



Reporting to parents on children's progress.

Throughout the year we report to parents in a variety of ways. Four times a year parents and extended families are invited to attend the stage assemblies, this is where the children share their learning across a number of the curricular areas covered in school. Four times a year we also have an Access/Progress hour, this allows all parents to come in to your child's classroom and find out about what they have been learning through displays on the wall and jotters. Class teachers are also on hand at this point to answer any general questions. There are two formal parents' evenings, one in October and one in April or early May (depending on Easter). There is an additional parents' evening with much longer appointments in February for any family where a child receives additional support and is on Staged Intervention paperwork. A formal written report on Literacy, Numeracy and Health and Wellbeing is provided for parents in late March.

Report cards for children will be in school bags on Thursday 28th March. Parents' night will be on Thursday 25th April. The booking system will open on Tuesday 16th April.

Wallacetown Eco Community Group

The P4-P7 Eco Group have worked alongside Wallacetown Early Years Centre and Newton Primary in a variety of tasks to help South Ayrshire Council. We helped personalise posters to discourage people from dog fouling, ensuring there were no fire hazards in the areas around our establishments and learning all about the new recycling bins coming to school soon.



Visions and Values

Last year we developed our new visions and values, and following consultation between parents, pupils and staff we agreed on 4 key values - **(CARE) Compassion, Ambition, Respect and Equality**. Our children are now very familiar with our core values and they are discussed regularly at departmental assemblies, with pupils now being awarded 'merits' based on these.

Our new merits systems replace what we previously called 'house points'. Pupils now have the opportunity to work through a merits award system shown below.

Children in P4-7 are also able to achieve merits based on key meta-skills: innovation, self-management and social intelligence. Meta-skills are intended to cultivate a growth mindset that enables individuals to prepare themselves for lifelong learning to develop new competencies in an ever-changing work environment. They are regularly discussed through Pupil Voice and Electives and all P4-7 pupils are in the process of completing meta-skills booklets to help them identify their key strengths.

Bronze Award Certificate	10 Merits
Silver Award Certificate	25 Merits
Gold Award Certificate	50 Merits
Platinum Award Certificate	100 Merits

We will be tracking the number of merits achieved in total by pupils in each house and we now have a house trophy which will be awarded to the house with most merits. We are also moving towards a 'Merits Monday' format which is replacing our Friday Reward Time. Children who have been awarded a merit the previous week will have a short block of time for a fun activity / treat on a Monday afternoon.

All of our children have now been allocated a new 'house' linked to our new saints. Our new saints were chosen by our pupils to reflect the increasing diversity in our school:

Saint Ninian	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	Saint Mary MacKillop	Saint Paul Miki	Saint Josephine Bakhita
White Europe	Red America	Blue Oceania	Yellow Asia	Green Africa

Lenten Challenge - Walking with our Saints

Our pupils have now undertaken our 2024 Lenten Challenge. With Spring just around the corner, the children have been managing to get outside for their walks. We are keeping track of the miles walked - our goal being 28000 miles and stretching 'around the world' over the continents of Europe, America, Oceania, Asia and Africa.

As we walk each stage we will be praying and reflecting and on the life of each saint associated with each part of the world as we continue our 'journey'. Sponsor forms will be sent out shortly after the Easter Holidays for your children to complete as part of an individual or family challenge to help us reach our target! We will be raising funds for Missio Scotland and Ayrshire Cancer Support.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Monday 18th March, some of our Primary 3 pupils took part in the beautiful celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Well done boys and girls and a big thank you to all who came along to support the children.



Sacrament of Holy Communion

After being presented at the Rite of Enrolment, our P4 children are continuing their final steps in their Sacramental journey with all families having now confirmed their May date to celebrate their First Holy Communion across the parishes. We hope you all have a really special day and can't wait to hear all about it.

P6 Euro Quiz

Well done to James, Marta, Kathryn and Katy in P6 who took part in the South Ayrshire heats in the Euro Quiz this year. They have been working around the clock for months learning facts all about Europe. They have worked extremely hard. Thanks to their classes for supporting them throughout, their P7 coaches and parents for encouraging them at home. We are so proud of them.



St John's Gymnastics Team

Our St John's Gymnastics team have been training very hard for the South Ayrshire Active Schools Gymnastics Competition. This year we had 11 pupils taking part across three levels. Our gymnasts had to perform a floor routine with a range of skills as well as a vault. Well done to all the gymnasts for taking part, for many this was their first time at the event. Special mention to our Level 2 Team who placed 3rd overall, Olivia Connor who placed 3rd in the level 2 Individual category and Mikayla Lucas who placed 4th in the Level 4 category.



School Show

This term, our P4-7 children have been absolute super stars performing in our school show, 'Music from the Movies'. They have learnt song lyrics, stage direction, dance moves and lots more. Every child worked very hard for weeks to perform at 3 shows. We are so proud of them. Thank you to our boys and girls who helped out back stage with props and costumes too. We hope you enjoyed the show and recognised the fantastic efforts of all of our children. Thank you to everyone for their raffle donations and support on the night. Our children thoroughly enjoyed it, and we hope you did too.



Thank you

Finally, a huge thank you to the Parent Council from the whole school for the delicious Easter Eggs. We don't think many will last until Sunday!



Holidays

I would like to wish all our families and all our staff a prayerful and blessed Easter. I hope that everyone gets the opportunity to recharge and enjoy family time. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the summer term.



Assembly Dates Term 4

P6	Friday 10th May	9.10am in School
P5	Thursday 16th May	9.10am in School
P4	Friday 17th May	9.10am in School
P3	Thursday 23rd May	9.10am in School
P2	Thursday 30th May	9.10am in School
P1	Friday 31st May	9.10am in School

Advance notice of Diary Dates

March		
Thursday 28th March	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS (2.30PM)	
April		
Monday 15 th April	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	PUPILS RETURN
Tuesday 16 th & Wednesday 17 th April	P6 Bikeability (Level 1)	During school time
Saturday 20 th April	Wallacetown Community Arts Festival	12pm-3pm Ayr United
Saturday 20 th April	Parent Council Race Night	7pm in Vinyl, Ayr
Tuesday 23 rd & Wednesday 24 th April	P6 Bikeability (Level 1)	During school time
Thursday 25 th April	Parents' Evening (Whole School)	3-9pm in School
Tuesday 30 th April	P5 Bikeability (Level 1)	During school time
May		
Wednesday 1st May	P5 Bikeability (Level 1)	During school time
Thursday 2nd May	IN-SERVICE DAY	School Closed
Friday 3rd May	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	PUPILS RETURN
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	P5 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
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)

Thursday 16 th May	P6 Netball Tournament	QMA
Thursday 16 th May	Pupil Voice Showcase	St Ninian's Primary (during school time)
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
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
Friday 31 st May	P1 Assembly	9.10am in School
June		
Thursday 6th June	Sports Day	Riverside Arena
Friday 7th June	Children's Day / House Saints Launch	More details to follow
Friday 7th June	Parent Council Summer Fayre	Playground after school
Wednesday 12th June	P2/3 Show	10am St Margaret's Cathedral
Tuesday 25th June	P7 Valedictory Mass	10am St Margaret's Cathedral
Friday 28 th June	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS (2.30PM)	