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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the round up for this week. We have been reminding pupils of our school values of READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE this week, especially in our senior classes as we have had a number of situations where pupils have not been kind to each other in words and actions. This is something that we will be keeping an eye on and we will keep parents informed if things don't improve.



YMI - SingFest Event, 12th February

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents of pupils across P4 and P5 classes into school on THURSDAY 5TH MARCH to enjoy our SingFest performance. It was unfortunate that due to space, parents were unable to attend the event in Ayr, and the pupils are so excited to showcase this for family! The performance starts at 2:15 and doors to the main hall will be open from 2pm.



World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Our Senior Readership Group have requested that children come to school wearing comfy clothes instead of school uniform so that they can spend time chilling with a good book! Staff will plan activities to tie in with the event, and there will be an in-school competition too!!



After School Clubs

We are pleased to offer a range of after-school extra-curricular clubs this term, giving pupils opportunities to be active, creative and develop new skills. The timetable includes:

Monday

- We offer Football for P6 and P7, led by Mr McFadzean. Miss Cowie also helps with football and organises all the matches.
- Mrs Robertson also runs a Coding Club for pupils in P4, supported by our Digital Leaders.

Tuesday

- Our P7 Junior Coaches lead an after-school club for P2 and P3 pupils. This is supervised by Jade Davis, our Active Schools Coordinator, who gives the Junior Coaches helpful feedback to support their leadership and coaching skills.
- An Easter Crafts after-school club also runs on a Tuesday for pupils in P3, led by Miss Herron.

Thursday

- A Run, Jump, Throw after-school club is available for pupils in P1. Sports Leaders from Ayr Academy lead this club, and it is supervised by Mrs Edmiston.

Friday

- Callum from Active Schools leads after-school Basketball for P6–P7 pupils. He will also lead after-school Handball for pupils in P4 and P5 later in the term.

These clubs offer something for everyone and help build confidence, teamwork and leadership across the school.



Stepping Stones Project

Miss McFarlane has been working with classes to enhance the outdoor spaces. She has engaged the services of the Stepping Stones project who will be out working with P3 on Tuesday 3rd March. Letters have gone out to P3 parents already, inviting them to come along in the morning to take part in the project with the children. We look forward to seeing many of you there.



Friendship Stops

Two friendship stops have been put up in the playground. The idea of these Friendship Stops came from P6 pupils, Cody, Callum, Jimmy and Lucca.

If anyone is feeling lonely, left out or their friends are off sick, they can sit on the benches beside the signs so the other children can see that they are looking for someone to play with. Cody, Callum, Jimmy and Lucca will offer their support to anyone looking for friendship.

One of our wellbeing indicators is *included* and this often where children give a low mark. Let's work together to change this.



Comic Relief 2025

This year, Comic Relief is on Friday 20th March. Our Pupil Council have identified this day as one that they would like the school and EYC to participate in. Pupil Council invite everyone in school and EYC to wear red as part of non-uniform day.

In addition, they are holding a Bake Sale for all classes to come along and buy a sweet treat to have at break or lunch. All classes will have an allocated time slot to purchase a cake and.....after the success of last year, we would love to have our parents and carers pop in too! Mrs Duncan's classroom will be open to parents between 9:15 and 10:00 to come along and purchase a cake. Pupils from P5 will be on hand to help with the selection. Pupils from P5 will also be on hand to escort parents along to the GP room where we will offer a complimentary cup of tea or coffee to wash down your cake. We would love to see as many of you as can make it along on the day.

The Pupil Council are also looking for donations of baking in advance of the sale. Any donations can be handed in from Wednesday 18th March to the school office

WE MUST ASK THAT NO ITEMS OF HOME BAKING CONTAIN NUTS.

We are aware of children with allergies and so teachers will be on hand to help them select something appropriate for them. We will also ensure that there are gluten free and dairy free cakes available for those children who require them.



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 focusing on weather. To explore this topic, we created our own rain collectors which we decorated and put on our outdoor area, each day we have been checking to see how much rain we have collected. We hung some ribbon outside to see how windy it is and have also been out and about in the school playground splashing in puddles.



In the 3-5 room this week we have been learning more about the weather. We created our own weather picture based on the rainy weather and spoke about different seasons. We then explored the different types of clothes needed for different weather. We then went on to create our own weather station to help us learn about the weather. The children have also been exploring forces using balloons where they filled up the balloons with air to see what happened they then used paper cups to turn their balloons into hot air balloons.

Thank you to all our families who have attended our PEEP and Baby PEEP Sessions over the past few weeks. We look forward to welcoming you back in term 4.



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.

Thursday 5 th March	Comfy clothes for WORLD BOOK DAY P4 and 5 SingFest performance at 2:15pm
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 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
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

