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Term 4 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have some very exciting news to share – today our school was assessed by the Unicef Rights Respecting Schools committee and after a day of interviews with children and staff from all age groups I am very pleased to announce that we have received our Silver Award Accreditation! The school have been working towards this for several years so it is a fantastic achievement. I would like to particularly thank our Principal Teacher Mrs McAloon and the children in the Rights Respecting Committee for all their hard work.



The children enjoyed lots of Easter fun in the last week of term 3 and put on some great performances at our Easter assembly. We had fantastic participation from all pupils (nursery through to P7) in our Scottish Rugby Schools week taster sessions with many pupils trying the sport for the first time.



This term we welcome a slight easing of restrictions in school which will allow us to invite parents to outdoor events – we hope to see many of you at our Sports Day on Monday 6th June. Please take the time to carefully read through the newsletter which details many of our plans for term 4. This is not an exhaustive list as we are in the process of planning other trips/activities at the moment.

Lockerbie Residential Trip

Next Tuesday our Primary 6 and 7 pupils will go on their residential trip to Lockerbie Manor – we hope you all have a great time and can't wait to hear all about it. You have all now been issued with information about the trip but if you have any remaining questions please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on **Monday 6th June at 1.30pm** in the field across the road from the school. All children should wear PE kit on this day and parents are welcome to attend.

Leavers Service

Our Primary 7 leavers service will be held on **Tuesday 21st June at 1.30pm**. We are hoping that P7 parents will be able to attend this as an indoor event if restrictions allow – otherwise we will arrange to host part of this outdoors to allow you to attend.

Outdoor Learning

Here is a plan of outdoor learning sessions for this term – children should come to school dressed appropriately for a day outdoors on these dates:

Outdoor Learning Sessions – Term 4
Wednesday 4 th May P1/2 Morning , P3/4 Afternoon
Wednesday 11 th May P3/4 Morning , P1/2 Afternoon
Wednesday 18 th May P5/6
Wednesday 25 th May P7
Wednesday 1 st June P1/2 Morning , P3/4 Afternoon
Wednesday 8 th June P5/6
Wednesday 15 th June P7

Clubs

We have resumed our extra-curricular clubs and these take place from 1-2pm on Friday afternoons. The children were able to choose from:- netball, outdoor skills, baking, arts and crafts, ICT or Lego. We hope to continue with clubs next session where the children will have the opportunity to change their club if they wish.


Samba Drumming

Pupils in Primary 3 and Primary 4 will be participating in Samba drumming workshops every Tuesday afternoon for the next five weeks. (3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May).

Water Safety

Water safety will be the main focus of our assemblies this term. As we approach the warmer months we are aware that many of our pupils may be involved in water sports or swimming outdoors and therefore learning how to be safe in and around water is of paramount importance. We have requested a visit from the RNLI to speak to the pupils about water safety and we will be using newly developed resources from Education Scotland and Water Safety Scotland. Links to useful water safety resources can be found here <https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/Water-Safety>.

Scottish Mathematical Challenge

Congratulations to our Primary 7 Maths champions! The Scottish Mathematical Challenge is an annual event organised and marked by Strathclyde University. All of the P7 pupils who entered received either a gold or silver award – what a fantastic achievement! 

Polling Day / In-Service / Queen's Jubilee

Please note the school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 5th May** for the local elections and our school is used as the local polling station for the Tarbet and Ardlui areas. Some home learning will be available on this day – class teachers will communicate with you directly.

The school will be closed to pupils on **Friday 27th May** for In-Service training.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June are designated holidays this year as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Warm Weather

As you know we like to take learning outdoors as a school wherever possible. In the warmer weather it is likely that children will spend more time outdoors during the school day and it is therefore extremely important that children come to school with sunscreen applied and that they bring a labelled bottle in their bag to reapply during the day. Sun hats are also recommended on the warmest days. Please also ensure your child brings a reusable water bottle each day which should be topped up at home.

Kind Regards



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