



Troon Primary School & EYC January 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year – we hope you all had a relaxing holiday. We begin the new term with our Scottish Fortnight, this is always an exciting time in our annual calendar as we learn about our own heritage and culture. We also welcome several new pupils this term and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.



SCOTTISH FORTNIGHT AND CURRICULAR INFORMATION



Children in all stages will focus on the culture, traditions and language of Scotland as we begin the term – a real highlight during this term is our Afternoon of Dance. We would love for you to join us in the Concert Hall on Friday 26 January at 1.30pm to share the afternoon together. As always, each class will also learn a Scottish Poem and finalists from each class will be invited to recite their poem during the final on Wednesday 24 January. Parents of finalists will be notified as soon as possible to allow them to join us on the day; details have also been issued by letter.

Our Primary 7 classes are also busy preparing for their Burns' Supper on Thursday 1 February. Two family members per child are invited to join us at 1.30pm in the main gym hall. A letter and invitation will be issued with further details, all families should confirm attendance to allow the children to plan ahead, create their seating plans and organise the final details of their event – the afternoon is organised completely by the children giving them the opportunity to become event planners, hosts and performers! We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Curricular Maps will be issued again this term detailing the work being carried out in class, and homework will continue to be shared on Teams.

PLANNING AHEAD

We also have several educational outings planned this term – Primary 1 classes are off to the library, Primary 2 classes will visit Morrisons, P4 are visiting Dumfries House and Primary 7 are at Burns Cottage as part of their work on Scotland. Primary 4 classes also begin their swimming block, this is the first year our P4 children have benefitted from swimming – we hope they really enjoy their sessions!

School will be closed for the February weekend on Monday 12th with an in-service day on Tuesday 13th. Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 14th February.

Finally, please save the date for our formal parent appointments on Wednesday 21st February from 6.00pm – 8.30pm and Thursday 22 February from 3.30pm – 5.30pm. Appointments will take place in the main hall using the same format as our October appointments.

FOOTBALL NEWS

We are delighted that some of our boys have made it through trials and into the South Ayrshire Council District Football team – congratulations to Charlie, Lewis, Dan and Rory! Our girls are also doing well with three senior pupils invited to take part in the District Trials as well, good luck! Both teams have fabulous new sponsors and strips – a huge thank you to Thistle Cabs for sponsoring the boys' team and Steps Podiatry for sponsoring the girls. Your support is greatly appreciated and has given both teams a real boost!



STAFF UPDATE

Miss Lee, P7B, secured a new permanent post at Girvan Primary prior to the Christmas break – we wish her well in her new position; following successful interview, Miss Hutson will now teach Primary 7B. In our Early Years Centre, Miss Galt has started her maternity leave and we look forward to meeting her new baby soon.

PARENT COUNCIL

Thank You

An enormous thank you must go to our Parent Council team. The dedication, organisation and commitment shown in the run up to the Christmas Fayre, and on the day itself, was tremendous. Everything went so well on the night and this was in no doubt due to the team effort behind the scenes and to the support of the many children and families who came along to the event - thank you. The children would also like to extend a thank you to the Parent Council for the delicious ice-creams they so kindly donated for each class party in December – thank you, they went down a treat!

ALLERGY UPDATE

As we begin the new term, I would like to issue a quick reminder for all families that we are a **'Nut Free'** zone at Troon. Many children have allergies and intolerances to nuts, some of which can be severe and life threatening. Please remain mindful of this as you consider snacks and lunch items for your child; it only takes one nut product to have devastating consequences for some of our children. I would ask you to replace any nut products with a suitable alternative to ensure the safety of all our children.



RECYCLING



Save the date for our next Rag Bag collection on 22 February; further information on the Rag Bag project can be found [here](#). Rag Bag can accept the following items: wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts. This can help divert clothing waste from landfill and help provide clothing to those in greatest need.

We also continue to recycle bottle tops in school and through funding from Zero Waste Scotland, new recycling bins will shortly be delivered to schools across the authority to help us support recycling on a wider scale.

Best wishes,

Aileen Roan

HEAD TEACHER

