 pupils had another fantastic challenge morning at Ayr Academy this week where they had the chance to work closely with children from other cluster primaries, and staff from the academy.

Families are invited to an Open Evening in Ayr Academy on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 😊

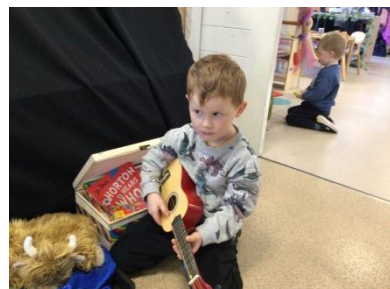


### News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the 2-3 room this week we have been exploring different ways to make music using the musical instruments. We have also been working on jumping using two feet. We used the bridge and steps outside to practice and even went into the 3-5 room to practice on the decking.



In the 3-5 room this week we have been exploring make believe storytelling. The children enjoyed using props such as a ukulele to retell their story. Children were also exploring familiar stories in the playroom and telling their peers who their favourite characters were. In our gym session this week we explored our balancing and jumping skills using the apparatus.





Our PEEP family learning session were well attended this week, where we were exploring Julia Donaldson stories such as The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom, Superworm and Stickman. We also had the return of our Baby and Toddler Sensory sessions at 10.45am.



## 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 OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Booking opens for Parent Appointments
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Pre loved Christmas jumpers
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Come in Play in P1 and P1/2 2:15-2:45
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Parents BookBug Bags at 2:45pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Jumpers can be worn from today
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Ayr Academy Open Night for P5-7 parents
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	RECHEDULED PARENTS APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 – 7 ALADDIE PANTO at THE GAIETY
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	EYC Christmas Concert
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	EYC Christmas Lunch P1 Christmas Party
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch P2 Christmas Party
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 Christmas Party
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	P4 Christmas Party Ayr Academy Christmas Concert - evening
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	P3 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P6 and 7 Musical Showcase – afternoon
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	EYC Party School closes at 2:30pm
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens Start of Scottish Culture focus
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	PRIMARY 1 REGISTRATION WEEK Dolphin House Parents Meeting 3pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Early level Burns Supper
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	P7 Burns Supper
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Burns themed Lunch
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	P1-7 Scots Verse Competition 9:30-10:30
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 1 EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	HOLIDAY

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	In Service – School and EYC closed P7 DOLPHIN HOUSE RESIDENTIAL WEEK 2
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	EYC REGISTRATION WEEK
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	P7 Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Early level Daffodil Tea
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	PARENT APPOINTMENTS
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closes at 2:30 for holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	EYC CARE PLAN MEETINGS
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL AND EYC CLOSED
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	School Sports Morning
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	EYC Sports
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Disco
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Service EYC Tie Ceremony
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Treat
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes at 1pm

Mrs Donnelly  
Head Teacher