



November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we embrace the colourful autumn season, we're excited to share all the wonderful activities and events happening over the coming months. November is always a busy month and pupils have enjoyed participating in the wide range of activities. Thanks for all your support, as we would not be able to deliver the variety without parental support.

St Andrews Day



As it is St Andrews Day on Saturday 30th November, we are inviting pupils to wear a splash on tartan with their school uniform on Friday 29th November. **Please note this is not a dress down day.**

Dress Down and Bring a Bottle for the Christmas Fayre

On Friday 6th December we are having a Dress Down Day and asking for donations of bottles for the Christmas fayre, if you are able.



Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is being held on Friday 13th December and a separate letter has been issued. There will be some stalls to purchase gifts from local crafters and each stage will attend and entertain visitors with some jolly Christmas songs. The timetable for this is on the letter. There will also be tea and coffee, a bottle stall and a raffle.



Parent Voice Meeting

We had a very positive Parent Voice meeting where we discussed the issues raised in the 'Your Voice Matters' consultation.

We discussed the following:

Safety – entry and exit to school, including the speed of traffic on Heathfield Road and congestion on Doon Avenue. We recognise this area is a problem and possible solutions have been discussed and trialled. The group all felt that the car park situation had improved and there were fewer parents using it as a drop off point.

Website – we are currently in the process of updating the website and have allocated more staff to maintain different sections.

Communication – We had previously been keen to extend the use of See Saw across the school, however this was removed for GDPR reasons. Last year we trialled Learning Journals in its place, but again the system didn't work. We are currently exploring a new system which we will hope to launch next in the next academic year.

This will be on the agenda for the Parent Council Meeting on 19th February. In the meantime, we will try to increase posts about class learning on our Facebook page. If any of you are aware of a successful app used in another school, we would love to hear about it.

Behaviour – we discussed our Positive Relationship Policy and parents are keen to support the school's current work in reviewing the policy to ensure consistency and transparency. This was discussed at the Parent Council Meeting last week and we will send out the new policy after we have completed the consultation process with pupils and staff.

P7-S1 Transfer/ P1 Registration Information

P7/S1 transfer information and forms are now available online for parents until Sunday 8th December 2024. Please remember if your child resides outwith the catchment, then both forms need to be completed.

P1 Registration information and forms will be available online to parents from Monday 13th January 2025 until Sunday 19th January 2025.

Rights Respecting Schools

Next month our articles are 2 and 23.



All children have all these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what language they speak, what their religion is, what they think, what they look like, if they are a boy or girl, if they have a disability, if they are rich or poor, and no matter who their parents or families are or what their parents or families believe or do. No child should be treated unfairly for any reason.

On Tuesday 3rd December it is International Day of People with Disabilities. This global event promotes equality for people with disability and celebrates their achievements. It has been celebrated every year since 1981.



Every child with a disability should enjoy the best possible life in society. Governments should remove all obstacles for children with disabilities to become independent and to participate actively in the community.

It is also a day to promote awareness of the challenges faced by over 1 billion people living with disabilities, and the role communities and societies play in breaking down barriers to inclusion.

You can help at home towards our RRS Gold Award by asking your child what their birthday right is (this is the article of the same number of the date of their birthday). All children should also know the terms Right holder (all children) and Duty Bearers (teachers).

Water Bottles

We are aware of the importance of pupils staying hydrated throughout the day. Pupils should bring water in a bottle. Please do not add flavoured water or juice, as drinking a sugary drink throughout the day does not support good dental hygiene.

Nut allergies

Can we remind parents **not to send any chocolate spread on nut-based** sweets or foods to school. If your child buys their own snack on the way to school, they should be reminded to avoid nuts.

Parent Council

Dates of Parent Council Meetings:

Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 6pm

Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 6pm

By now all parents should have received our CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN with all December dates, however an abbreviated version is listed below.

Thank you all for your continued support. It is a pleasure to be part of this vibrant and caring community.

Best wishes,

Gaenor Hardy

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Headteacher



DECEMBER DATES

Wednesday 4th

Friday 6th

Tuesday 10th

Wednesday 11th

Thursday 12th

Friday 13th

Tuesday 17th

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

P7 to Prestwick Academy for Christmaths
Dress Down Day and bring a bottle for fayre
Jolly Holly Dash at Prestwick Oval
P1/2 Cinema Trip (AM)
P3-7 Pantomime at Ayr Gaiety
Christmas Lunches / Movie Afternoon
Christmas Fayre
P1-3 Nativity
P5-6 Christmas Party (PM)
P3-4 Christmas Party (PM)
EYC Winter Show
EYC Christmas Party (PM)
P1-2 Christmas Party (AM)
School closes at 2.30pm