



Dailly Early Years Centre Newsletter



February 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

We are already half way through this 12-week term, flying towards Easter. We have had a very busy start with all of our Scottish celebrations but it was nice to be able to share all of the work that the children have been doing with yourselves during our Scottish afternoon and evening Burns' Supper.

At the end of the newsletter there is an updated 'Dates for the Diary' for the remainder of the session.

We will continue to upload all letters and important correspondence to the BLOG in addition to sending them via e-mail. This hopefully makes it easier to check on dates as all of the information is in one place. There is also a section for each class and you will find current information and photographs relating to your child's class, with updates from this term. **You will find it at <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sa/daillypsandevc/>**

We are continuing to use Facebook as well as twitter to share highlights of the learning going on throughout the school. South-Ayrshire Council support the use of twitter which enables us to share our successes with other South Ayrshire establishments. The twitter posts can be accessed using twitter or from our BLOG.

To follow us on Twitter, download the twitter APP and follow us @DaillyPS

Learning Journals

We have introduced Learning Journals this session as a way of sharing your child's work and achievements. Each parent can view their own child's profile as well as uploading any personal achievements or learning at home.

Please use the Learning Journal app only for sharing achievements and not for communicating about illness and absence. Parents/Carers must still contact the school office as staff do not check the app throughout the day or out with school hours.



Students

We have a number of students working in the school this term across most classes. Rachel Hillhouse is an HNC student within the EYC. We then have Victoria Otterson who is in her third year of her teaching degree. She is teaching in P1. Victoria completed her Early Years placement within our Early Years Centre earlier this year. Kaidyn Mitchell is a second-year student and she is working in P5/4. Claire Horne a final year teaching student and she is returning to P7/6 where she had a very successful placement earlier this session.

Scottish Celebrations

All of the children from the Early Years Centre to P7 have been developing their knowledge and understanding of the Scots' language through poetry and songs, as well as producing Scottish art work and completing research projects. We did not have any children this year who wished to recite their poem but Indie Boyd won the art prize for the Early Years Centre.

Scottish Concert

Our Scottish Concert took place on Friday 2nd February and as always with these events was standing room only. All classes performed songs, and the winners of the poetry competition winners shared their poems.



Curriculum

The EYC have been busy exploring Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing through a variety of experiences both indoors and outdoors. The children have been being particularly creative with lots of painting and crafts. Some of the children have shown strength in still life portraits.

There has been lots of role play around areas of focus and some of the children have been keen to prepare the ladies lots of healthy meals in the home corner.



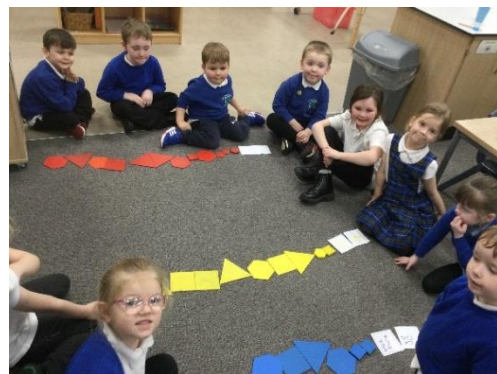
The weather has not always been kind but the children are 'wee weather warriors' and have continued to make use of their time outdoors; exploring forces, using the equipment/bikes and developing their gross motor skills via running, jumping and balancing.

The Play on Pedals programme has also continued for the pre-schoolers with 4 children now having progressed to pedal bikes without stabilisers.



There has been a huge focus around transition for the pre-schoolers and Primary 1 with the children joining together 2-3 times a week. During these sessions the children have been focusing on Music, French and Science. The children look forward to these sessions as they take a relaxed approach to visiting and engaging with Primary 1 and the class teacher.

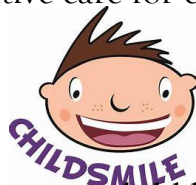
Whilst the older children enjoy transition the 2s and ante pre-school children are able to benefit from a quieter environment where staff can focus on language and communication, and counting via songs and rhymes. This time also provides those children with the opportunity to make their voices heard and supports everyone in being able to talk about their learning.



Childsmile

The EYC children are supported to brush their teeth on a daily basis. We want to ensure that all children have an equal opportunity to develop their oral hygiene skills.

Childsmile is a national programme designed to improve the oral health of children in Scotland and reduce inequalities both in dental health and access to dental services. The programme delivers a range of preventive care for children in early years and primary.



Please help support us by ensuring that your child brushes twice a day with a suitable toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste. Spare toothbrushes and toothpaste are regularly distributed and are always available should anyone require more. Please speak to staff who will be happy to help. Further information on the programme can also be accessed at <https://www.childsmile.nhs.scot/>

Forthcoming events

Make and Taste



The Early Years staff are planning to offer a 3 week block of, 'Make and Taste' family cooking sessions for **parents/carers and their children to attend together** on **Thursdays : 29th Feb, 14th and 21st March.** The snacks and/or meals prepared will be tasty and nutritious in line with the guidance from Food Matters and Setting the Table. Parents attending the session will be provided with a recipe book so that you can make it at home. *Please sign-up in the EYC or reply to the text.*

Further information and support on healthy eating can be found at

<https://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/3241/food-matters-nurturing-happy-healthy-children.pdf> and <https://hub.careinspectorate.com/media/4945/30341-setting-the-table.pdf>

EYC PEEP sessions



South Ayrshire Family Learning Team



Shevon from the Family Learning Team in South Ayrshire is a regular visitor to our Early Years Centre and worked with families last term to deliver PEEP sessions.

The family learning team deliver fun sessions for you and your child to attend together. These sessions support your child's literacy, numeracy, health, physical, communication, language, personal, social and emotional development.

You can follow them on 'X' SAC Early Years Family Learning Team @SAC_FLT. If you would like further help or advice or perhaps you have a question or query please email Shevon.moran@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

The PEEP sessions take place on Thursdays and will run from 9.15 to 10.15 in the hall. The block will also be open to village 2 year olds and their parents/carers. There will be a literacy focus around the experiences and learning.

Dates: 7th March, 14th March, 21st March and 28th March

World Book Day

World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and reading. The purpose of it is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. **Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success** - more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.



We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. This year we will be celebrating World Book Day with a dress down in your Pyjamas day. We are going to be promoting getting cosy and reading at any time in the day with our 'Drop everything and read!' sessions throughout the day. We will also be offering a book swap for families to bring in any old books, children and adults, and swap them with others for free. There will be a range of activities on throughout the day for each class to participate in and **parents are welcome to join us - details to follow.**

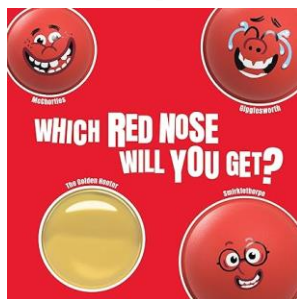
STEM Week – 19th to 23rd March

Mr Woods and Miss Baillie are organising a programme of activities with a specific focus on Science and Maths as well as some Outdoor Learning. This year, we will be combining science and maths week together. This is because the theme of the week is “time” and maths and science are inextricably linked. We will be experimenting, researching and analysing many topics over the week. There will be a family challenge to be completed at home. We will round the week off with a house challenge and assembly. Following science week, we hope to have a visit to the Glasgow Science Centre to further our knowledge, date to be confirmed.



Red Nose Day

We will be organising a fun, fundraising day on **Friday 15th March** as part of Red Nose Day. The activities will include working in houses to design a red nose, baking biscuits with our new baking equipment, sports activities in the hall and a whole school quiz at the end of the day. The school has ordered some Red noses for the children and the Parent Partnership through their Fundraising efforts have agreed to cover the cost of one Red Nose for each Child. A percentage of profits go to help tackle poverty here in the UK and across the World.



This year's Red Noses are the funniest bunch yet. There are three fun characters to collect – Which Red Nose will you get? There is 1 in 166 chance to get your hands on a super limited edition Rare 'Gold' Nose!

Easter Service 27th March

This year our new music teacher Mhairi Gibson will be leading the class performance at the Easter Service with each class having the opportunity to share songs and instrumental performances as part of their learning this term.



DAILY PRIMARY and EARLY YEARS CENTRE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Updated each term)

Term 3

Wk beg. 26 th Feb	EYC Parent and family cooking sessions (3 weeks) <i>Thursdays 29th Feb / 14th March / 21st March 3.00-4.00pm</i>
7 th March 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th March 15 th March	World Book Day PEEP sessions EYC Red Nose Day
19 th to 23 rd March	STEM / Maths Week
27 th March 28 th March 29 th March 31 st March	End of term service in the Church (Easter) Parents/Carers welcome School closes HOLIDAY - Good Friday Easter Sunday

Term 4

15 th April	School / EYC opens
22 nd and 23 rd April	School Improvement Visit (South Ayrshire Council)
2 nd May 3 rd May 6 th May	Inservice Day 5 Class pages on Blog updated HOLIDAY
7 th May 9 th May	P1 Induction Day 1 (Parents' info session + visit) Newsletter issued
16 th May 22 nd May 24 th to 27 th May	***P1 Induction Day 2 and Parents' lunch (Change of Date)*** Ante Pre-school Induction day 1 (Parents' info session + visit) Holiday
28 th May 30 th May 4 th June 12 th June	Inter-house events (EYC to P7) / P6+7 Championships Final report issued EYC to P7 EYC/School Sports' Day Bump Up day for EYC to P7 incl. new Ante Pre-school plus Parents info session Liaison with new Class Teacher / Transfer of info
18 th June 20 th June Wk beg. 17 th and 24 th June 28 th June	EYC Graduation P7 Leavers' Show, Prize Giving and End of term service School Trips / Outings School closes 1pm
16 th and 19 th August 20 th August	New Session 2024-25 Inservice Days 1+2 Pupils return