

Struthers Primary



Bulletin 10 17/11/17

Letters out		
Primary 7	Secret Santa trip to Irvine	Wednesday 22nd November
P7	Windfarm	Friday 24th November

School Improvement Priorities.

Priority	How we will achieve this?
1. To raise attainment in Literacy with a particular focus on pupils who are not achieving expected outcomes.	We will continue to look at our reading strategies and how we can support pupil's comprehension skills. This will be in conjunction with our focus on encouraging reading for pleasure and independent reading. We had a very successful year with Reading for Gold and the development of our new library and this will continue to be developed.
2. To raise attainment in Numeracy with a focus on pupils who are not achieving expected outcomes.	We are going to study all the new approaches to teaching Numeracy and Maths we have recently introduced and look at how the approaches can be brought together in more meaningful lessons. We aim to help children understand more readily how to apply the skills they learn and be able to identify when to use the correct strategies.
3. To measure and track Pupil Health and Wellbeing.	We will be looking at all the Health and wellbeing outcomes for pupils and the benchmarks for their assessment and create a programme for Struthers that will ensure all children meet all outcomes and we will have measures to show this.
4. Develop Parental Engagement to support all our families.	Our 2 newly appointed Acting Principal Teachers are going to be responsible for this area which will look at developing our new Family and Community room and provide opportunities for Parents to come in and learn with us.

If you have any skills or interests in any of these particular areas and you feel you could help us please get in touch.

This Week

Finance Fortnight has now begun and our young entrepreneurs are all busy planning their new businesses. They are looking for donations if you can help.

P1 are hoping for Porridge, Xmas tattoos, face paints, glitter, cellophane, ribbon, card, buttons (green, red or cream/gold), glitter, string

P3 Large empty tins

P4 A star raffle prizes and smaller prizes such as fun size/treat size sweets

P5 and P4/5 would like cooking chocolate, moulds, cocktail sticks, and marshmallows

P6 would appreciate kitchen roll and thin ribbon.

P7 Christmas gift bags, wrapping paper, ribbon and bows, shoe boxes, bags of sweets, chocolate in wrappers, dog treats, mugs, hot chocolate, marshmallows, cellophane.

It has been a busy week with our 2 Parents Nights which we hope you found informative and has established that good partnership working with you and your child/children's teacher/s. We find these opportunities really helpful and ensure we are all achieving the best for your child. My staff are a very dedicated team who are always striving to do the best for each child in their care which is no easy task! We had Children In Need on Friday with spots and stripes everywhere and raising lots of money for such a worthy cause and helping children reflect on those who face such difficulty in their lives. A huge thank you again to Mrs Wagstaff for the beautifully knitted Pudsey accompanied by a most generous donation of £100 from all her knitting work. Your needles must be on fire!!! We also had CLAPA in at assembly on Tuesday to thank the children for the fundraising and awareness raising for the Cleft Lip and Palate association which is a charity very close to home for us. As always you are so generous in supporting all these events and this is all part of our continued Rights Respecting Journey.

The school hosted the photographer for family and individual photos on Thursday and I am sure they will all look like top models. Tempest will be back later in the year for class photos in P1 and P7. We wait until later in the year to ensure we can usually accommodate any new additions to the class.

P3-7 Christmas Outing to Gaiety

Tickets have now been purchased for all primary three to seven pupils to attend the performance of Cinderella on Tuesday 12th December. Thanks to everyone who has paid so far - if not can you please send payment in as soon as possible.

Next week

P7 s are off for the Secret Santa shopping trip for their business and can you ensure they all have returned permission slips. They are also off to the Whitelee Windfarm on Friday. If you lose any letter at any time they are on the website and can be completed and emailed in to us. On Friday afternoon we start our Book HUG which is a project to help unite generations and we are inviting older members of the community to come in and read stories to some children in our community room supervised by a member of staff. In schools we need to find ways to support and work with our local community and we feel a HUG group would be a great project to achieve this. With our push on Literacy we felt the opportunity for some of our younger pupils to have a book read to them and share the love of reading would be a great opportunity and hopefully give people in the community a chance to feel valued and part of our school. Watch out for our **Twitter challenge** soon. Each class will be tweeting something about their business and there will be a prize for the class with the most likes and retweets!!! Keep following us.

CURRICULUM RATIONALE

We are so excited to finally be launching our Curriculum rationale this week. What Mrs Lockie has created we feel is a true and interactive representation of what our school is about and reflects everyone's voice. It has been a huge amount of work and I think we are on version 273 and Mrs Lockie is now actually dreaming about it but it has been worth all the effort. It is available to view on the school website and we have put the link on Twitter as well so get watching!

Parent Groups

Parent Council

The group met recently and discussed a few issues. A plea was given for parents to sign up for the Round Table Santa Float. This involves one night of going out with Santa and collecting donations. You are also often offered food and drink too!!! The more parents we have helping the more we raise for the school so please get involved.

Parents also discussed the issue of pupils cycling on the paths up to the bridge as there have been a few near bumps. The path is very busy with lots of young children walking and there is not much room. I would also like to remind pupils and parents that children should not be cycling along Staffin Road. There have also been issues with the crossing patrol as Noreen has been instructed to stand on the opposite side of the road now. I have emailed South Ayrshire Council Facilities Management and Ayrshire Roads Alliance but heard nothing back.

Fundraising Group Helpers

Struthers fundraising group need your help! We are in the midst of organising all things Christmas and thoughts have once again turned to the raffle prizes. Whilst the group has offered a cash prize for the last few years, we also rely very much on the goodwill of local businesses to help with donations of items and vouchers. Can we ask anyone with their own business, or contacts in the town to assist with this on behalf of the school? We will also be issuing a letter to local businesses to ask for donations and the personal touch in delivering these was a real help last year. Please help us to make this a success by offering your help, either by donation of a prize or simply your time to hand the letters out. Any offer gratefully received! Contact us on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Struthers-Fundraising-Group-364614150262879/timeline/> Thanks

Fairtrade Tuck shop

This is only available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday so please ensure your child has a snack on the other days.

Daily Mile

Miss Neil has been developing this initiative for us and a letter has come out to you. To support this we would ask that children come to school every day dressed for the weather conditions. We have recently had children in school on windy and wet days with no jackets. We will provide jackets from lost property but they can often be reluctant to wear them. Children will be out walking in most weathers so can you please ensure they are dressed for this.

Support For Parents.

A member of staff came across this for supporting Numeracy on ipad and we thought it might be helpful to share with you.

<http://www.callscotland.org.uk/common-assets/cm-files/posters/ipad-apps-for-learners-with-dyscalculianumeracy-difficulties.pdf>

To keep in touch with us:

School Website address is: www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk and phone number is 01292 690073

Please keep checking the dates as some are being amended and new ones are being added.

P7 Secret Santa shopping Irvine	Wednesday 22nd November am
P7 trip to Whitelee Windfarm	Friday 24th November
Dress Down day for Christmas Fayre donations. If children make a donation of chocolate or to the bottle stall they can wear their ordinary clothes.	Tuesday 28th November
Day of Dance for P5s- Parents welcome to go and watch in Town Hall	Wednesday 29th Nov
Health and Wellbeing Day	Friday 1st Dec
Advent Christmas Market	Friday 1st December 5.30-7 pm-Change of time
Christmas Lunches	Friday 8th Dec
P3-7 Pantomime Trip- Cinderella	Tues 12th Dec am
P1 and P2 Nativity	Tues 12th Dec 6 pm and Wed 13th Dec 2pm
P5s to Sing for Hansel at the Rivergate, Irvine	Thurs 14th Dec at 11 am
EYC and P1 & P2 to go to Odeon to see Paddington 2	Thursday 14th December am
Nursery party	Mon 18th Dec 1.30-3
P7 first induction day to Marr	Mon 18th Dec at 11 am
P3 and P4 party	Tues 19th Dec 1.30-3
P5-7 party	Wed 20th Dec 1.30-3
P1 and P2 party	Thurs 21st Dec 1.30-3
Church service	Fri 22nd Dec 10 am at St Meddams
School close and reopens	Fri 22nd Dec at 2.30pm and re opens on Mon 8th January

These dates **can be subject to change.**

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