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Good morning!

It's today!! The last day of school for the 25-26 session and oh wow, are we all ready for a break??? This year saw us welcome visitors from HMle for the first time in 15 years and the results of their visit were amazing – they saw in our school and our community what I see every single day- nurture, inclusion, confidence, independence, creativity, care, skill development, aspiration, inspiration.....and FUN!!! Our school and EYC are very well placed to take on the changes and challenges ahead of us as a refresh of Scottish Education takes place. We are ready, we accept the challenges, and we can do it!!! But first....a holiday 😊



P6 and P7 Mamma Mia Showcase

What a phenomenal week we had last week with our senior pupils taking part in 2 outstanding performances of Mamma Mia in front of a jammed pack hall of friends and families. I am so grateful to our P6 and P7 pupils for surviving the slog of rehearsals and turning up with great energy and passion – you were incredible. Our staff team – Mrs Edmiston, Miss Cowie, Miss Herron, Mrs Green who worked so hard preparing the children, Mr Thomson for his vision and his direction and for ALWAYS bringing it all together, our school assistants and our janitor who worked on backdrops, lights, props and costumes, our clerical team for organising and selling tickets and staff who worked on our tuck shop both days – we couldn't do any of this without you all! Thanks also go to our families and friends for coming along and always supporting our school.

We have been made aware of a letter written by a member of our audience that has been widely shared within our community which gave great praise to our show and our school. It was heartfelt and it made everyone in school feel very proud!

We are already thinking to next summer so watch this space 😊

The raffle hampers were won by Katie Hastings and Mags Howat. Thank you to the Parent council for donating these.



P7 Leavers Service

It was so lovely to see family and friends of our P7 leavers at their service on Friday morning. It's always a bitter sweet moment when they come to the end of their 7 years with us....a little too cool for primary school, yet reflective of the many happy times

they've had with us.! Thanks go to Mrs Edmiston and Miss Cowie for coordinating the morning. Thanks also go to Mrs Halbert for preparing the power point of memories.



EYC – P1 Transition

What an amazing turn out we had at the Tie Ceremony on Friday afternoon. Our pre school children sang their hearts out and looked very cute accepting their P1 school tie from P7. I would like to thank Ali, Nicola and the whole EYC team for their dedication, care, and nurture of all of our EYC children. I know they enjoy watching them develop and grow as they move up the school. I wish the 52week staff a good summer working with our children. With smaller numbers, I know they are looking forward to getting out and about in the community so be sure to give them a wave if you see them 😊



Staffing 2026 -2027

Staffing is confirmed now for the start of the new school session. Here is a break-down of classes and teaching staff for next session.

EYC	No teacher in EYC
P1	Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Cox
P1/2	Mrs Stewart and Mrs Cox
P2/3	Mrs Robertson
P3	Mr McFadzean and Mrs Livingstone
P4	Mrs Wilcox and Miss McFarlane
P5	Mrs Duncan
P5/6	Mrs Wallace and Mr Mcfadzean
P6	Mrs Green
P7C	Mrs Cowie
P7E	Mrs Edmiston
NCCT	Miss McFarlane

I am also very pleased to let you know that our Principal Teacher post will continue next session. This role will be to continue to enhance our Pupil Support provision. Mrs Caird will continue in this role.



PE Uniform and Outdoor Learning

As we prepare for the new school year, it is worth reminding parents that on PE days, we encourage children to come to school in PE uniform. We have prepared a policy regarding PE uniform went home last week. Our thanks to Murray and Edie for being our models 😊

We don't have changing facilities in school and having to change in and out of uniform takes a huge chunk of learning time away, so coming dressed for PE really makes a difference. This should help parents as they start to think about new uniform for after the summer. All classes will have 2 PE days per week, and these days are outlined below.

On Outdoor Learning days, normal school uniform should be worn, however we do encourage children to bring wellies or alternative outdoor footwear, a waterproof jacket and we also encourage the use of waterproof trousers too. These can be brought in each week.

Class	PE days	Outdoor Learning day
P1	Monday and Thursday	Wednesday
P1/2	Monday and Friday	Thursday
P2/3	Tuesday and Friday	Wednesday
P3	Wednesday and Friday	Thursday
P4	Monday and Thursday	Friday
P5	Tuesday and Wednesday	Tuesday
P5/6	Monday and Friday	Thursday
P6	Monday and Thursday	Monday
P7C	Tuesday and Thursday	Thursday
P7E	Tuesday and Thursday	Tuesday



Parent Council

A big thank you to the Parent Council for the wonderful delivery of Coo Shed cakes yesterday. Our staffroom has never been busier 😊 We very much appreciated the sweet treat!!! Thanks also to Parent Council for supplying the DJ and juice for the very successful P7 Leavers Disco last night!

The AGM is set for Wednesday 2nd September in school at 7pm, and we hope to see many of you there. We are looking for more parents to come on board and join us....it gives you a real insight into the workings of our school and our meetings are very informal.

As with p7 pupils leaving, we do have to say goodbye and thank you to Jamie's mum who has dedicated so much of her time over the years to our Parent Council. We have appreciated everything you have done for us Mags 😊

I would also like to thank Owen's mum for taking such wonderful photos of our school show, as well as a video for our leavers. Please ensure to have a look at our Mamma Mia display when you are next in school.

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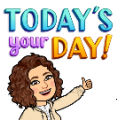
It's always sad at the end of June to say farewell to staff who have worked with us throughout the year.

Miss Herron has been with us in school for the last 4 years and it's so hard to think of the place without her there. Linzi, you have such a positive attitude, and I know that the children and staff will really miss you! We know that you will take that positivity with you to Dalmilling Primary next year, and we are delighted that you will still be in our cluster and so our staff will still get to see you.

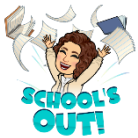


P7 Leavers

To the class of 2026.....you are ready!!!! It really does seem like no time that we were welcoming you into Primary 1, although I know a few of you joined us at other times throughout the 7 years too. We have watched you grow into well rounded, kind, and caring young people and you have the world at your feet! I know it's a scary thought to think that you are about to become the youngest in a school, but you are prepared, and you are more than capable of making this move!!! We are very proud of you all, and we look forward to hearing about all the amazing things you do! You will always be a part of the Coynton Family!!



Today, we will ask P7 to stay in school for a short time after 1pm. This will give the playground time to clear and will let them leave for the final time as a year group from the side doors!!! We hope you can join us there to say goodbye!



Naturally at this time of year, we allow ourselves the chance to reflect on all that we have achieved as a school community. Once again, our children have had opportunities and experiences in abundance that have allowed them to develop and grow. You just have to have a look through our X feed to see it all – every class from EYC to P7 feature almost every week!

The new school session starts on Thursday 20th August but until then, I wish every family and friend of Coynton a wonderful summer, a time to relax and unwind.

I wish the same to every member of staff who works within our school and EYC – a better team you couldn't meet, and boy have they worked their socks off this year! It has been a particularly challenging year for me personally this year, and the love and support which comes from our 'work family' is hard to put into words 😊

And finally, to our pupils – it's the pupils who make the job I do such a rewarding one as they never cease to amaze me with what they can achieve!

School is out for summer.....have a wonderful time!!!! 😊

