



Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter March 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>

Here we are in March and another busy month ahead!

P6 Visits to Sport Scotland, Largs

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th February our P6 pupils enjoyed two activity days at Sport Scotland, Largs. All P6 pupils in Inverclyde are funded to experience this type of outing so there was no charge to families. They all had a great time and were tired out by the time they returned after the second day – especially Miss Giambattista, Miss Buchan and Mrs Robertson who accompanied them!

World Book Day

Our nursery pupils celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday 1st March (we choose Wednesdays for nursery events as this is the day that children from all patterns of attendance come to nursery) and P1-7 on Friday 3rd March (we had already made our Fairtrade plans for Thursday which was the official World Book Day). We started the day with a special World Book Day assembly and then the children took part in various activities throughout the day including, P1/P7 paired reading, storytelling, bookmark design and online reading activities. Our Nursery and P1 pupils particularly enjoyed dressing up as storybook characters using the wide range of costumes we bought in to support this event.

Events/Charities

Throughout each school session we are invited to participate in a huge number and variety of charity/event days. We could not do everything as there would be no time left for our day to day learning and we would be constantly asking families for either their time or financial support. In order to manage this and give proportionate support to these popular events we have a charities group to select our priorities for each school session. We try to support a mix of local, national and international charities with a particular focus on things that affect our school community. With regard to events such as World Book Day we plan our activities carefully to afford children the most enjoyable and effective learning experience without putting additional pressure on our families.

Fairtrade Focus Day

On Thursday 2nd March all classes took part in lots of activities designed to raise awareness of Fairtrade and to help our pupils to learn about global citizenship. Samples of the children's work is on display in the lunch hall.

P2 Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning

P2 have their class assembly on Wednesday 8th March from 9.30-10.00am and their families are invited to join us at both this and at the Fairtrade Coffee Morning afterwards from 10.00-10.30am

Inter-schools Cross Country

Thank you to all of the pupils (and their parents) who have turned out for Wemyss Bay Primary School so far – the final meet will be on Saturday 11th March 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.

P6 & P7 Curriculum Events

Thank you to the parents/carers of pupils in P6 who were able to join their children to experience classroom learning on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed the experience and found it useful and informative and that you also enjoyed the Fairtrade coffee morning that had been postponed from the P6 assembly time.

Our next curriculum event is for the parents/carers of P7 pupils who are invited to join the class to experience learning in numeracy and maths on Wednesday 15th March from 9.30-10.30am.

Pupils Reports

Written reports will be issued to parents/carers via the children's letter wallets on Friday 17th March. A separate letter asking for your preference of day for our forthcoming parents' evenings has been issued to be returned by Wednesday 8th March. Please note that we cannot guarantee specific times.

Euroquiz

A team of P6 pupils will take part in this inter- schools quiz all about Europe on Tuesday 21st March at Whinhill Primary and we wish them the best of luck! A separate letter will be issued to those selected to take part.

Netball

Our netball team will be in action again on the afternoon of 22nd March at Greenock Sports Centre playing in the Spring Festival – thanks as always to Mrs Clark who trains them every week and accompanies them to these events – good luck girls! A separate letter will be issued to those involved.

Parents/carers pupil update meetings

These opportunities to discuss all aspects of your child's learning with their class teachers will be held on Tuesday 21st March from 5.30-8.30pm and Wednesday 22nd March from 3.30-6.30pm for pupils in P1-7. Separate arrangements will be made for nursery pupils in the summer term.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in school from the 15th to 29th March and all pupils from nursery to P7 will have the opportunity to visit during this period. All books purchased result in commission for the school. The Book Fair will also be open in the lunch hall during our Parents Evenings to allow families to make purchases together should they wish to do so. Nursery Parents/Carers can visit the Book Fair with their child at drop off and pick up times by arrangement with the nursery staff.

Girls into Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday 29th March a team of 4 girls from the upper school will represent Wemyss Bay at this event. A separate letter will be issued to those involved.

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.

Spring Holiday

The school closes on **Friday 31st March at 2.30pm** and re-opens on **Wednesday 19th April at 9.00am**. Our Spring closing assembly will be held on Friday 31st March at 11.00am and families are most welcome to attend.

Coming soon

Primary 5 Swimming Lessons

A block of swimming lessons for P5 pupils will commence immediately after the Spring holiday – more details to follow.

Health Week

During the week beginning 24th April we will be organising a whole school Health Week. This will include a Families Health and Wellbeing Evening on Tuesday 25th April from 6.00-7.30pm – more details to follow nearer the time.

P7 Residential Trip

An information meeting for P7 parents/carers led by a representative from Ardentiny Outdoor Centre will be held early next term. Please note the balance of payment for this trip is due by 31st March.

I hope you all have a lovely break and that the weather is kind!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher

March Class Awards		
Iona Wilson	Nursery	Responsible Citizen for working on her own initiative to tidy the nursery.
Hannah Wright	Nursery	Responsible Citizen for being a helpful, caring friend who shows respect for others.
Jonathan Allan	P1	Successful Learner for working hard in maths, completing tricky subtraction sums
Aimee McCarter	P1	Responsible Citizen for always being a good friend to everyone in the class.
Olivia Lyne	P1	Successful Learner for working very hard to learn all of her sounds and words
Anthony Ward	P2	Successful Learner for working very well with his talk partner to help each other and share ideas
Chloe Ferrie	P2	Successful Learner for working very well with her talk partner to help each other and share ideas
Lydia Lin	P3	Successful Learner for improving at reading time. She can now convert analogue to digital.
Jacob Stangenberg	P3	Successful Learner for improving at reading time. He can now convert analogue to digital
Lois Herdman	P4	Confidential Individual for demonstrating her art to others who had missed the lesson.
David Lyons	P5	Successful Learner for deepening his knowledge and understanding of forces in science.
Millie Paton	P5	Responsible Citizen for consistently showing respect and helping others.
Kyle White	P6	Confident Individual for reading aloud with increasing confidence and expression.
Ethan Gallagher	P7	Successful Learner for always making a conscious effort to ensure all tasks are completed.

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

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	