



Lent

Earlier this month we entered the season of Lent. To start this special time of the year we welcomed Deacon Bill to our school who very kindly led us in our Ash Wednesday services. Within their classes, children have been thinking about the importance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Many of our pupils have made Lenten promises and thought about some of the things they could 'give up' during this time of year.

As part of our promise to increase prayer during Lent, the P4-7 have been leading us in Stations of the Cross as part of the upper school departmental assembly. Each class will have the opportunity to lead the department in this.



2024 - Lenten Challenge - Walking with our Saints

Following our previous walking challenges for Lent, this year we have taken on our biggest one yet! Over the course of Lent and beyond, we plan to walk around the world with our new House Saints. This challenge will be closely linked to the launch of our new House Saints. Pupils and staff will walk between the countries and regions associated with each of our new House Saints, totalling in the region of 28,000 miles and covering 5 continents! During their journeys they will have the opportunity to reflect and pray on the lives of our new House Saints. The miles walked cumulatively will be tracked each week and children will be able to celebrate their progress at departmental assemblies.



We have linked this to the current Beat the Street challenge which is happening across South Ayrshire. As well as clocking up the miles for our 'Walk with our Saints', our pupils can find 'beat boxes' in the local area and gain points for our school. We will continue our Lenten walking challenge until we reach our goal of 28,000 miles.

In June, we hope to celebrate our achievement and launch our new House Saints officially with a mass at St Margaret's Cathedral (more information to follow).

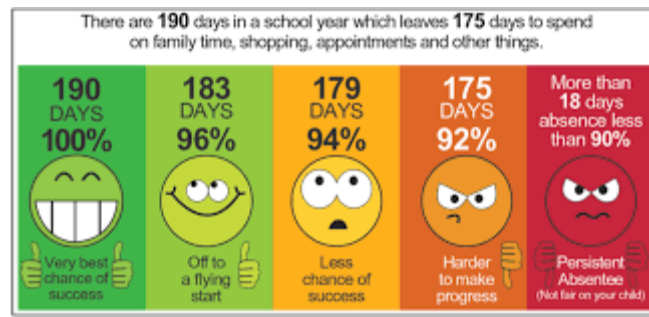
Valentines Disco

Our parent council deserve a huge thank you for organising the Valentine's Disco for our pupils which took place on Friday 16th February. Parents and children had a wonderful time at Printhouse in Ayr, with the evening being a roaring success. The children enjoyed snacks and mocktails as well as some dancing throughout the evening.



Access Hour

Thank you again to all parents who attended our termly 'access hour.' As well as the termly stage assemblies and parents' appointments, this is an additional opportunity for parents to meet teaching staff, have a look around classrooms, and to find out about what their children have been doing recently. Big thank you to Matthew in P7 who spent the access hour telling parents why he thinks attendance is so important!



P5 Swimming

Our P5 year group have been taking part in swimming lessons at the Citadel. We are already seeing increased confidence in many of the children after only a few inputs from the coaches and is great to see them developing this very important life skill. They will have their final swimming block in the last week of term before we finish for the Easter Holidays.

Senior School Show

Rehearsals for this year's show 'Music from the Movies' are well under way. All children in P4-7 will play a part in the show whether singing, dancing, or delivering dialogue. Some children will also have the opportunity to assist 'behind the scenes' with prop design, music and calls to stage. The children are really excited about the show, and we look forward to welcoming parents and friends of the school to our performances. The show is on Tuesday 19th at 6pm and Wednesday 20th March at 10:30am and again at 6pm in St. Margaret's Cathedral. Tickets are available, free of charge, from the school box office now!



Advance notice of Diary Dates

March		
Tuesday 5 th March	School Choir Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Tuesday 5 th March	P5-6 Gymnastics Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 6 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 7 th March	Dance Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Thursday 7 th March	School Show Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Tuesday 12 th March	School Choir Afterschool Club (Last One)	3-4pm In School
Tuesday 12 th March	P5-6 Gymnastics Afterschool Club	3-4pm In School
Wednesday 13 th March	P5 Swimming	The Citadel
Thursday 14 th March	Dance Afterschool Club (Last One)	3-4pm In School
Thursday 14 th March	School Show Afterschool Club (Last One)	3-4pm In School
Monday 18 th March	School Show Dress Rehearsal	St Margaret's Cathedral
Monday 18 th March	P3 Reconciliation	7pm at St Margaret's Cathedral
Tuesday 19 th March	School Show 'Music from the Movies'	6pm at St Margaret's Cathedral
Wednesday 20 th March	School Show 'Music from the Movies'	10:30am & 6pm at St Margaret's Cathedral
Friday 22 nd March	Parent Council Easter Treasure Hunt	Straight after school in the Ash Park Area
Tuesday 26 th March	EUROQUIZ	Ayr Town Hall
Wednesday 28 th March	P5 Swimming (Last One)	The Citadel
Thursday 28 th March	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS	
April		
Monday 15 th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	PUPILS RETURN
Thursday 25 th April	Parents' Evening (Whole School)	3-9pm in School