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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday! We didn't have a round up last week due to the short week, so hopefully we can get everyone up to speed with what's been happening plus events over the next few weeks today!



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. We are looking forward to seeing so many coming to school in non-uniform today, and many thanks in advance for sending in a small donation for this charitable cause. We will be sure to let you know how much we have raised very soon



Polytunnel Building

Unfortunately, the poly tunnel building had to be put on a back burner due to a few technical hiccups and not enough adult support. We are forging ahead with this however and hopefully will be able to let you know our next steps very soon.



School Sports

Our annual sports morning will take place on Thursday 21st May. Letters will come home today with information and arrangements so look out for this! Fingers crossed the weather is on our side!



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 I

Bikeability Level I 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



P7 Careers Fair

What an amazing time P7 pupils had at the Rotary Careers Event yesterday. We are so grateful to Ayr Rotary for organising such an interactive and informative morning for our pupils. They got to experience careers from so many sectors from hospitality to medicine with loads more in between. It has definitely given them food for thought about their futures!!!



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



P6 and P7 Mamma Mia Showcase

Following the success of the musical showcase at Christmas, P6 and P7 pupils are very busy rehearsing for a new showcase based on the musical Mamma Mia! They are working closely with Mr Thomson who will direct the showcase, and also with their class teachers. We will have 2 performances, held in our own school on:

Tuesday 23rd June 7:30-8:30

Wednesday 24th June 1:30-2:30

Following in the same format as last year, tickets will be available to all pupils in P6 and p7 classes in the first instance. All p6 and 7 pupils will be allocated:

3 EVENING tickets and 2 AFTERNOON tickets.

Please note, it is not obligatory that you use all these tickets. We don't anticipate there being as many tickets required for the afternoon show as obviously the majority of siblings will be in school and won't attend this performance. Be assured, the whole school will be an audience at a rehearsal in the run up to show day! In order to adhere to fire regulations, young children are not permitted to come along and sit on an adult's lap. We hope that you understand.

Tickets will cost £5 and **MUST** be presented for the performance. We are having to be strict about seating and so we cannot have anyone come in without a ticket this time. Every ticket purchased will be entered into a free Prize Draw, organised by the Parent Council. School will also run a small tuck shop at both performances.

Any tickets not being used will become available on a first come first served basis for anyone else in P6 or 7, and then the wider school. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 20th May via the school office and please be advised, it will be cash only. We will open up for the purchase of additional tickets on Monday 1st June. If we feel that there is a demand, we can look at adding seats to the afternoon performance.

We are always looking at ways to gather the views of parents and carers, and so each ticket will have a Quick Question on the back. We would be really grateful if you can take a minute to answer the question before handing over your ticket at the performances! We will gather the data generated from this activity and report back at a later date

Rehearsals are going well, and it is sure to be a fantastic performance 😊



Bounce a Thon

Our Parent Council have organised a Bounce a Thon for all pupils in school to take part in should they wish on Friday 22nd May. Each pupil will bring home a donation sheet today which should be returned next Friday with any money donated. Pupils do not need to wear uniform for this event and all classes will be allocated a slot to go along and bounce. Please make sure that your child has a refillable water bottle with them.

The EYC children will also have the opportunity to have a bounce.



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 😊)

This week in the 2-3 room we have been developing a sense of our environment through exploring minibeasts. We found a wasp's nest in our outdoor area which we looked closely at to see what it was made from. We completed some bug jigsaws to investigate all the different kinds of bugs there is. Finally, we were developing our fine motor skills using tweezers, pinching them to pick up the ladybugs and butterflies.



In the 3-5 room this week the children have been exploring letter symbols and sounds. We have also been using the Bee-bots to explore directional language in the playroom. The children have also been exploring creativity in the art area and using their fingers to create art.

The EYC sports day will take place on Tuesday 2nd June at 2.15pm at the field behind the school weather permitting.

Our PEEP sessions are now complete and they will return in the 2026/2027 session. We would like to thank all our families for joining us over the past year.



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
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
Tuesday 23 rd June	Mamma Mia Showcase – 7:30pm
Wednesday 24 th June	Mamma Mia Showcase – 1:30pm
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

