



Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

The purpose of this newsletter is to give you information, update you on recent events in school and to inform you about things which will be happening in the near future. This newsletter is also published on our school website. Address – <http://wemyssbay.inverclyde.sch.uk>

It is hard to believe that it is February already! Hopefully Spring is just around the corner!

Placing Requests

Placing requests (to schools outwith the area where families live) can be made during the month of February with a closing date of 28th February – forms are available from the school office if required.

Sportshall Athletics

Our team did not make the Inverclyde finals this year but we are very proud of the whole team's efforts. Thank you to Mrs Buchanan and Miss Anderson for training our team.

Inter-schools Cross Country

Congratulations to Millie Paton in P5 who not only represented Wemyss Bay Primary School at the first meet of this year but also won the P5 girls race! – well done Millie! The next meet will be on Saturday 18th February and any P5-7 pupils wishing to enter should contact the school office for arrangements to be made for their entry. Parents are responsible for accompanying their children to these events.

Netball

Our netball team were in action on the morning of 14th February at Greenock Sports Centre playing in the Winter Cup and were successful in winning this competition- a huge well done to all the girls who took part! Thanks as always to Mrs Clark who trains them every week and accompanies them to these events!

Scottish Heritage Focus Day

All classes participated with enthusiasm and the children learned about a wide variety of aspects of Scotland and its culture and heritage including Scots language, Scottish history and geography, Scottish culture and famous Scots.

Scottish Poetry Competition

The finals of this annual competition were held on Friday 10th February with Miss Fleming returning to the school as adjudicator! All finalists did themselves proud and Miss Fleming had a very difficult job in choosing the ultimate winners who were as follows:

P4 Holly Galbraith

P5 Carys Brown

P6 Jaimi Glover

P7 Zhara Mangan

Huge congratulations to them and to all who took part!

P6 Curriculum Event

Parents/carers of pupils in P6 are invited to join the class from 9.30-10.30am on **Wednesday 1st March** to experience classroom learning alongside the children.

Parent/Carer Curriculum Evening POSTPONED

We had intended to hold our next parent/carer curriculum evening on Tuesday 21st February – as shown on our annual calendar - but as the focus is Health and Wellbeing we have decided that it would be more appropriate to reschedule this event to coincide with our whole school 'Health Week' planned for the week beginning 24th April 2017. The date for this evening will now be **Tuesday 25th April 2017**.

Inverclyde Music Festival

Well done to all of our classes and soloists who performed in the Inverclyde Music Festival. They all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to all families for turning the children out so smartly and for coming along to support them at the Town Hall and to the class teachers who prepared them so well.

Pupil Equity Funding

As you may be aware from the media the Scottish Government have allocated funding to individual schools to support closing the poverty related attainment gap. Wemyss Bay Primary has been allocated £18 000 for this purpose and we are currently working together with the Education Authority to develop a plan as to how this money will be used.

PTA/Parent Council Meetings

The next PTA and Parent Council meetings are due to be held on Monday 27th March at 6.00- 7.00pm (PTA) and 7.15-8.30pm (PC). New members are always welcome to attend either meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher

January Award Winners		
Class Awards		
Poppy Winsor	Nursery	Confident Individual for introducing the nursery at the Inverclyde Music Festival
Connor Leslie	Nursery	Confident Individual for confidently sharing information in nursery
Aiden Bryce	P1	Successful Learner for working hard in class and learning all of his sounds.
Emily Canning	P1	Responsible Citizen for always being a good friend to others in the class.
Matthew Dolan	P2	Successful Learner for trying really hard to improve his writing.
Chloe Ferrie	P2	Successful Learner for showing great improvement with her maths work.
Daisy Pears	P3	Responsible Citizen for being extremely friendly and welcoming to a new pupil.
Sonny Harwood	P4	Confident Individual for his excellent portrayal of 'Sam the Skull' in the Festival.
Lyall Kane	P5	Successful Learner for writing a fantastic story, full of wow words and exciting openers.
Rosie Gormlie	P5	Responsible Citizen for always showing respect and kindness within our school community.
Martin Halliday	P6	Successful Learner for working well in literacy using direct speech accurately.
Seonidh McFarlane	P7	Successful Learner for a great improvement in her mental maths skills.
Catriona McPherson	P7	Successful Learner for great improvement in her creative writing.

Please remember that every class has an achievement wall where children's successes outside of school are celebrated – please send in those awards, certificates, medals and/or photographs!

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Times	Notes
February			
Wednesday 21 st	Parents' Curriculum Evening	6.00-7.30pm	POSTPONED until 24.4.17
March			
Wednesday 1 st	P6 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P6 Parents/Carers event
Wednesday 8 th	P2 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P2 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
Wednesday 15 th	P7 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P7 Parents/Carers event
Tuesday 21 st	Parents' Evening	5.30-8.30pm	Individual appointments will be issued nearer the time
Wednesday 22 nd	Parents' Evening	3.30-6.30pm	
Friday 31 st	Easter Assembly	11.00am-12noon	All Parents/Carers welcome
	School closes for Spring Holiday	2.30pm	
April			
3 rd -18 th	School closed for Spring Holiday		
Wednesday 19 th	School re-opens	9.00am	
Tuesday 24 th	Parents' Curriculum Evening	6.00-7.00pm	*NEW DATE