



Troon Primary School & EYC September 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

Our September newsletter updates

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Our Early Years Centre Muddy Puddle Walk took place last week on Wednesday 20th. The children really enjoyed their day and helped raise some funds at the same time. PEEP sessions are also underway with a coffee and chat in little gym.

Our Primary 1 family sessions started last week with our first session focused on literacy and reading. This provided an opportunity to experience games and activities that are on offer during the school day.

Primary 3 and 4 class outings have now taken place with each stage visiting Dumfries House to take part in a STEM and Farm focused educational outing.

Primary 5 classes are well on their way with their swimming block at Troon pool and are making excellent progress during their weekly lessons.

Both Mr Robb and Mr Chan are busy completing their Bikeability training to add to our existing pool of trained staff that can help deliver training to our senior pupils this session; details will follow in due course.

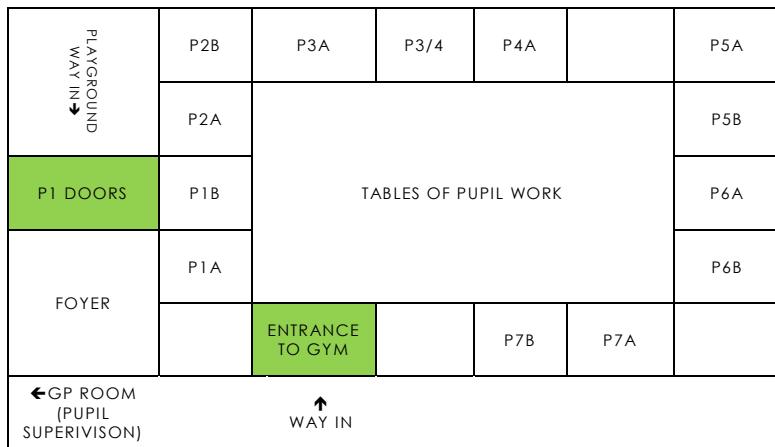
Finally, our wider achievement opportunities are in place for this term with a range of clubs including both girls and boys football teams, homework club, micro-bits, multi-sports, dance and early morning touch rugby.

PARENT APPOINTMENTS

Our first face to face parent appointments take place on 11th and 12th October. We look forward to welcoming you all to school and hope you enjoy finding out how well your child has settled this session; they are all incredibly proud of their hard work and effort so far.

Holding our parent meetings centrally in the gym hall helps ensure families with more than one child can move between their appointments with ease and has also been extremely helpful in keeping appointments on schedule. A timer will ring to signal the end of each appointment - out of respect to other parents, it is important that you please keep within your allocated time slot and allow the next appointment to start on time. The Senior Leadership Team will be available in the hall on both days.

A selection of your child/children's literacy and numeracy work will also be in the hall for you to look through. Each class will have a designated table where you can look through your child's work. Please leave all jotters on the table when you are finished ready for the children to use in class the next day.



Appointments are for adults only, however, if you are unable to secure childcare during your appointment, any children who require to come along with their parents will be able to wait in the GP Room under the supervision of school staff to allow staff and parents to meet together in the hall.

Please note, entrance and exit on both days will be through the entrance at the rear of the playground and not through the main doors. Please see the plan of the main hall layout.

PUPIL SUPPORT

Our Pupil Support Coordinator for the school and EYC is Mrs Alcroft and our Cluster Pupil Support Teacher is Miss Nelson (Monday and Tuesday only). Children are also supported in class through differentiated tasks, support with their own class teacher and with our highly trained school assistant team. Additionally, other members of the teaching staff will work across classes to provide support - this may be Mrs Law, Mrs McLachlan or Mrs Bray. Additional pupil support is provided for identified children in partnership and agreement with families – this is not for all pupils.

Miss Nelson will host a separate information session for families of children receiving support. This will allow you to see the resources and interventions in use and discuss next steps. Further details will follow.

South Ayrshire Council are making changes to the way Staged Intervention is implemented. There will be different levels of support in place as follows:

- Stage 1 – in class support (children supported in class by their class teacher)
- Stage 2 – in school support (i.e. school assistant, Cluster Pupil Support, additional teaching staff)
- Stage 3 – support from one external agency (service and school work together with the family to provide the best support for child)
- Stage 4 – support from a multi-agency team (children receiving support from more than one external service. Services work together with the family to provide the best support for the child)
- Stage 5 – specialist placements

Staged Intervention Plans will be evaluated and reviewed twice per year to allow children time to work towards, and complete, individual targets. Due to the timings of these changes, plans for this session will be available from the end of October to allow us to transition into the new way of working. Our plans will be evaluated at the end of the year and new targets set in January.

Staged Intervention Plans will be sent home with the children who are receiving support. We would ask you to please read, sign, add a comment and return these to school. Team Around the Child meetings will now become Team with the Family meetings. These will be held once per year for pupils on stage 2 and 3 and twice per year for stage 4 and 5. This will allow us to work together to support families and discuss progress and next steps alongside relevant staff and other professionals as appropriate; these will begin from November.

FAMILIES ANNUAL CALENDAR

Our provisional dates for the session have been added to our annual calendar and shared with all families. These can also be found on our website by accessing the following link: [Calendar | TROON PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEARS CENTRE \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.glowscotland.org.uk/troonprimaryschool)

Best wishes,

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