



## Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter March 2017 Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Mrs Mills**

After many years in Wemyss Bay Primary, Mrs Mills is leaving us. We would like to wish her well for the future with a farewell gift. Any families wishing to contribute should send their donations in to the school office.

### **School Car Park**

This is for staff and visitors only and should not be used by parents. In the interests of safety, access to the school by pedestrians, especially children, should never be through the car park.

### **Cross Country**

We are exceptionally proud of one of our P5 pupils, Millie Paton, who has represented Wemyss Bay Primary at all three meetings of the Inverclyde Schools' Cross Country. Millie competed in the P5 & 6 girls' event which has an entry of around 60 pupils. She was placed second at the first meet and first at each of the second and third meets. Her performance resulted in her being awarded the best overall girl in the P5 & 6 category – a great achievement! Thanks to all other pupils (and their families!) who have gone along to represent the school at this popular event.

### **Euroquiz**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March a team of four P6 pupils, Martin Halliday, Jai McIntyre, Jasmine Pears and Sam Winsor will represent the school in this quiz based on knowledge of Europe – we wish them all good luck!

### **Generation Science**

P1-3 pupils will be having a visit from Generation Science on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. They will take part in a highly interactive show called 'Little Giants' which will help the children to learn all about honeybees with the help of 'Buzzy' a giant bee!

### **Comic Relief**

Our Charities Group has decided to support this worthwhile cause with a 'Danceathon' on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Pupils can come to school on that day wearing; red noses, Comic Relief tops, the colour red or any sports clothes suitable for dancing! As we hope to be dancing all day with all classes and staff taking turns to keep it going and the total time will be six hours the charge will be six coins –anything from 6 x 1p coins = 6p to 6 x £1 coins = £6! A timetable will be issued of when each class will be dancing in the hall and parent/carers are welcome to come along and join in with their child's class!

### **PTA Easter Discos**

Having warmed up at the 'Danceathon' during the day P1-7 pupils can then keep on dancing on the evening of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March at the PTA Easter discos – a separate flyer with full details will be issued next week.

### **Netball**

Our champion netball team will be in action again on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March and we wish them and Mrs Clark who coaches them the best of luck!

### **Girls into Engineering**

Katie Rodgers and Bethany Rasmussen from P6 and Mia Heal and Heather Neilson from P7 will be representing the school at this engineering challenge day designed to promote engineering as a potential career for girls on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Easter Activity Day**

All classes will be involved in learning through fun Easter activities in the last week of school before the holiday – Nursery & P1 on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and P2-7 on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. In line with tradition staff often like to buy their classes a small chocolate novelty at this time of year but are aware that some parents would prefer their children not be given this type of treat. If you would prefer your child not to receive this type of gift please let the class teacher or the school office know.

### **Health Week**

As part of our planned Health week to be held during the week beginning 24th April (after the holiday) we would like to hold a 'speed interview' event for our senior pupils involving people who work in any health and wellbeing related jobs. We plan to hold this event on the afternoon of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 1.45-2.45pm and we are looking for any parent/carers or family members who would be willing to take part. If you can help please contact the school office on 01475 715976 giving the name, job description and contact details of the person volunteering – thank you!

### **Celtic Kickstart**

Our P5 pupils have been taking part in this Scottish music programme throughout this session led by Alison and Fiona McNeill of local group 'Reely Jiggered'. The P5 pupils would like to present what they have learned on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm in the school hall for all parent/carers who can manage along.

### **Spring closing assembly**

This will be held on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11.00am** and families are most welcome to attend.

### **Spring Holiday**

The school closes on **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 2.30pm** and re-opens on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am**.

Happy holidays!

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery  
Head Teacher

