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February / March Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a relaxing half-term break. Please see the details below for the latest news from the school and events planned for the remainder of term 3.

Modern Languages Week

We had a very successful languages week just before the break with lots of enthusiasm for our French and Spanish events – thank you so much for your support with outfits etc. It is now Education Scotland policy that all children should have the opportunity to begin learning two modern languages no later than the end of P5 so we are well on our way to delivering this as a school.



Peer Mediation

Our P7 pupils have been accredited as 'Peer Mediators' through training in conjunction with Psychological Services. They presented their approach to resolving playground disagreements/issues at a whole school assembly before the break. Our younger pupils now know who they can look for in the playground (P7s in fluorescent vests) if they need some support. Well done P7!



Outdoor Learning

This week's outdoor learning session for P5/6 is cancelled and will take place next Thursday. Outdoor PE kit should be worn on these days along with suitable clothing for the weather e.g. hats/waterproofs. The remaining dates for this term are on the table below:

P7	Wednesday 23 rd February
P5/6	Thursday 24 th February
P1/2 Morning/ P3/4 Afternoon	Thursday 3 rd March
P3/4 Morning / P1/2 Afternoon	Wednesday 9 th March
P5/6	Thursday 17 th March
P7	Wednesday 30 th March

World Book Day

World Book Day is a great opportunity for children to celebrate a love of books and reading – this year is the 25th Anniversary of World Book Day. Ideas for families can be found on the website here <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>.

World Book Day is celebrated on **Thursday 3rd of March** this year and we will be celebrating this in school. On this day children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character if they wish – for those who don't want to dress in character they can come as a Harry Potter 'Muggle' (own casual clothes). Children should also bring their favourite book to school on this day to show their classmates.

Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating **Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March** to raise funds for the 'Comic Relief' charity. On this day children can wear something red to school and bring a small donation. More details to follow.

Lockerbie Trip

Reminder – please pay any outstanding balance for the Lockerbie residential trip before the end of February. If you have any questions around payment please contact the school office.

PE kit

Thank you so much for the great effort that has been made to move over to the new PE kit – the children are looking so smart! I know some of you are not yet able to replace kit but would urge you to please ensure that the children wear something plain without large logos or designs at the very least. We now have a link to share if you wish to purchase one of the new school hoodies (see below).
<https://www.schoolwearmadeeasy.com/badged-school-uniform/a-d/a/arrochar-primary-school>

Transformational Change – Reminder

The Parent Council will be running a presentation on the Collective Leadership Model proposal.

This will be held through Google Meet using the following code <https://meet.google.com/qmb-spqu-kdr> on Thursday 17th February at 7pm. It would be useful for you to have a look at the proposal before the meeting – here is a link to the video that the council have made sharing their ideas – the parent council recently issued a letter which represented some counter-arguments to give a balanced view.
<https://empoweringoureducators.co.uk/proposals/>

These proposals could potentially have a significant impact on education provision locally so we would urge as many parents as possible to attend if you haven't had the opportunity to engage with this process yet or provide feedback.

Holidays

Spring/Easter break - School closes on Friday 1st of April and re-opens on Tuesday 19th April.

Kind Regards



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