



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

One month to go until our Spring break and lots of learning to be done – how time flies!

Netball

Our netball team were in action on Tuesday 22nd February at Greenock Sports Centre playing in the Spring Tournament. They had great time, were great ambassadors for the school and came home victorious eventually beating Moorfoot in a closely fought battle in the final. Thanks as always to Mrs Clark who trains them every week and accompanies them to these events and to all the parents who came along to support the team. The next event will take place on 22nd March – further details will follow for those selected.

P6 Visits to Sport Scotland National Sports Training Centre Inverclyde, Largs

On Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March our P6 pupils, accompanied by Miss McCreadie, Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Robertson, experienced 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 wonderful time and the weather was not too unkind!

P7 Curriculum Event

Our next curriculum event is for the parents/carers of P7 pupils who are invited to join the class to experience learning on Wednesday 6th March from 9.30-10.30am. The focus will be on mental maths strategies and number talks.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March – please see separate letter. As before the children (and staff!) may come to school in their pyjamas and this year will enjoy a 'Bookie Breakfast'. We are asking for a small donation (suggestion - £1) as we are combining our love of books with support for the charity 'Book Aid International' who will send one book for every £2 raised to a location where books are really needed.

Pupils Reports

Written reports will be issued to parents/carers via the children's letter wallets on Friday 8th March. A separate letter asking for your preference of day for our forthcoming parents' evenings has been issued and should be returned by Wednesday 6th March. Please note that we cannot guarantee specific times.

P2 Class Assembly/Fairtrade Coffee Morning

P2 have their class assembly on Wednesday 13th 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.

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 19th March from 5.30-8.30pm and Wednesday 20th 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 14th to 21st 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.

IMPORTANT – Dangerous parking issue

A reminder to all to park responsibly when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please DO NOT use the entrance area to the school carpark for these purposes. Staff have reported two near misses recently where children have not been seen crossing the entrance by staff members driving into or out of the carpark due to family cars parked in the car park entrance blocking them from view. As always the children's safety is of paramount importance so please also pass on this information to anyone else who drops off or collects your child from school – thank you.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments – SNSA

Between March and May our P1, P4 & P7 pupils will complete these assessments in both literacy and numeracy to support teacher judgements about pupil progress. Families are reminded that these assessments are diagnostic and are about confirming pupil strengths and/or areas for development and are not scored in terms of passing or failing.

Internet Safety

We are increasingly concerned about the number of issues relating to the use of social media, online gaming, YouTube etc. that children are raising in school. We continue to advise children how to stay safe online; however, if you, as parents, require information about ensuring the safety of children and young people online in what is a constantly changing world, www.nationalonlinesafety.com provides up to date guidance that you may find useful.

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.

Spring Service

Our Spring closing assembly will be held on Thursday 28th March at 11.00am and families are most welcome to attend.

Come as you Please Day

Friday 29th March will be a 'Come as You Please Day' for school funds – suggested donation £1. Please note clothing and footwear should be appropriate for school and suitable for playing/learning outside. No football strips should be worn.

Spring Holiday

The school closes on Friday 29th March at 2.30pm and re-opens on Monday 15th April at 9.00am

Good Friday and Easter Monday Holidays

The school is also closed on Friday 19th April (Good Friday) and Monday 22nd April (Easter Monday)

Coming soon

Outdoor Learning Week

During the week beginning 15th April we will be organising a whole school Outdoor Learning Week. This will include a Families Outdoor Learning Evening on Tuesday 16th April from 6.00-7.30pm – more details to follow nearer the time.

P1 Educational Outing

P1 will visit Rothesay on Wednesday 17th April 2019 – experiencing travel by bus, train and ferry on their journey. Our preferred method of payment is through Parent Pay to minimise cash handling. If you have not yet signed up or require help to do so please contact the school office.

P7 Residential Trip - 13th to 17th May 2019

An information meeting for P7 parents/carers led by a representative from Ardmay House Outdoor Centre will be held early next term. Please note the balance of payment for this trip is due by Thursday 18th April 2019.

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

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Elaine Montgomery
Head Teacher

February Award Winners		
Class Awards		
Marina Cameron	N	Successful Learner for being a good listener at Nursery and sharing what she has learned with her Mum.
Callan MacDonald	N	Successful Learner for being a good listener at Nursery.
Georgia Rae	P1	Effective Contributor for always sharing answers, opinions and facts in class and group discussions.
Christian Sim	P2	Responsible Citizen for showing resilience and a mature attitude towards his learning.
Katie Winsor	P3	Successful Learner for closely following the success criteria and her targets to improve her writing.
Grace Barry	P4	Confident Individual for showing she was aware of the importance of strength and control during gymnastics. She showed great confidence when she was able to demonstrate her skills to the rest of the class.
Daisy Pears	P5	Responsible Citizen for always using her initiative in class and helping others during group tasks.
Kerry Howe	P6	Successful Learner for taking responsibility for her own learning, resulting in a super improvement in her Literacy Toolbox progress.
Grant Leitch	P7	Confident Individual for talking about his learning targets and knowing what to do next, to help him move forward in his learning.

