



## Heathfield EYC -Jan 25

### Our Staff Team

Gaenor Hardy – Head Teacher

Natalie Spence – Depute Head Teacher

Kirsty Gilmour – Early Years Principal Teacher (Thu)

Kirsten Logan - Equity & Excellence Lead

### **Senior Early Year's Practitioner**

Holly Bloy & Lucy Guthrie

### **Early Years Practitioners**

Chloe & Geny - Red Group

Kay & Hayley -Blue Group

Connie & Emma -Green Group

Peyton & Lorraine, Holly -Yellow Group

Paul & Lucy - Purple Group

Laura Thomson – School Assistant

Joy Dizleck – School Assistant

















## Communication

We have an open door policy and our staff are available via Learning Journals and the school Office on 01292 612123.

## The Team

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<div>Geanor Hardy Head Teacher</div> 	<div>Natalie Spence Depute Head Teacher</div> 	<div>Kirsty Gilmour Principal Teacher</div> 	<div>Peyton Bell EYP</div> 
<div>Lucy Guthrie - Senior EYP</div> 	<div>Holly Blog—Senior EYP</div> 	<div>Hayley Martin EYP</div> 	<div>Paul Forrest EYP</div> 
<div>Lorraine Paterson EYP</div> 	<div>Emma Meeuwssen EYP</div> 	<div>Connie Bryden</div> 	<div>Kay Shindair EYP</div> 
<div>Chloe Freeburn EYP</div> 	<div>Geny Small EYP</div> 	<div>Laura Thomson School Assistant</div> 	<div>Joy Dizleck</div> 

## Welcome Back



What a quick few week back. It has been lovely to welcome all our little people back into our EYC and the last new Ante-Pre children are starting to join us meaning we are nearing full capacity.

We know Pick up and drop off is a crucial transition time and we appreciate your support in ensuring this is a smooth and settled time. Staff are always available for a chat, and will pick up messages on LJ too.

## P1 Transition

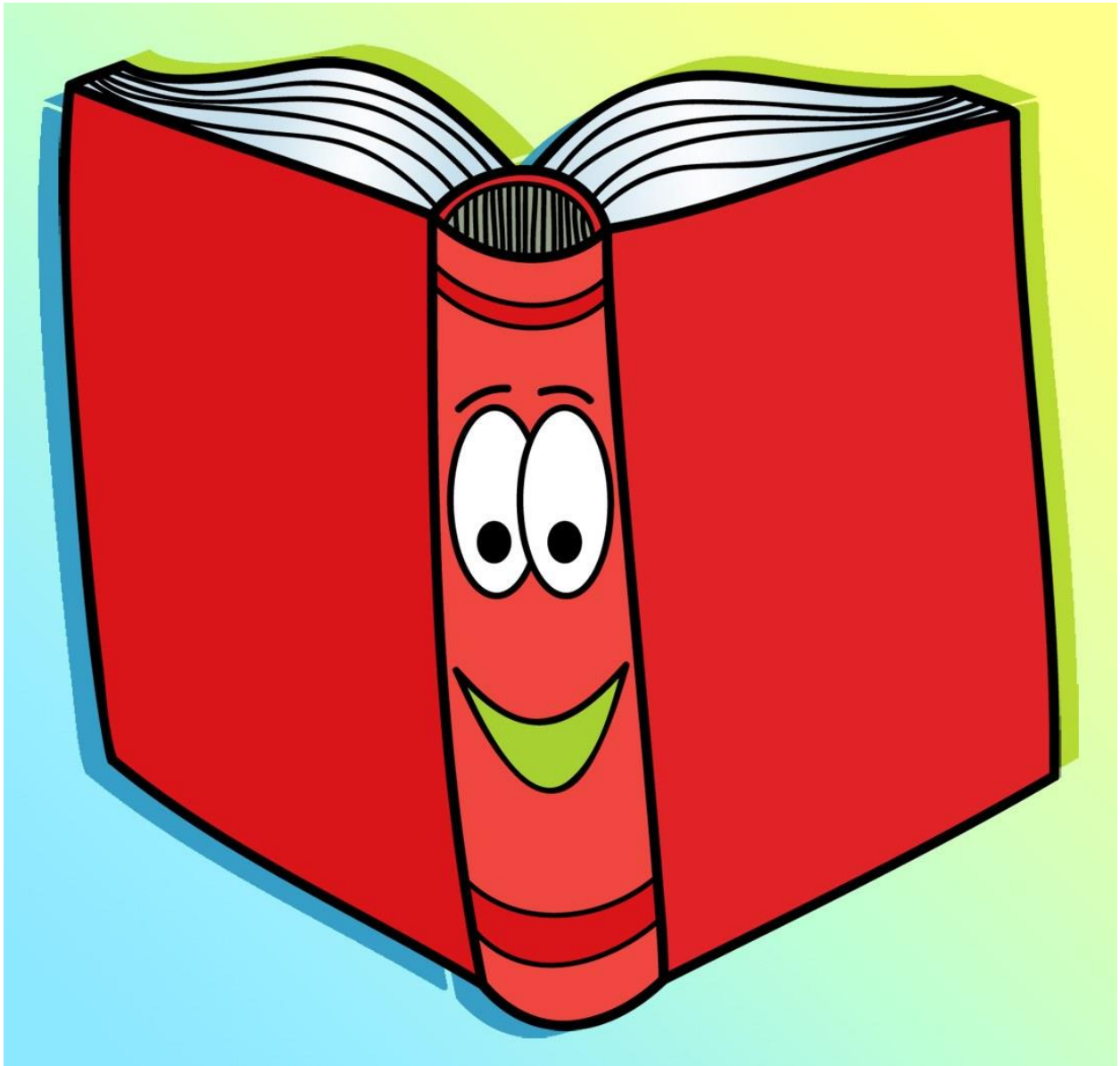


It was great to see many of you at our Transition Open Evening. Our Pre School children have started visiting the P1 classrooms and are becoming familiar with the setting. Our full Transition Programme is under development and we will keep you informed as and when events happen.

After Easter we will have confirmation from South Ayrshire about the P1 registrations, taking into account Placing Requests etc.

We will then hold further transition events, including a Parent Information Evening. We will will give you a more detailed rundown of what a day in the life of P1 looks like and all the important information. We will keep you updated.

### 3 Read & Rhyme Time



#### Pre-School

Children explore key literacy Skills during small group time. The 3 read approach encourages visiting the same text over a 3 day period to promote a depth of understanding, recall and story telling skills. The children explore this in the P1 classroom to further support transition.

#### Ante-Pre

Children explore Rhyme and literacy games through a variety of texts and songs.

## Parent Focus Group



Our First Parent Focus Group was held on Thursday 16th January. Kirsty - Principal Teacher & Kirsten - Equity & Excellence lead joined the group. Topics of discussions and actions are set out below

### **Rebranded 'Brew & a Blether'**

#### **Aims/Vision/Value**

- Values reflect the school

Refreshed Vision from the previous Parent Focus Group still suit

- Aims created

#### **Care Plans**

After feedback from our Care Inspectorate Visit in November we are looking at refreshing our Care Plan Paperwork. An updated Version was shared with the group, discussed and tweaked. A pilot will be undertaken over the coming weeks. We will be in touch with each of our families in due course.

## Uniform

- Optional Uniform (Jumpers & Poloshirts) was discussed with very positive feedback. We are looking into sourcing cost effective supplier and hope to make this available over the coming months. "Swap shop" for uniforms/clothing to help reduce costs for families and sustainability also discussed.

## Fitness First

We are excited to provide a 'Free of Charge' Adult Only Fitness Session for a 5 week Block Starting on Tuesday 21st January in Heathfield Gym Hall. Children will be collected from their class and will take part in arts/crafts, games etc.

This is being run by Geny - our EYP who also is a Personal Trainer & Gym instructor alongside Jenna one of our teachers who specialises in PE. We still have spaces available.

We would love to see as many of you there as possible, If you are interested please let us know by sending us a wee message and come along and join in the fun

## Dates for the Diary 2025



### January

29th -Chinese New Year

### February

3rd -Children's Mental Health Week

6th -Safer Internet Day

10th -Schools off

11th -In-service day

12th -Pupils return to school

### **March**

4th -Shrove Tuesday

6th -World Book Day

8th -International Womens Day

14th -Red Nose Day

14th -Park Run

30th -Eid El Fitr

### **April**

2th -School Discos

4th -School Close

22nd -Pupils Return