



Daily Primary 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.

SUMDOG

Noah was over the moon to be 1st place on the leader board for the South Ayrshire competition on SumDog. What a fantastic achievement! The competition ran between the 26th January and the 1st February. In South Ayrshire, Dailly's Primary 7s were also in 1st place on the Leader board, Primary 6 were in 3rd place and Primary 3 in 6th place. Great achievement for a small school and brilliant incentive to brush up on your maths skills.



Accelerated Reader

We are focusing on reading skills this year as part of our school improvement work. We are embedding the Accelerated Reader programme which we purchased a year ago for P3 to P7. The children sit STAR tests which gives them a book banding and they are then able to choose books at their own level and enjoy participating in games and quizzes to test their knowledge of the book. We are also working with Giglets which is an online multilingual literacy and language resource, to support Teachers to deliver an engaging and differentiated learning experience for all pupils.

Scottish Parliament

Just before Christmas the P6 and 7s were very lucky to have a visit to the Scottish Parliament and to see some of the local tourist attractions in Edinburgh. During our visit to the Scottish Parliament, we all had to go through security just like at the airport. As part of their tour of the parliament they spent time in the Debating Chamber and were lucky enough to meet two local MSPs Elena Whitham and Carol Mochan.





They then had a walking tour of some famous landmarks in Edinburgh. Mr Woods was very knowledgeable about the City of Edinburgh so was a great tour guide. They took a walk down the Royal Mile, visited Edinburgh Castle and watched the 1pm firing of the gun. We saw lots of history and had lots of fun!



Anti-bullying workshop

In January, P4-7 pupils had a visit from a live touring production called HOPE. "Hope" is a powerful and entertaining drama telling the story of three young people whose lives are affected by bullying. The children participated very well with P5/4 and P7/6 benefitting from separate workshops in addition to the performance.



Glasgow Science Centre - On Tour

The whole school also benefitted from interactive workshops provided by the Glasgow Science Centre. P1-3 had the 'Go Oxygen Go Science Show and Body Vision Exhibit Session' where they got to explore real parts of the body.



P4-7 had the 'Get Active Science Show' and the BodyVision Exhibit Session. The children were so excited using all of the cool Scientific equipment and the only disappointment was when it was packed up and taken away at the end.



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.



Poetry Winners - 2024

Primary 1	Lucie Boyd	Saoirse McGrory	Jessica McKenzie
Primary 2	Lilly Lauder	Jessica McCartney	Blake Kennedy
Primary 3	Mollie Boyd	Ellie Barr	Pyper McAllan
Primary 4	Amber Ross	Daisy Ross	Jack Ross
Primary 5	Emilie Kiltie	Kerret Suiviste	Junior Vance
Primary 6	Grace Barr	Euan Campbell	
	Charlie Curran	Luke Torrance	
Primary 7	Lisann Suiviste	Sarah Nelson	Will Mullen

Robert Burns' Project Winners



Primary 5

Kerret Suviste

Primary 6

Euan Campbell

Primary 7

Indi McLeary



Awarded for Excellence in Art work

EYC

Indi Boyd

Primary 1

Ella Whiteford

Primary 2

Lily Clark

Primary 3

Abi Skilling

Primary 4

Amber Ross

Primary 5

Junior Vance

Primary 6

Charlie Curran

Primary 7

Rhys Nelson

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.



Burns' Supper

On the evening of Tuesday 6th February, P4-7 hosted a Burns' Supper with a three-course meal, the children performed a range of songs and poetry throughout the evening as well as the popular speeches, Toast tae the lassie, Reply Fae the lassies and Immortal Memory. Parents/Carers and members of the community were very impressed with the standard of performance and the confidence of our children. Once again Davie Hunter provided the musical accompaniment for the Burns' Supper. A huge thank-you to Morrisons for providing the Irn Bru for the toasts.



Alloway Burns' Supper

The Alloway Burns' Club organises this special event and invites three P7 pupils from each school to participate. This will take place on Tuesday 27th February at Ayr Town Hall and Indie McCleary, Will Mullen and Lisann Suiviste will be representing our school by delivering the Immortal Memory. They will enjoy the full Burns Supper experience and will be hosted at a table of up to ten guests, facilitated by S6 pupils from the four cluster secondaries.

Sport and Outdoor Learning

This term we are running a few after school clubs as well as having input from Caitlan Flanagan, our Active Schools Coordinator. Every Monday night we have 'Monday Madness', ran by staff through the Thriving Communities organisation. On a Tuesday we also have a Gymnastics club which for P3-7 which Miss Scott and Caitlan are running.

Later in the term there will be a basketball club for P4-7s. P4-7 will also have the opportunity during their P.E. sessions to get some handball coaching prior to participating in the Cluster Handball competition on and Basketball club Handball event on Wednesday 27th February at Girvan Academy.

ACE days

P4-7 pupils are benefitting from a 3-year rolling programme of ACE days (Adventure Centre for Education), which we have not been able to do in the last few years due to COVID and a lack of funding. We received £13,320 from Foundation Scotland. P5/4 have attended both of their planned days Day 1 - Canoeing and Paddle boarding, Day 2 - Archery and Bush craft, P7/6 have attended Day 1 and their second day will be Rock Climbing and Abseiling.



Spirit of sport

This term, Primary 7/6 have been working with our Active Schools coordinator, Caitlin, participating in the Spirit of Sport Award. This award teaches them the values of sport through playing different sports including handball, basketball, netball and dodgeball. We are also going to be participating in the Girvan cluster handball festival on **Wednesday 27th March at Girvan Academy 4-5pm**. Pupils have the opportunity to win the Spirit of Sport Award at the festival through showing good sportsmanship and encouraging their teammates.

P4 swimming

Primary 4 pupils started their 6-week block of swimming lessons at the Quay Zone and unfortunately due to storm damage they only received 2 lessons. The Quay Zone have managed to reach an agreement to make use of the old Maybole Pool in the interim period which will allow their commitment to swimming lessons to continue.



Forthcoming events

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.**



Euro Quiz

Anne-Lise Ledingham, the Modern Languages Development Officer for South Ayrshire has been working with a group of P6 and 7 pupils to prepare them for the first heat of the Euro Quiz competition which will take place on **Tuesday 26th March at Ayr Town Hall**. They have been brushing up on their General knowledge as there will be four rounds of questions covering:



Geography & History, Languages, Understanding Europe and General Knowledge.

If there are any parents or members of the community who would be willing to give the children some 'coaching' in preparation for the competition, please contact the school office, we would be delighted to have your help.

P5-7 Residential

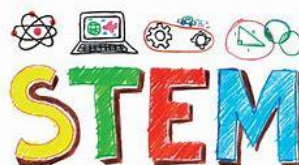
We have once again booked a residential visit for Primary 5-7 to Dolphin House from 15th 18th April which is in the grounds of Culzean Castle Country Park. The purpose of this is to allow them to pursue a wide range of outdoor activities as well as encouraging team building and leadership skills.



The children are never pushed beyond their comfort zone, however the fully trained instructors have proven success in nurturing and supporting even the most apprehensive child. Some of activities will include Canoeing, Climbing, Hill Walking, Team Building and Orienteering. Whilst the children are at Dolphin House they will be participating in the John Muir Award which is an environmental award with a focus around themes of Discovery, Exploration and Conservation.

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!

Parents' Night

An interim and Parents' night will take place on **Wednesday 28th February from 3.00-6.00pm**. This is to allow staff to share updated support plans (Staged Intervention) for those children receiving additional support for their learning as well as if parents would like an appointment to speak to the class teacher about any concerns or just to get an update on your child's learning. *Appointments can be requested by contacting the school office.*

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.

P1 Burns' Cottage

Primary 1 are going on an outing to Burns; Cottage and the Burns' Centre in Alloway as part of their topic about Scotland. We have been fortunate to receive some funding for this and will be participating in the 'Timorous Beasties' workshop. We will also be going for a walk to the Auld Kirk to have a look.



Seasons for Growth

Mrs Parker and Mrs Eaglesham are running a programme for small groups called, 'Seasons For Growth'. This is an eight week programme to support pupils who have experienced, for example, separation, divorce or bereavement and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The programme focuses on self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks. The current 'Seasons for Growth' session is underway, however please get in touch with Mrs Parker if you would like more information and would like your child to take part in the next session.

Parent Partnership

Office Bearers: -

Chairperson

Stuart Briggs (P3 Parent)

Secretary

Fiona Matthews (P5 Parent)

Treasurer

Jan Vance (P5 Parent)



The current members are:

Lynda Connelly, Lorna Gillies-Woods, Christine Ross, Laura Dorans and Pamela Donnelly

We have some new members joining the group: Mariana Andrews, Sara Barr, Louise Skilling, Kelly Fyfe and Emma Kirk

All parents/carers are welcome to attend the meetings or pass on any information to one of the office bearers which can then be shared with the Parents Partnership group. We are always looking for new members so please come along or contact the school for more information.

Parent Partnership Update

We continue to benefit from funding through Dailly Community Council small grants application which the Parent Partnership apply for on behalf of the school.

The Parent Partnership have been running a weekly bonus ball which has been very popular with parents, carers, the wider community and staff. With the great support of our school community, since starting it in the last week of November it has managed to raise £308.50. When all the numbers are paid the Parent Partnership receives £28.50 and the winner receives £30.50.

Attendance – Every Learner Every Day!

Our current overall attendance for the school is 92.17%. This is lower than the level that we should be at due to a small number of children who are constantly absent. I understand that children cannot be at school when they are unwell but we have a few children who have regular unexplained days off.

Last session in South Ayrshire Primary schools, just over 37,000 days (the equivalent of over 220,000 teaching hours!) were lost to unauthorised absence.

Poor attendance has been linked to lower levels of attainment, peer relationships, emotional and behavioural difficulties and poorer employment opportunities, which is why we want to see Every Learner Every Day!

School Lunches

We introduced Parent pay this session which enables parents to choose their children's meals as well as pay for school outings. **Parents are reminded that they should choose their child's lunch and can do so up to 3 weeks in advance as a lot of parents are leaving the children to do this in school which is taking away from valuable learning time.**

There are also a lot of very 'fussy' eaters so we would appreciate if parents could choose their child's lunch as they know what he/she likes to eat.

Parents/carers should only select **2 courses** as this is more than enough for the children to eat at lunchtime and many of them do not eat a lot. Some children spend most of their lunchtime in the dinner hall.

All children from the EYC up to P5 receive free lunches which includes 2 courses but parents still need to connect with parent pay in order to choose their child's meal and to be able to pay for other school excursions and events.

Fruit

We are continuing to promote healthy eating and healthy choices for break and lunchtime, particularly for those children who bring packed lunches. The school meals provide a balanced diet and the children are all being encouraged to try different foods and to eat their vegetables. We are asking that parents also try to provide healthy packed lunches with sandwiches, fruit, yoghurt and nutritious snacks and avoid the inclusion of too many sugary snacks or family sized bags of crisps and treats.

Please remember that children should not be given any products containing nuts due to potential allergies including 'nutella'.

Morrisons are very kindly continuing to provide a small amount of fruit which is available in all classes for the children to choose for their snack.



Water in class

All of the children now have water bottles for use in class and this keeps everyone the same. Children are welcome to bring their own bottle with juice or flavoured water for lunchtime. **Energy drinks and fizzy juice are not allowed in school.**

Feedback – we appreciate your comments or suggestions

Please e-mail any feedback to: daily.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Please provide feedback on any of the activities which your children have been involved in during last term. We are also always looking for new ideas and ways to improve the learning experiences for your child so please e-mail any helpful comments.



DAILY PRIMARY - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



(Updated each term)

Term 3

Wk beg. 26 th Feb 27 th Feb 28 th Feb	EYC Parent and family cooking sessions (3 weeks) P7s to attend Alloway Burns' Supper (Daytime) Interim Parents' meetings to discuss progress Additional Support for Learning reviews (Staged Intervention)
4 th March 7 th March 7 th , 14 th , 21 st & 28 th March 14 th March 15 th March	P1 Trip to Burns' Cottage Alloway World Book Day PEEP sessions EYC Interim Tracking report 2 issued to parents Red Nose Day
19 th to 23 rd March	STEM / Maths Week tbc
26 th March 27 th March	P6 and 7 Euro Quiz Heat (Ayr Townhall) End of term service in the Church (Easter) Parents/Carers welcome P4-7 Handball Festival (4.00-5.00pm Girvan Academy)
28 th March 29 th March 31 st March	School closes HOLIDAY - Good Friday Easter Sunday

Term 4

15 th April 15 th to 18 th April	School / EYC opens P5-7 Residential
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
15 th May 16 th May 22 nd May 24 th to 27 th May	***Parents' Appointments 3.00-8.00pm (Change of Date)*** ***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 11 th to 13 th June 12 th June	Inter-house events (EYC to P7) / P6+7 Championships Final report issued EYC to P7 EYC/School Sports' Day P7-S1 Transitions 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

