



Wemyss Bay Primary School and Nursery Class Head Teacher's Newsletter February 2019

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!

Inverclyde Music Festival

As a school we participate in the Inverclyde Music festival every two years and this year all classes including our nursery took part. All pupils were excellent ambassadors for our school and performed extremely well. Thank you to all staff who supported our children so well.

We are also very proud of senior pupils Eilidh Banks, Ella Fleet, Emily Nicol, Nuala Ward and Kate Seggie who performed as solo singers. Thank you to their music teacher Miss Wilson (singing) for preparing them so well and to their families for taking them along to compete.

Sportshall Athletics

Our team have qualified for the Inverclyde finals which take place on Friday 8th February in Greenock Sports Centre and we are very proud of their efforts. Good luck to Miss Maxfield and to the whole team! Families are welcome to attend to support if they wish.

Netball

Our netball team played in the Winter Cup at Greenock Sports Centre and did really well coming second. Thanks as always to Mrs Clark who trains the girls every week and accompanies them to these events!

P6 Curriculum Event

Parents/carers of pupils in P6 are invited to join the class from 9.30-10.30am on **Wednesday 6th February** to experience classroom learning alongside the children. The focus of this will be number talks and mental maths skills.

P3 Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning

P3 have their class assembly on **Wednesday 20th February** 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.

Late coming

An increasing number of pupils are arriving at school after 9am. Being late has a direct impact on children in that they miss the first task of the morning and the start of the day instructions and can often continue to feel unsettled well into the morning. It also has an impact on others as the teacher is unable to complete the morning administration tasks until all pupils are present and this delays the start of the first lesson which can have a knock on effect on subsequent lessons. We are teaching the children the value of punctuality as a requirement for successful employment in the future and would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children arrive at school on time every day.

Shoes

Please ensure that your child has separate outdoor and indoor shoes for school. The playground can be muddy and dirty shoes affect the cleanliness of the classroom carpets where the children often sit and also the safety of the gym hall where the mud/dirt from shoes can make the floor unsafe for a PE lesson.

For safety, shoes for PE must fit and fasten securely – elasticated gym shoes or any type of trainers are ideal – gym shoes that fasten with Velcro are not suitable as the fastening become ineffective very quickly.

Staff Carpark

The school carpark is only for the use of staff and official visitors and so should not be used when dropping off or collecting children from school.

Pedestrians should **never** enter or leave via the carpark. We have been particularly concerned to see that some children are still being brought in or taken out by this route despite safety warnings. Your co-operation in ensuring everyone’s safety by using the appropriate routes in and out of the school grounds is appreciated.

PTA/Parent Partnership Meetings

The next PTA and Parent Partnership meetings are due to be held on **Tuesday 26th March** at 6.00-7.00pm (PTA) and 7.15-8.30pm (PP). New members are always welcome to attend either meeting.

Holiday Weekend

Monday 11th February and **Tuesday 12th February** are holidays for staff and pupils and **Wednesday 13th February** is an In-service Day for staff – pupils do not attend. Pupils return to school on Thursday 14th February at 9.00am.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher

January Award Winners		
Class Awards		
Gracie Campbell	N	Effective Contributor for helping others with their learning.
Ellie Davey	P1	Responsible Citizen for enjoying break time and lunchtime in the playground.
Austin Rice	P2	Responsible Citizen for showing a very kind and mature attitude towards others.
Naomi Williams	P2	Successful learner for trying really hard to improve her literacy targets.
Maci Storie	P3	Successful Learner for carefully following the success criteria to improve her writing.
Primary 3 Class		Effective Contributors for contributing ideas and creating our class Festival performance.
Arron MacLeod	P4	Confident Individual for speaking with confidence and enthusiasm during the class assembly.
Rayan Naeem	P4	Confident Individual for speaking clearly and displaying confidence and enthusiasm in our assembly.
Jenna McGhee	P5	Responsible Citizen for helping others with learning, giving constructive feedback and next steps.
Aaron Middleton	P5	Successful Learner for developing skills and confidence when reading aloud.
Callum Cameron	P6	Responsible Citizen for enthusiasm and commitment to his role in the Eco team.
Holly Galbraith	P6	Successful Learner for improved inferencing skills in reading.
Rio McKay	P6	Responsible Citizen for enthusiasm and commitment to his role in the Eco team.
Gordon MacPherson	P7	Successful Learner for effective self- assessment skills in 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 6 th	P6 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P6 Parent/Carers event
Monday 11 th	Holiday	All day	School closed
Tuesday 12 th	Holiday	All day	School closed
Wednesday 13 th	In Service Staff Training Day	All day	Holiday for pupils
Wednesday 20 th	P3 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P3 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
March			
Wednesday 6 th	P7 Curriculum Event	9.30-10.30am	P7 Parents/Carers event
Wednesday 13 th	P2 Class Assembly	9.30-10.00am	Parents/Carers/Family of P2 pupils welcome to attend
	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	10.00-10.30am	
Tuesday 19 th	Parents' Evening	5.30-8.30pm	Individual appointments will be issued nearer the time
Wednesday 20 th	Parents' Evening	3.30-6.30pm	
Thursday 28 th	Spring Assembly	11.00am-12noon	All Parents/Carers welcome
Friday 29 th	Come As You Please Day	All day	£1 for school funds
	School closes for Spring Holiday	2.30pm	