**Crosshill PS and EYC Newsletter – April 2024**

**South Ayrshire Reads**

We want to Catch Children Reading Competition! All staff across the school are continuing to work extremely hard to encourage our young people to read as much as possible. This can be reading novels, comics, newspapers, fiction books, diaries, magazines etc. Reading has such a positive impact on all aspects of learning and vital in helping children access all other areas of the curriculum. We are asking parents to send us photos of their children reading at home. This can be on the couch, under the kitchen table, in bed, in the car, with a friend, in the garden etc. We will display these on our noticeboard in school – what will be the most unusual place a child was caught reading? There will be a chance to win a book token. Please e-mail your photos to: Crosshill.Mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

**EYC Pick Up**

If you require to bring your child to EYC later than the 9am drop off time, or collect your child earlier than the usual 3pm pick-up time, please make contact through the school office to arrange.

**South Ayrshire Mobile Library Visits**

We look forward to the monthly visits of the library van - The next scheduled visit is Tuesday 28th May.

**Play Based Learning**

Please find attached a leaflet from the South Ayrshire Learns team about the benefits of play, as well as the information within the leaflet there is also a QR code to a thinglink which has further information for parents.

**Resilience Day 2024**

We are delighted to announce that Crosshill PS & EYC are having a Resilience Day on **Tuesday 7th May!** The children will have a whole day of planned activities to celebrate that resilience is our superpower! At **1.15pm** parents and friends of the school can join in, too with our sponsored walk to raise funds for Ayrshire Families with Diabetes, which is a support group set up by Diabetes Scotland, please see flyer and attached information. Any donations will be very gratefully received, please hand in the sponsor form and monies raised to the school office by **Monday 20th May 2024**

**Pupil Equity Funding**

Schools across Scotland receive additional funding, we receive £6,000 of PEF money at Crosshill PS & EYC, which enables us to provide additional support where it is needed most to help support poverty related underachievement. You will agree, it is unacceptable for children to have their chances limited by circumstances outside their control. An important part of the process is to consult with staff, parents, partners and of course, the learners. I am keen to seek your views as parents, as to how we can best use and target this additional budget. A questionnaire is attached to the newsletter, please complete, and send back to the school office by **Monday 22nd April 2024**.

**Outdoor Classroom**

I am delighted with the addition of our new outdoor classroom; it is a lovely addition to our outdoor area and the pupils are looking forward to using this new learning space.

**New start Primary 1 Parents Event**

New Primary 1 Parents Information meeting for parents of children moving into Primary 1 in August will take place in the school on Wednesday 8th May at 9.15am. At this meeting, all information about starting Primary 1 will be shared and an opportunity to ask lots of questions, too.

**ECO Green Flag**

Congratulations to Mrs Pringle and the Eco team for their hard work and efforts to ensure that we are delighted to receive this award as The Green Flag Award is an internationally recognised achievement for schools and nurseries committed to Learning for Sustainability. Watch out for the flag flying outside our school soon!

**Primary 7 Residential Visit**

Our P7 children, two staff members and one parent will head off on their residential trip to Inverclyde on Wednesday 8th May. The children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports, team building and activities, we know that they will have an amazing time.

**ASN Family Support Network**

The South Ayrshire ASN Family Support Network will next meet in Troon Town Hall on 10th May from 11.00am till 3.00pm. The theme this year is “Transitions” There is no need to book for this and all parents are welcome to pop along to link with a range of agencies and supports including Barnardos, Penumbra, DWP, Scottish Book Trust and many more. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/asn>

**Crochet Class 2**

We are delighted that Katy Gaffney will be supporting Class 2 on their crocheting journey from 1.15pm to 2pm in Class 2 on Tuesday 23rd April, 30th April, 14th May and 21st May. We thank Katy very much for her support and look forward to seeing all their creative efforts grow!

**PARENTAL RESPONSE SHEET – April 2024**

**Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent Council**

I would / would not like to become involved in the parent council, to help support the group.

**Pupil Equity Funding (PEF)**

My ideas for this are………

**Parent Learning & Support:**

In order to help my child at home, I would like more information about………

**Parental Involvement**

I have a particular skill and knowledge and would be willing to offer…………

We welcome any other feedback or suggestions you would like to provide on any aspect of our school:

**Please return the form by Monday 22nd April 2024, thank you.**

**Dates for the Diary**

Please find below, a list of school dates for your diary. I will keep you informed of any other important dates or changes, as they emerge.

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| Event | Date/Time |
| Pupils return to school - Term 4 begins | Monday 15th April 2024 |
| P5-7 Badminton Club | Monday 15th April 2024 at 3pm-4pm |
|  | Monday 22nd April 2024 at 3pm-4pm |
| Primary 7 Transition Sports Event at Carrick | Friday 26th April 2024 |
| Showcase of Learning event for parents | Monday 29th April 2024 at 9.15pm |
| In-service Day | Thursday 2nd May 2024 |
| Reports out to Parents P1-7 | Friday 3rd May 2024 |
| Eric McCrindle Football at Maidens | Friday 3rd May 2024 |
| School Closed | Monday 6th May 2024 |
| Resilience Day and Sponsored Family Walk | Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 1.15pm |
| Coffee & Chat after Sponsored walk (new date) | Tuesday 7th May 2024 2.15pm – 3pm |
| Inverclyde residential for Primary 7 pupils | Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th May 2024 |
| New P1 parents Transition Meeting | Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 9.30am-10.30am |
| Parents’ Night appointments | Wednesday 15th May 2024 |
| Sports’ Day  | Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 9.30am |
| School closed | Friday 24th May and Monday 27th May 2024 |
| Maidens Tournament  | Wednesday 29th May 2024 |
| Primary 7/S1 Transition event for Parents at Carrick Academy | Monday 3rd June at 5.30pm |
| Farm Park Trip  | Thursday 6th June 2024 |
| EYC Reports to Parents  | Monday 10th June 2024 |
| Bump-up Day  | Tuesday 11th June 2024 |
| P7/S1 Transition Days at Carrick Academy - 3 days | Tuesday 11th June - Thursday 13th June 2024  |
| EYC Parents Drop-in session | Wednesday 12th June 2024 |
| Primary 7 Transition Disco at Carrick Academy  | Wednesday 19th June at 5pm-7pm |
| Leavers’ Ceremony | Thursday 20th June 2024 at 9.30am |
| EYC Graduation Party | Friday 21st June at 9.30am |
| End of Term 4 | Friday 28th June 2024 at 1pm for P1-P7 pupils |