



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

The final term of the session has arrived already! Please note carefully the dates for forthcoming events in this very busy term as we wouldn't like anyone to miss out!

Health Week

Our pupils enjoyed lots of different learning experiences in the area of health and wellbeing linked to Articles 24 & 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child during Health Week. Depending on their age and stage they learned about aspects of healthy eating, personal hygiene, online safety, drug awareness, dental health, mindfulness, sexual health and relationships, physical health and much more. Much of the input was delivered by specialist partner agencies and we are grateful for their support in delivering positive health messages to our school community. On the Friday our senior pupils took part in speed interviews with members of our local community who work in the areas of health and wellbeing who generously gave up their time to share their experiences of this type of work with the children. We also held a very well attended evening where parents/carers learned about the role of our Community Wardens, nutrition and the drug awareness and cyber safety messages being delivered to our pupils while the children engaged in health promoting activities with the school staff. The feedback about this event has been excellent and our thanks go to our partners who delivered the sessions.

P3 Trip

On Wednesday 3rd May our P3 pupils accompanied by staff and parent helpers visited the Tall Ship and the Transport Museum to support their learning within the context of pirates. A great day out was had by all!

P7 Residential Trip Parent/Carer's Meeting

A representative from Ardentiny Outdoor Centre will visit the school to speak to parents and pupils on Monday 8th May at 4pm giving information about this experience which is due to take place during the week beginning 12th June. The meeting will last around 1 hour.

P1 Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning

P1 have their class assembly on Wednesday 10th May 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

Celtic Kickstart Showcase for P5 Parent/Carers

Also on Wednesday 10th May the P5 pupils will be showcasing their learning from the Celtic Kickstart programme of Celtic music and performance led by Alison and Fiona McNeill of local band 'Reely Jiggered'. This performance will take place at 1.30pm in the school hall and families are very welcome to attend.

Sports Events

A team drawn from our athletics squad will represent the school at an inter-schools heptathlon event on Thursday 11th May and our Netball team will be in action on Tuesday 16th May. More details will be issued to those involved.

Nursery Outing to Kelburn Country Centre

This will take place on Wednesday 17th May and parents/carers are very welcome to attend with their child/children – please see the supplementary information provided by the nursery. We hope the sun shines for them and that they all have a great day out!

Nursery Parent/Carer Learning Update Meetings

These will take place this term. Individual appointments are being issued. The dates and times of these meetings will be as follows:

Class	Dates	Times
Ante-Pre-school	Tuesday 16 th & Thursday 18 th May	During Nursery sessions
Pre- school	Tuesday 23 rd & Thursday 24 th May	During Nursery sessions

Science Resource Day

On Friday 19th May Miss Giambattista, school science co-ordinator and Mr Barry from the Parent Council STEM group are planning a reorganisation of science resources. They would welcome any parent helpers available on the day – please let either Mr Barry or the school office know if you are able to come along at any point throughout the day – thank you!

School Show

All pupils from P3- P7 will take part in our annual school show on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th May. Our show this year will be 'Lights, Cameras, Action' which tells of the events of a primary school week through a series of TV shows! The show will be produced and directed by Mrs Gillespie and following the success of last year's performance we are all looking forward to this one. In order that this event is a success we need the children to attend the evening performances and we seek your support in this. Details of performances, tickets etc. will follow soon!

PTA/Parent Council Meetings

The next PTA meeting is on Monday 5th June at 6.15pm with the Parent Council meeting following this at 7.15pm. Both meetings are held in the school. New members are always welcome.

Holiday Weekend

The school closes on Thursday 25th May at 3.15pm and re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 31st May at 9.00am. Tuesday 30th May is an In-Service training day for staff.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary – Term 4

May			
Monday 1 st	Holiday	All day	School closed
Wednesday 10 th	P1 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P1 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
Tuesday 23 rd	P3- P7 School Show	7.00-8.00pm	Proceeds from ticket sales to school funds
Wednesday 24 th	P3-P7 School Show	7.00-8.00pm	
Friday 26 th	Holiday	All Day	School closed
Monday 29 th	Holiday	All day	School closed
Tuesday 30 th	In Service Staff Training Day	All day	Holiday for pupils
June			
Wednesday 7 th & Thursday 8 th	P7 Secondary Induction Day	All day	St Columba's High School
Thursday 8 th & Friday 9 th	P7 Secondary Induction Days	All day	Inverclyde Academy
	New P1 Induction Days	1.30-3.00pm	Day 2 optional for parents
12 th -16 th	P7 Residential Trip	All week	Details to follow
Wednesday 21 st	Nursery Celebration Day <small>All patterns</small>	10.00 -10.30am	Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 23 rd	Sports Day	2.00-3.00pm	Parents/Carers welcome
Monday 26 th	P7 Leavers' Party	6.30-8.30pm	
Wednesday 28 th	Summer Closing Assembly	11.00-12noon	All Parents/Carers welcome
Thursday 29 th	School closes for Summer	1.00pm	