

Educational Services
Head Teacher: Fiona Donnelly
Coylton Primary School
Main Road, Coylton, KA6 6JP
Tel: 01292 612491
Email: Coylton.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk
Date: 1.5.26



Dear Parents and Carers,



Good morning and welcome to May. What glorious weather we have had this week – although showers are expected today! Just a reminder as we continue through term 4, pupils will be accessing learning outdoors so please apply sun cream and consider providing a hat, as well as ensuring that pupils bring a refillable water bottle with them. We will keep a supply of Factor 50 suncream, suitable for sensitive skin in school if children wish to top up during the day. Children will apply this themselves. IF YOU DO NOT WISH YOUR CHILD TO HAVE ACCESS TO SUNCREAM IN SCHOOL, PLEASE LET US KNOW BY CONTACTING THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON 10292 612491

Just a reminder, next week is a bit unusual as school and EYC are closed on Monday 4th May for the Bank Holiday, and then again on Thursday 7th May for the In service Day



Aquabox Fundraising

Through our work with Ayr Rotary, we are once again looking to help fundraise for the charity Aqua Box, which helps to provide clean water filters for countries that are in need. Members of Ayr Rotary came to assembly recently to talk to the children about the work of this charity and will work directly with P4/5 on Tuesday to show them an aqua box in action. In order to help raise funds, we will have a non-uniform/dress down day on Friday 15th May and ask that children bring along a small donation or some loose change to go towards our fundraising.



Polytunnel Building

As previously mentioned, we have been gifted a large-scale poly tunnel from the Coylton Community Council, which was initially built within the community garden area. We have the polytunnel in our outdoor classroom now, but we require some DIY experts to come along and help to rebuild it in our grounds.

We are hoping that on Wednesday 13th of May from 9:15 onwards, parents who are able to volunteer could come along to help with digging holes to set the posts in concrete, screwing the wooden base together and attaching the polycarbonate roof panels which slide over the roof supports.

Even better if you have the following tools that you could bring along:

electric screwdriver, post hole digger (we only have one to use), hammers. These tools would make the job much easier.

We will provide some refreshments to help get the job done so if you can help, please let the office know.

Thank you so much for your support with this project.



Health and Wellbeing in P6 and P7 classes

Pupils across P6 classes will be working on some lessons within Health and Wellbeing related to Puberty during this term, and P7 pupils will be looking at Conception to Birth. These topics are very much part of Second Level experiences and outcomes within Curriculum for Excellence and will be handled sensitively through the use of cartoons and online characters. The Experiences and Outcomes are listed below:

- I recognise that how my body changes can affect how I feel about myself and how I may behave. **HWB 2-47a**
- I can describe the physical and emotional changes during puberty, understand why they are taking place and the importance of personal hygiene. **HWB 2-48a**
- I am able to describe how human life begins and how a baby is born. **HWB 2-50a**
- I can describe the role of a parent/carer and the skills, commitment and qualities the role requires. **HWB 2-51a**



Bikeability Level 1

Bikeability Level 1 training is underway for our Primary 5 pupils. This programme has been developed by Cycling Scotland and is being delivered throughout schools in South Ayrshire. The training is taking place within the school playgrounds and Miss Herron and Mr MacLeod are delivering the sessions each week.

Reminder...pupils must wear acceptable head protection and suitable outdoor clothing for every session. Bikes must be walked through the school playgrounds AT ALL TIMES and parked in the bike shelters.

SESSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

P4/5 - 9.30am - 10.30am	Monday 20 th April	Bike Checks
	Monday 27 th April	Bikeability Session
P5 - 11.00am - 12.00pm	Monday 11 th May	Bikeability Session
	Monday 18 th May	Bikeability Session
	Monday 1 st June	Bikeability Session



Tennis

Mrs Edmiston has been liaising with James from Coyllon Tennis Club to organise a fantastic opportunity for selected classes next term. Pupils in P4-7 will take part in a block of five weekly tennis coaching sessions, delivered by trained coaches at the club. These sessions will give pupils the chance to develop their skills, confidence and enjoyment of physical activity through high-quality coaching. On their coaching days, pupils will walk with school staff to Coyllon Tennis Club in the

afternoon, take part in their session (with staff present at all times), and return to school in time for normal dismissal.

Coaching schedule:

- P4/5 and P5 – Wednesdays for five weeks, starting Wednesday 22nd April
- P6/7 and P7 – Thursdays for five weeks, starting Thursday 23rd April
- P4 and P6 – Thursdays for five weeks, starting Thursday 28th May

What pupils need:

- Sports clothing and trainers
- A water bottle
- Sun protection (hats, sun cream, etc.) in sunny weather

We are looking forward to working in partnership with Coylton Tennis Club and are very grateful for this excellent opportunity.



P7 Careers Fair

We are delighted that our P7 pupils have been selected to take part in a Careers Fair, organised by Ayr Rotary Club. This event will take place on Thursday 14th May in Ayr Town Hall. Over 30 different career stalls will be available, and pupils will be able to choose 6 to visit during the time. Our P7 pupils last year attended this event and found it really worthwhile and enjoyable. P7 teachers will work with pupils ahead of this event to provide information on various careers in order that they can make their choices. Look out for more information coming soon to P7 pupils. This links in very well with the work we are doing under Developing the Young Workforce this year.



EYC – P1 Transition

Ali Watkins and Mrs Docherty are in the process of planning a robust transition programme for pupils moving on to Primary 1 next year. More details will be sent directly to EYC parents but important diary dates are as follows: -

Wednesday 27 th May 1:45-2:45pm	Transition Day 1 – Literacy focus in class Parents / Carers to attend this event.
Wednesday 3 rd June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 2 – Numeracy / Maths focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Wednesday 10 th June 9:15-10:15am	Transition Day 3 – Health and Wellbeing focus in class Only pupils to attend this session
Friday 26 th June 2:00-2:45pm	Tie Ceremony for EYC children heading to P1 Parents/Carers to attend this event



Accelerated Reading

Top Readers

P4 - Evelyn – 440,790 words read

P4/5 – Luke – 859,224 words read.

P5 – Andrew – 617,423 words read

P6 - Brodie – 2,041,886 words read

P6/7 - Quinn – 1,580,285 words read.

P7 – Kirsty – 1,455,992 words read.

Total words read in each class

P4 – 984,429

P4/5 – 3,061,661

P5 – 4,497,370

P6 – 6,393,853

P6/7 – 6,912,566

P7 – 7,825,171

This means that P7 are the top class again this month as they have collectively read the most words.

Total words read – 29,675,050, which is 477,022 more than at this time last year!!!! OUTSTANDING!!!!!!



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!



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.



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.



News from the EYC (provided by Nicola 😊)

In the EYC this week we have been enjoying the lovely weather. We have been talking about flowers and blossom. We learned that blossom grows on trees and bluebells grow in the ground. We also talked about plants and trees needing water and soil to help them grow. The children chose flowers and blossom and placed them in-between the fabric and then used the hammer to crush the flowers into the fabric to make a pattern.

Our PEEP sessions will continue on Wednesday 6th at 9.15am and our Baby and Toddler sessions will also return 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. Please note, any changes to diary dates are highlighted in yellow.

Monday 4 th May	Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL AND EYC CLOSED
Wednesday 13 th May	Poly Tunnel building
Friday 15 th May	Dress down day for Aqua Box fundraiser
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

