

Heathfield Primary School and Early Years Centre

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have certainly had a very Scottish start to the year! All pupils have been busy learning their Burns poems for our Scottish Poetry Event, which took place on Monday. The children truly excelled themselves with their learning, enthusiasm and confident recitals – we were incredibly proud of them all.

Primary 6 will be hosting their own Burns Supper with parents on Thursday 29th January, and there will also be Scottish-themed lunches available in the dinner hall on the same day.



Recycling

Heathfield Primary School and EYC have been part of a pilot recycling programme which has now been rolled out across the local authority. This involves separating plastic, paper and food waste from general waste.



We have recently extended this to include the lunch hall, and pupils are doing a great job using the *Waste Station* to separate their waste at the end of lunchtime.

Packed Lunches

We have noticed that some pupils are throwing away their entire lunch, even when items such as yoghurts, bananas or apples are unopened. We would really appreciate parents and carers having a chat with children about bringing any untouched food back home. This helps both the environment and the family purse.

Breakfast Club

Please note that recycling bins are available in Breakfast Club, and we encourage all waste to be placed in the correct bins.

Sharing the Learning – Wednesday 4th February

We warmly invite all parents and carers of pupils from Primary 1–7, including mainstream and Support and Wellbeing classes, to come along and share learning with us.

- 2.15pm – A short Numeracy and Mathematics workshop in the gym hall
- 2.30pm – Parents and carers can visit pupils in their classrooms

We look forward to welcoming you into school.

School Discos

Due to updated PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) requirements for adults volunteering regularly in schools, we have made some changes to how discos are organised to ensure we remain compliant.

- EYC, Primary 1 and Primary 2 – 11th March (afternoon)
- Primary 3 and Primary 4 – 12th March (afternoon)
- Primary 5 to Primary 7 – 12th March (5.30pm–6.45pm)



Key changes

- Primary 3 and 4 discos will now take place during the school day
- EYC to Primary 4 discos will not require parent helpers
- The Primary 5–7 disco will be run by staff, with support only from parents who hold a PVG completed through Heathfield Primary School

Pupils from EYC to Primary 4 can wear their party clothes to school on the day of the discos. Please remember no football tops should be worn to school.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

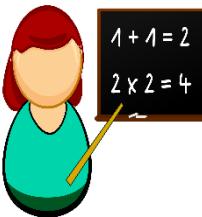
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Sumdog

Pupils across the school are using Sumdog to support learning in Numeracy and Mathematics. Sumdog provides fun, interactive games that adapt to each child's level and help reinforce skills taught in class.

Teachers set activities and challenges for pupils to complete at home. We encourage parents and carers to support children by:

- encouraging regular use of Sumdog
- asking children to show you what they have been learning
- celebrating effort and progress



If you have any issues accessing Sumdog, please contact the school office.

Respectful Relationships Policy

Our approach to behaviour is outlined in our Respectful Relationships Policy, which is available on the school website.

We believe in recognising and celebrating positive behaviour. Pupils are rewarded through:

- smiles and verbal praise
- thumbs up and written comments in jotters
- displays of work
- house points and personal points

The winning house receives 5 minutes of extra play, and pupils who achieve 40 personal points receive a certificate, pencil and *treat time*.

Low-level classroom behaviour is monitored using 'tick sheets', with data gathered weekly. Parents and carers will be contacted where appropriate.



Serious Incidents and Consequences

In the event of a serious incident, a risk assessment will be considered alongside a wellbeing plan. Parents and carers, along with the local authority, will be informed, and all appropriate recording and reporting procedures will be followed.

- ***Violence (physical or verbal, including discrimination):*** Alternative play or learning arrangements may be put in place. Incidents may be logged as bullying in line with South Ayrshire Policy. In extreme cases, exclusion may be considered (see South Ayrshire Exclusion Policy).
- ***Non-compliance:*** Where this is ongoing, parents and carers will be contacted and a support plan put in place.
- ***Disruption of learning or damage to property:*** Depending on severity, alternative provision may be arranged to allow strategies to be implemented so learning can continue safely.
- ***Use of weapons:*** Any incident involving a weapon will be considered very seriously. The Local Authority Weapons in Schools procedures will be followed, and exclusion may be considered proportionate to risk.
- ***Substance misuse:*** Any substances or devices will be confiscated and dealt with in line with local authority guidance.

If an incident disrupts learning or raises safety concerns, other pupils may be moved to another area of the school (e.g. the library). All incidents are logged on Pastoral Notes.

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Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Gaenor Hardy

Headteacher.



Dates for your diary

February

Mon 2nd Children's Mental Health Week

Wed 4th Sharing the Learning with Maths Focus

Fri 6th Holiday

Mon 9th Holiday

Tue 10th Inservice Day for Staff

Wed 11th Children return – 9am start

Wed 11th P7 Information Evening at Prestwick Academy at 6:30pm

Mon 16th EYC Registration Week

Tues 17th Shrove Tuesday / Chinese New Year

Wed 25th Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm

March

Thurs 5th World Book Day

Sun 8th International Women's Day

Wed 11th EYC, P1 and P2 Disco pm

Thurs 12th Primary 3 and 4 Disco pm

Primary 5–7 Disco 5.30pm – 6.45pm

Fri 13th Dress Down Day - Bring a Bottle for the Spring Fayre

Fri 20th Comic Relief

Fri 27th Spring Fayre **1.00pm – 3.00pm**
P7 v Parents/Staff Football Match **3.30 – 4.30pm**
(hot food, tuck and games)

Tue 31st Parents Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm

April

Wed 1st Parents Evening – 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Thurs 2nd Autism Awareness Day

Thurs 2nd Easter Bonnet Parade EYC and P1

Thurs 2nd School closes at 2.30pm

Mon 20th School Returns – 9am start

