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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the round up for this week.

A wee bit of staffing news to share with you all. Mrs Symington in our school office has been successful in securing a clerical post at Forehill Early Years Centre. This new post is a full time 52-week post which suits Mrs Symington better and so her last day at Coylton Primary will be Thursday 12th March. Mrs Symington has been with us here for 8 years, and in that time, she will have supported almost every child and family in one way or another, from first aid help to working wonders with Parent Pay, Parents Portal and Group Call for parents! On a personal note, Annette has been a great support to me and the team here and we will miss her greatly. Perhaps we won't feel that so much when she is sending us photos from her non term time holidays in the sunshine 😊. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Annette every success in her new role.



Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper

We are delighted that 4 P7 pupils will represent Coylton Primary at the Ayr Burns Club Burns Supper on Tuesday 23rd February. They will join P7 pupils from all South Ayrshire Schools to celebrate the life of Robert Burns in Ayr Town Hall.



Parent Council

Parent Council met in school on Wednesday evening to discuss current school business and plan ahead for events and fund raising. Please consider coming along to a Parent Council meeting if you can. The work that they do really does help to shape and improve the experiences that all children benefit from in school and EYC and they are keen to bring new parents and carers on board to share ideas and future proof the group. Next meeting is on Wednesday 20th May, but lookout for events coming up before that date too.



YMI - SingFest Event, 12th February

It was unfortunate that due to space, parents were unable to attend the event last week in Ayr, however, we are delighted to offer parents and carers of all P4 and P5 pupils the chance to come along to school on THURSDAY 5TH MARCH at 2:15pm where you can see the performance! We will send reminders out nearer the time but for now, save the date 😊



Parking

I would like to remind all parents and carers of the importance of safe, lawful and considerate parking around Coylton Primary School and EYC. The safety of our pupils and respect for our local community remain our top priorities at all times.

The school car park MUST NOT be used for dropping off or collecting children during busy periods. Spaces are reserved for staff, blue badge holders and taxis/minibuses. Clear signage is displayed; however, some parents and carers continue to ignore this guidance and enter the car park when the gates open at 9am. This has resulted in an increase in pupils arriving late due to families waiting for access. We ask that you arrive in good time and help set a positive example for your child by being punctual.

We also ask all drivers to show courtesy to local residents by keeping driveways clear, observing the 20mph speed limit and avoiding parking in locations that could cause danger or traffic build-up. We are working closely with Police Scotland, who have been patrolling the area during mornings and afternoons to support safe parking. Your cooperation is essential in helping us keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships within our community.



Homework Review and Next Steps

We are pleased to see many more families on Teams to access homework now. That said, we are encouraging all families to access Teams not only for homework, but as a method of communication. Just a reminder of the homework agreement:

- Every class will be set up on Microsoft Teams, and pupils will be issued with login details.
- At the beginning of each month, teachers will post a short overview of prior learning and upcoming learning in Literacy, Numeracy and Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL).
- PE days and Outdoor Learning days will also be shared in these monthly overviews.
- Homework will be set on the first Monday of each month, starting Mon 2nd Feb.
- Tasks will include a variety of written, digital and practical activities linked to learning from the previous month, helping to reinforce key skills and deepen understanding.
- Homework may also link to Meta Skills and our Rights Respecting Schools work.
- Pupils will be provided with a jotter to record homework such as phonics, sentences or research tasks. Teachers may also issue worksheets.
- Teachers will not provide written feedback on homework activities.
- Families may choose to complete all, some or none of the suggested tasks; staff will not be monitoring completion.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for working in partnership with us to ensure our approach to homework continues to promote both learning and wellbeing.



Darts Coaching and Event

Our P7 pupils have started an exciting darts coaching programme led by Ryan, our Sports Development Assistant. Ryan has already delivered the first session and will return after the P7 residential trip to run a further three sessions.

Following this, Ryan will work with a selected team of eight pupils to prepare for a competition taking place on Thursday 2nd April at Riverside Arena. All P7 pupils will attend this event as either a competitor or spectator, along with P7 classes from our cluster primary schools, to support the teams and enjoy the competition.



P6 and P7 School Show

Building on the success of the P6 and P7 Christmas Showcase and previous school productions, we are thrilled to announce that Mamma Mia will be our next show in June 2026!

This promises to be an exciting, action-packed performance for all P6 and P7 pupils, so please save the dates:

- Tuesday 23rd June – evening performance
- Wednesday 24th June – afternoon performance
(*Exact times to be confirmed.*)

Pupils from all P6 and P7 classes have already started to rehearse some songs with their teachers and Mr Thomson, and we are confident it will be a fantastic event!



Bikeability in Coylton – We need YOU!

Before Easter, we will begin planning our upcoming Bikeability sessions for our P5 learners. Our P6 pupils have already completed their Level 2 Bikeability training in October.

We are looking for parent/carer volunteers who would be interested in supporting children during the training sessions, as well as anyone who may wish to attend Bikeability Instructor training.

Instructor training is provided free of charge through Cycling Scotland for parents and carers. You do not need to be an expert cyclist — just confident on a bike and willing to learn.

If you are interested in attending the training and helping with future Bikeability sessions, please inform the school office. Once we have a list of interested parents/carers, we will work with our local Bikeability Coordinator to arrange training dates and further support.



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 during House Assemblies. Photos will be added to our Wall of Fame which is displayed in the gym hall.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

This week in the 2-3 room we have been investigating visual exploration. We have been using magnifying glasses to look at objects more closely such as bugs, ice and natural resources. We have also been using glow panels watching colours moving from one side of the panel to another. Finally, we have been using mirrors to look at reflections and shadows.



In the 3-5 room this week we have been exploring weather. We created our own weather bottles and discussed what each weather typed looked like and then added materials to the bottle. We have also been working on developing our sewing skills. The children worked together to build, create, sew, stick and junk model a pirate ship! They all showed great problem solving skills and decision making skills throughout the session.

Our final PEEP family learning session of term 3 will take place on Wednesday 25th February at 9.15 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. Please note, any changes to diary dates are highlighted in yellow.

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
Friday 22 nd May	PARENT COUNCIL BOUNCE A THON
Monday 25 th May	Holiday
Wednesday 27 th May	EYC to P1 Transition 1
Tuesday 2 nd June	EYC Sports
Wednesday 3 rd June	EYC to P1 Transition 2
Monday 8 th June	EYC Parent Appointments
Tuesday 9 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 1
Wednesday 10 th June	P7 to S1 Transition 2 EYC to P1 Transition 3 Whole School Bump Up
Friday 26 th June	P7 Leavers Service EYC Tie Ceremony
Monday 29 th June	P7 Treat **P7 Leavers Disco** PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE
Tuesday 30 th June	School closes at 1pm

