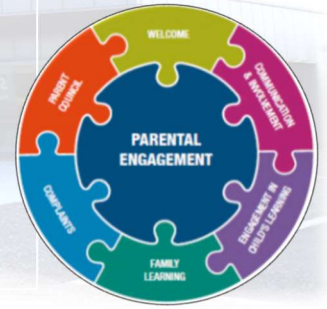


Struthers Primary School and EYC

Primary School



November/December 2024 Newsletter

Dear parents and families

I can't believe we are almost in December already. The atmosphere in school is magical, as we enter into the festive period. I have included the diary once again, with the key dates where we can come together over the next few weeks.

Date	Time	Event
22.11.24	Morning	P4 – 7 Panto in Ayr
27.11.24	18:00 – 19:00	Parent Council Meeting
06.12.24	Afternoon	P1 – 3 Panto in school
09.12.24	Afternoon	P5 Christmas Party
10.12.24	Afternoon	P6 Christmas Party
11.12.24	12.00 – 13.30	Christmas Lunch – wear your Christmas jumper
11.12.24	11:00 and 14:00	Early Years Centre Party in the EYC
12.12.24	Afternoon	P4 Christmas Party
12.12.24	18:00 – 20:00	P7 Snowball
13.12.24	TBC	P7 Walk round Marr College
16.12.24	Afternoon	P3 Christmas Party
17.12.24		Infant Nativity – P1 and P2
18.12.24	14:00	EYC Christmas Concert in school – all children together, regardless of session
19.12.24	Afternoon	P1 Christmas Party
20.12.24	Afternoon	P2 Christmas Party
20.12.24	14:30	School Closes

STAFFING

We are delighted to announce that Mr and Mrs Devlin welcomed baby Harris into the world on the 10th of September, weighing exactly 8lbs. Mrs Devlin has already visited the school to introduce baby Harris to the children, and some of us were lucky enough to enjoy a little cuddle.

In other exciting news, congratulations are in order for Ms McBean, who has been successfully appointed as the joint Head Teacher of Barr and Barrhill Primaries. Ms McBean has been serving in the role on an acting basis since the start of the school year. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her every success in her new venture.

As a result of this appointment, we will be holding interviews for our permanent Depute Head Teacher at Struthers on Friday, 29th November.

PARENT COUNCIL

We are delighted to announce the appointment of two new Chairmen to lead our Parent Council: David Nelson and Jonathon Harrold. Both David and Jonathon are eager to connect with our full school and early years community and would like to invite you to attend our next Parent Council meeting at the school on **Wednesday, 27th November, from 18:00 to 19:00.**

The Parent Council serves as a welcoming forum for all parents, and we're always eager to see new faces join us.



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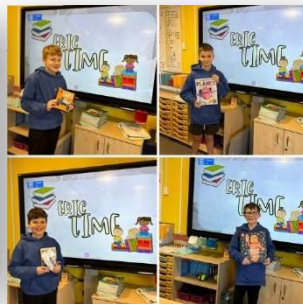
Joining the Parent Council is a fantastic opportunity to stay informed about school activities and initiatives. If you'd like to learn more, we'd love to see you at the meeting.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

Our World Book Week was a resounding success, offering a wealth of engaging activities and experiences across the school. Some of the highlights include:



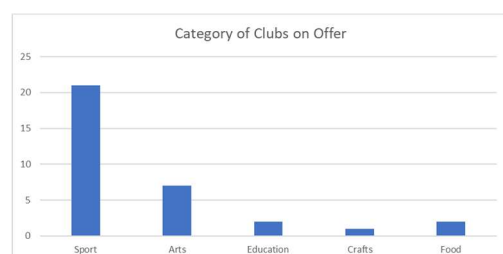
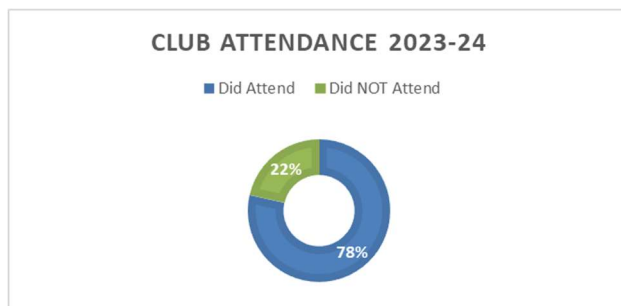
- Authors Live on Demand: Featuring Fiona Lumbers, illustrator of the Luna Loves... series, as well as Axel Scheffler, Rachel Bright, Jim Field, and Joseph Coelho, who shared their inspiring work and reminded us of the magical world that reading can unlock.
- Read, Write, Count Event (Primary 1–3): as you will see in the lovely pictures below.
- ERIC Reading Visits: Our Senior Leadership Team brought joy to the classrooms with their Everyone Reading in Class sessions.
- Drop Everything and Read Day: A celebration of reading, where children enjoyed sharing their favourite books from home.



A special thank you to Elizabeth Santos who joined us as a community partner to share her love of reading with our children.

WIDER ACHIEVEMENTS

During 2023-2024, we invested in and enhanced our HWB opportunities, providing pupils with a variety of lunch and afterschool programs. These initiatives aimed to help our children develop new skills, explore new sports, participate in recreational activities, and compete in the South Ayrshire Competitive Schools Programme.



We are always exploring new ways to enhance the variety of opportunities available to our children. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in volunteering to run a lunch or after-school club, we'd love to hear from you!

Please reach out to us at: Struthers.mail@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

SPORTING SUCCESSES

Day of Dance: Our Primary 5 children have shown incredible dedication over the past two months, mastering 8 traditional Scottish dances. Their hard work and talents will be showcased at the vibrant Day of Dance celebration held at Troon Town Hall on Monday 25th of November. A huge well done to Primary 5 for their dedication, and a heartfelt thank you to Wilma Brown for her invaluable support in making this event possible.

Sports Captains: After proudly securing first place in the recent Decathlon Event, we were thrilled to be awarded £300. Mrs Love worked with our Sports Captains to make the most of every penny, carefully selecting and purchasing fantastic new sports equipment to benefit our school. Well done, team!

Cross Country: We were absolutely thrilled by the incredible turnout of children who came to try out for our school Cross Country team and competition. Every participant gave it their all and performed exceptionally well. As a result, 27 pupils were selected to represent our school at South Ayrshire's Cross Country event on Wednesday, 18th September. Their hard work and determination paid off, as they brought home an impressive array of medals. Well done, everyone!

Sportshall Cluster Event: We were delighted to host the Cluster Sporthall Event in Struthers on the 28th of October this year. This exciting event provides children within P4 – 5 with possibly their first competitive athletic experiences. Whilst providing a competitive platform for our young athletes to develop their skills, it is important to note that the focus of the competition remains on having fun. Sportshall Primary competitions emphasise team participation rather than individual success. Events included: track events, relays, standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push and javelin.



Karate Taster Session: We were delighted to welcome Bill Hair from Burakado Karate Club into Struthers on the 20th of November for a full day of free karate taster sessions for our Primary 3-6 pupils. This allowed many of our children to try something completely different and exciting, introducing them to the discipline and fun of karate.

P7 Leadership Award: Our Primary 7 pupils have recently completed their Sports Leadership Programme, with fantastic support from our Active Schools Coordinator, Nikki. Through this course, they have developed valuable skills in organisation, teamwork, and leadership. They are now ready to work with younger pupils, helping to organise and deliver a range of fun games and activities, fostering a sense of community and collaboration within our school.

Football: A huge thank you to Frankie, Craig, Ryan, and Mark for their incredible coaching of our boys' football team. So far, the team has played three games against Wellington, Girvan, and Dundonald—and we're thrilled to share that we've won them all!

We're also excited to announce that Mr. Arthur McEntee has started a girls' football team for pupils in P4-7. This is a fantastic opportunity for our girls to get involved in the sport, and we can't wait to see them in action!

CLUSTER DEBATING

On Friday the 8th of November, we joined our cluster primary schools at Marr College for our annual debating competition. We are very proud of our participants from Struthers who came first. The support from S3 and S6 at Marr was second to none.



COMMUNITY LINKS



On Wednesday, 30th October, our *Little People, Big Voice Group* enjoyed a visit to Westbank Care Home, where they shared lunch with the residents and joined in making fun Halloween crafts. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time with the residents and left inspired, brimming with ideas on how we can further strengthen our connections across the Troon community.

We'd love to hear your thoughts. If you have any ideas or suggestions for fostering community partnerships, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

HELPING HANDS

Thank you to all of our 'helping hands' volunteers this term. It is so lovely to have parents and families back in school again. Working together in partnership can make a positive contribution to improving our children's learning. There are many informal ways of getting involved. If you are able to help on a regular basis or occasionally, please get in touch.

WELLBEING AMBASSADORS

We are extremely proud of our Wellbeing Ambassadors. Who continue to promote wellbeing across our school. As part of our new Relationships Policy, the ambassadors visited classes to teach everyone about the Four Zones of Regulation.



FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

At Struthers, we are incredibly fortunate to have the support of our active and dedicated Fundraising Committee. Their efforts make it possible to provide many of the enriching experiences our children enjoy throughout the year.

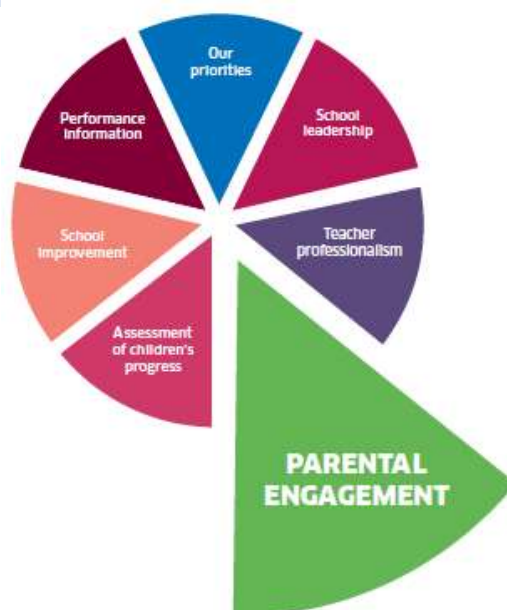
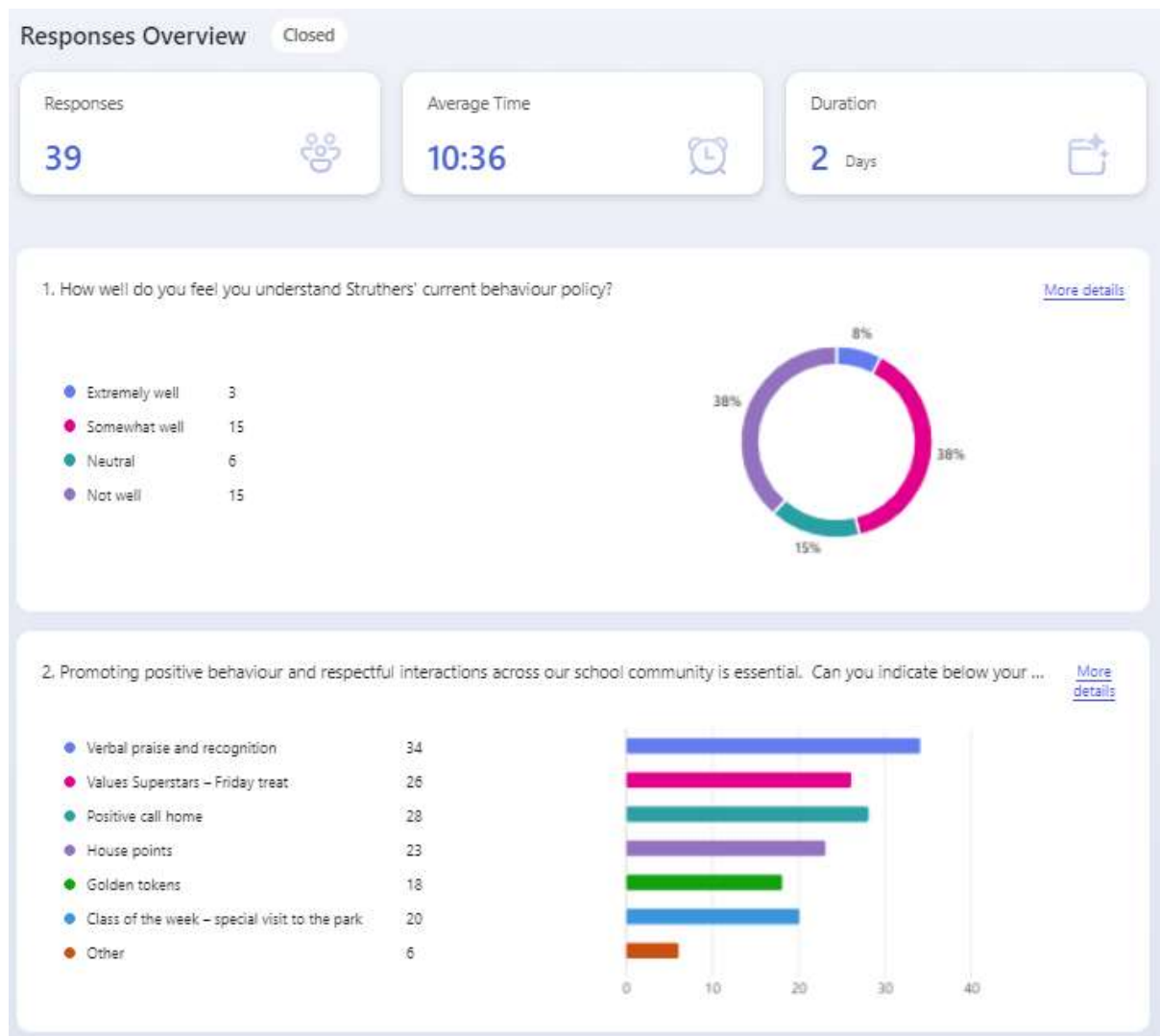
During the festive season alone, their contributions have provided selection boxes for every child and snacks for their class parties. Additionally, your generous donations have helped cover travel expenses and entry tickets for the Pantomime in Ayr, enjoyed by our Primary 4–7 children. For our Primary 1–3 pupils, the festive fun continues with a live pantomime performance of *Gie it Laldy* in school on the 6th of December.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supports our Fundraising Committee — your generosity truly makes a difference.



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Thank you to everyone who participated in our consultation regarding our Relationship Policy. Your input is invaluable, as we strive to ensure that our school ethos reflects the perspectives of our pupils, families, staff, and the wider school community.



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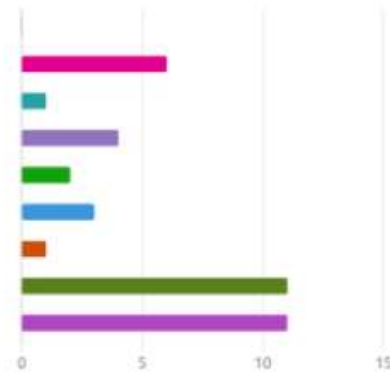
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- Cool-off time out with class 4
- Missing small increments of play/lunch time 2
- Reflection time 3
- Senior Leadership Team interaction 1
- A call home to support a shared approach 11
- Other 11



As always, should you have any queries about anything within our newsletter, or if you have any questions related to your child's learning, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We are here to support you and ensure that your child has the best possible experience at Struthers.

On behalf of our full staff team, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We are grateful for the strong sense of community that we share, and we look forward to celebrating the festive period together with our children, staff, and families.

Best wishes

Mrs Laura Clark

