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Dear Parents and Carers,

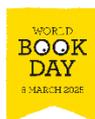
Welcome to March in school and EYC. This term is moving at a very fast pace, and we are all looking ahead to Easter. So much is going on before then so be sure to check the round up and diary dates for information.

Next week will be Mrs Symington's last week at Coylton Primary and EYC. Her last day will be Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, and as much as we know that the move to Forehill EYC is a good one and the right one for her, we will really miss her here with us. Pop in to wish her well next week if you are in the area!



YMI - SingFest Event, 12<sup>th</sup> February

It was wonderful to see so many friends and family join P4 and 5 pupils at their SingFest performance yesterday, and we hope that you had a thoroughly enjoyable time. We have planned for the group to perform for the rest of the school before the Easter holidays.



World Book Day

Well done to the Senior Readership Team who organised World Book Day events in school yesterday. It was great to see everyone in comfy clothing, sharing books and stories throughout the day.



Parent Appointments

Teachers are busy preparing annual progress reports. These are due to come home to parents by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. This should give you time to read over with your child ahead of Parent Appointments on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The booking system for parent appointments will go live on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.



Comic Relief 2025

This year, Comic Relief is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.



Accelerated Reading

Pupils in P4-7 work through an Accelerated Reading programme in school and can also use books from this programme to read for enjoyment at home. After each book has been read, the children take a quiz which will influence their reading levels as they move through the school year. Each month we update our Accelerated Reading board which shows the cumulative number of words read in a month across P4-7 as well as class by class figures. The children love to see these figures every month, and we will be sure to include them in the round up at the start of every month. Here is the most up to date information:

<u>Top Readers</u>	<u>Total Amount of Words Read in Class</u>
P4 – Evelyn – 399,473 words read.	P4 - 752,147
P4/5 – Luke – 724,097 words read.	P4/5 - 2,575,691
P5 – Teddy – 520,739 words read.	P5 – 3,521,404
P6 – Brodie – 1,669,995 words read.	P6 – 5,389,319
P6/7 – Mary-Jane – 1,367,330 words read.	P6/7 – 4,935,197
P7 - Kirsty – 1,228,874 words read.	P7 - 5,928,709

P7 are the top class this month as they have read the most words.

**Total words read 23,102,467— WOW!!!!!!**



Allan's Magic Road Safety Roadshow

Pupils in P1-P4/5 will be able to enjoy Allan's Magic Road Safety Roadshow on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. This is an interactive performance focusing on road safety, which ties in with the work of the JRSO here in school



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.



#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 increasing our confidence whilst using our balance bikes. We are talking about how to be safe whilst being on a bike by using our helmets to protect our heads. This week to celebrate World Book Day we focussed on the story 'Goldilocks and the three Bears' to explore this story we had a Goldilocks tea party where we had a special treat of porridge for snack.



In the 3-5 room this week we celebrated world book day. The children and staff came to the EYC in their pyjamas with their favourite story book. We also celebrated world book day through our make-believe story telling where the children created their own story and then acted it out. We have been developing our gross motor skills in the outdoor area where we have been working on throwing and catching a ball. We have also been developing our understanding of splitting whole items into equal parts in the numeracy area.



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.

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Allan's Magic Road Safety Roadshow P1-4/5
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief Bake Sale
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
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	PARENT COUNCIL BOUNCE A THON
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
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Leavers Service EYC Tie Ceremony
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Treat **P7 Leavers Disco** PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	School closes at 1pm

