

Parents' Night

A fantastic turnout at our last parents' night of the session. I hope you enjoyed hearing about how well your children are progressing. A huge thank you to our Parent Council for spreading the word about our upcoming Summer Fayre, our P7 children who spoke about the importance of attendance and Ms Thomson and Mr Mallon who came from Queen Margaret Academy to support our P7 parents with transition.

Parent Questionnaire

In order to continually monitor and improve all experiences for all children and ensure we work together to best support your child, could we please ask that all parents complete our questionnaire using the link below. The link has also been included on the newsletter Xpressions message. Just click the link to complete.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RrC39qsk29>

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Access Hour

The last Access Hour of the school year is on Wednesday the 22nd May from 3-4pm. This will be the final opportunity to visit your child's classroom this year. We would love to see you there. This will also be an opportunity for our new P1 parents to visit the school and meet some of the staff.

Uniform

Can we please ask that all children wear full school uniform when attending school. We have noticed a slip in uniform standards over the past couple of terms. We do, however, appreciate that this is the last term, and you may not wish to buy anything new therefore we do have a stock of items in school if you would like to take anything. Please let the office know if we can assist with this.

Breakfast Club

Our school breakfast club continues with a good turnout from 8.20am. Breakfast will be available until 8.50am with all children supervised until 9am. Children do not have to be booked in or come every day but **we cannot take children into school before 8.20am or after 8.50am**. There is a great variety of cereals, toast and drinks for the children to enjoy. Due to all supervision being in the breakfast club, if a child comes in to breakfast club they cannot go back out to the playground.

South Ayrshire Council Recycling

On Friday, Caroline from the South Ayrshire Council Recycling Centre visited our assembly to discuss the new recycling bins in and around the school. It is hoped that this will encourage the children to recognise the importance of recycling in school as well as at home. If you wish further information on this, please go to www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling.



P7 Dolphin House Residential Trip

We are all looking forward to our 2-day residential trip to Dolphin House with our P7s. There will be a parent information session in the school on Thursday 16th May at 3:15pm for any questions you have. To ensure your child's place on the upcoming residential trip to Dolphin House, please try and make final payments as soon as possible. The school has to make payment for the full amount before the trip commences in June. There will be 2 groups going. Group 1 will be 13th-14th June and Group 2 will be 20th-21st June. Further information will be sent out soon.

Children's Day / Saints Mass

Sponsor sheets have now been handed out to pupils in the school for the fundraising part of our 'Walking with our Saints' challenge. We hope that all families will do their best to participate in this part of the challenge, and we will notify you soon about returning any money you gathered for our chosen charities. Please note that the Mass for the official launch of our new House Saints is taking place on Friday 31st May at 11.30am in St Margaret's Cathedral. Throughout this day, our children will be celebrating the Polish tradition of 'Children's Day' and they will have the chance to enjoy a variety of fun games and activities linked to each of the continents. These activities will be arranged by our Global Citizenship and Faith in Action Pupil Voice Groups. We hope to be blessed with some lovely summer weather so our children can fully enjoy, what promises to be a day of celebration and fun!

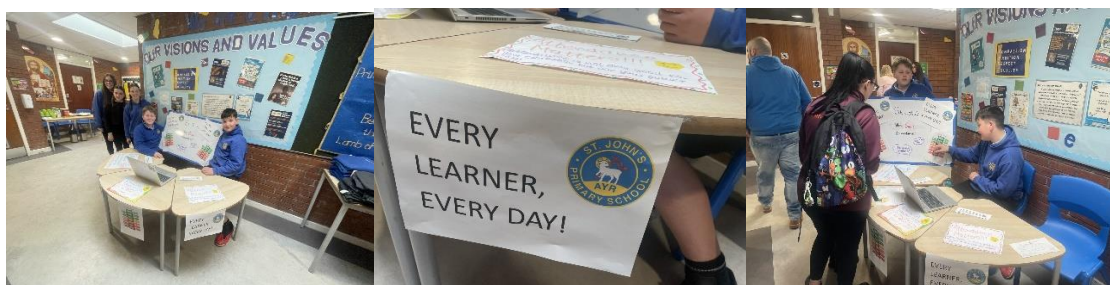
Bikeability

Both P5 and P6 year groups have now started to undertake Bikeability training. Bikeability is a national cycle training programme to help children learn practical skills and understand how to cycle on our roads. It is suitable for all levels of experience and all pupils, regardless of ability, can take part or be supported by staff. By the end of the school session the P6s will have completed both Level 1&2. Our P5s will complete Level 1 and continue with Level 2 next session.

Attendance

As we approach the final 2 months of this school session, we are hoping that every learner will attend every day. As you can see in the advanced diary dates below, we have so many fun things happening in the school in May and June, and we don't want anyone to miss out on anything. Our aim is to have as many children finishing school with an attendance of over 95%. Every day your child attends school will increase their percentage. Thank you to our P7s who presented at parents' night and shared some facts with our parents about attendance.

Every Learner, Every Day.



Tweeting

We continue to share what is happening in school through our twitter account. Please join our twitter community and please *like our Tweets*. Class teachers show the children the tweets on the whiteboard and they love to see lots of likes on their posts, photos and videos. As we did in the past, please continue to send in to school any home achievements you wished shared through Twitter. You can find our account on Twitter by searching for @Stjohnspsayr.

Parish dates

| Event | Date and time | Parish |
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| Primary 4 Sacrament of First Holy Communion | May 2024 as per parents' arrangements with parish | St Paul's. St Margaret's and St Francis Xavier |


Term 4 Assembly Dates

| Date | Stage | Time |
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| Friday 10 th May | Primary 6 | 9.10-9.30 |
| Thursday 16 th May | Primary 5 | 9.10-9.30 |
| Friday 17 th May | Primary 4 | 9.10-9.30 |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Primary 3 | 9.10-9.30 |
| Thursday 30 th May | Primary 2 | 9.10-9.30 |
| Friday 31 st May | Primary 1 | 9.10-9.30 |
| Tuesday 25 th June | Primary 7 Valedictory mass | 10am mass in St Margaret's Cathedral |

Advance notice of Diary Dates

| May | | |
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| Wednesday 1st May | P5A Bikeability (Level 1) | During school time |
| Thursday 2nd May | In-Service Day | School Closed |
| Friday 3rd May | School Re-opens to pupils | School Open |
| Friday 3 rd May | QMA Cluster Relay Race | 5 Pupils across P6/7 |
| Monday 6th May | May Day Bank Holiday | School Closed |
| Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May | P5A Bikeability (Level 1) | During school time |
| Thursday 9th May | P6 Bikeability (Level 2) | During school time |
| Friday 10th May | P6 Assembly | 9.10am in School |
| Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th May | P5B Bikeability (Level 1) | During school time |
| Thursday 16th May | P5 Assembly | 9.10am in School |
| Thursday 16 th May | P6 Bikeability (Level 2) | During school time |
| Thursday 16 th May | P7 Careers Fair | Ayr Town Hall (during school time) |

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| Thursday 16 th May | P6 Netball Tournament | QMA |
| Thursday 16 th May | Dolphin House Parent Information Session | 3.15pm in School |
| Friday 17 th May | P4 Assembly | 9.10am in School |
| Monday 20 th May | P1-3 Teddy Hospital Visit | In School |
| Monday 20 th May | Parent Council Meeting | 3-4.30pm in School |
| Monday 20 th May to Wednesday 22 nd May | P1-4 Childsmile Fluoride Varnish | In School |
| Tuesday 21 st & Wednesday 22 nd May | P5B Bikeability (Level 1) | During school time |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | Access Hour | 3-4pm in School |
| Thursday 23 rd May | P3 Assembly | 9.10am in School |
| Thursday 23 rd May | P6 Bikeability (Level 2) | During school time |
| Friday 24 th May | Bank Holiday | School Closed |
| Monday 27 th May | Bank Holiday | School Closed |
| Tuesday 28 th May | School Re-opens to pupils | School Open |
| Thursday 30 th May | P2 Assembly | 9.10am in School |
| Thursday 30 th May | P6 Bikeability (Level 2) | During school time |
| Thursday 30 th May | Pupil Voice Showcase | St Ninian's Primary (during school time) |
| Friday 31 st May | P1 Assembly | 9.10am in School |
| Friday 31 st May | Children's Day / House Saint Launch / Celebration Mass | 11.30am at St Margaret's Cathedral |
| June | | |
| Wednesday 5 th June | QMA Cluster Cup (Football) | 3.30-4.30pm at QMA |
| Thursday 6 th June | P7 Transition Festival | QMA during school hours |
| Thursday 6 th June | Sports Day | Riverside Arena |
| Friday 7 th June | Parent Council Summer Fayre | Playground after school |
| Monday 10 th June | P7 Religious Retreat | QMA |

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| Tuesday 11 th & Wednesday 12 th June | P7 Bump Up Days at QMA | QMA |
| Wednesday 12 th June | P7 Transition Disco & 2 nd Parent/Carer Info Evening | 7-8.30pm at QMA |
| Wednesday 12 th June | P2/3 Show | 1.30pm St Margaret's Cathedral |
| Thursday 13 th & Friday 14 th June | P7 Residential Trip to Dolphin House | Group 1 |
| Thursday 20 th & Friday 21 st June | P7 Residential Trip to Dolphin House | Group 2 |
| Tuesday 25 th June | P7 Valedictory Mass | 10am St Margaret's Cathedral |
| Wednesday 26 th June | P7 Trip to ARK at The Citadel | During school hours (10am-12pm) |
| Friday 28 th June | SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS (1pm) |  |
| Friday 16 th & Monday 19 th August | In-Service Days (Staff Only) | School Closed |
| Tuesday 20 th August | School Re-opens to pupils | Welcome Back |

