

Struthers Primary



Our School Values: **Respect, Honesty, Inclusion, Responsibility** and **Kindness**.

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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

Pr1s have been enjoying the input from our partnership with UWS and working with the drama students. This has been really engaging and we have a lot of future actors emerging! P5 had their 3rd week of swimming from the 10 week block. On Thursday we completed our 1+2 fortnight with our Poetry finals and as always their poetry recitals were of such a high standard.

Our EYC fantastic contributors were Katie Devine, Eilidh Ingram, Megan Sclater and Lewis McMinn. The winner was Katie.

P1 finalists were Carter Stevenson, Alex Jenkins, Theo Mullen and Zara Whiteford. The winner was Zara.

P2 finalists were Connor Tomley, Olivia Stewart, Dylan Scott and Jessica Starkey. The winner was Connor.

P3 finalists were Alistair Devine, Rose Cockburn, Michael Love and Isla McMaster. The winner was Michael.

P4 finalists were Chloe Gilligan, Neve Butterfield, Sam Graham and Erin Rumsey. The winner was Erin.

P5 finalists were Aliya Wilson, Ashley Yuill, Sam Greig and Olivia Sheikh. The winner was Olivia.

P6 finalists were James Barclay, Brooke Muir, Grace Taylor and Melissa Kelly. The winner was Melissa.

Finally our P7 finalists were Skye Butterfield, Amy Lawson, Eva McIntyre and Jasmine Baird. The winner was Jasmine

This year we have also introduced an overall winner and this has been awarded to Olivia Sheikh P5. A huge thank you to the judges Barbara McInnes and Nancy Hogg from Irvine Burns club for supporting our event.

On the same day our Early Years Centre had their fabulous Burns Supper and I hope all who attended it had a braw time.

Next Week

Monday is the last morning to hand in questionnaires. Thank you for all your feedback so far and we will summarise all your suggestions and take these to the Parent Council meeting in February and then share them in the bulletin following this meeting. Where there are specific concerns we will arrange to meet you to look at how these can be resolved but we also want to say a huge thanks for all the really positive comments. These are a real boost for staff during this very busy term!

UPCOMING EVENTS for Rights Respecting Schools and Fairtrade.

As you know we are a Rights Respecting School and this part of our school life is led by Mrs Boyd and Mr Haniford. To continue to develop that culture and ethos in our school we share the rights regularly, talk about our school values

and support our local and global community. To give this a real focus for our whole school community we are having a Rights Respecting and Fairtrade week from Wednesday 14th February until Friday 16th February. This will involve a launch assembly led by our RRS Pupil Committee and then each class having a focus for learning around the Rights, Fairtrade and Sustainable Goals. There will also be a Homework challenge to allow children to share their understanding at home. Look out for lots of Tweets too. I have attached a letter to explain the context of our Fundraising but the main information is for children to wear odd shoes, dress in the colours of the Haiti flag and be sponsored to walk 4 km on Friday 16th February. Sponsor sheets are attached to the letter on this bulletin which this week we will be sending out as a paper copy.

On the letter it also highlights the Clarks Shoe appeal and we would be delighted to accept any donations of old shoes that no longer fit or were not liked from Monday 29th January until Wednesday 28th February.

To ensure you know of all our plans for Fundraising this term the school will also be taking part in Sport Relief for a donation of £2.

REQUEST

We still have a small clothing mountain of lost property which is located outside Miss McBean's office so please come in for a look! We would be delighted for any of it to be reclaimed from sweatshirts to packed lunch boxes and water bottles.

I have been contacted by a concerned Grandparent regarding car engines left running in the playground. They have kindly informed me this is a criminal offence and this is stated in the Highway Code Rule 239. Please be considerate to the welfare of our pupils. I have also been asked to highlight parking issues on Staffin Road and Garry Place again by residents. They request that parents do not park over drives, on pavements or on dangerous corners. One resident was also sworn at by a Parent and was appalled at their behaviour. We have informed the Police of the concerning situation and PC Andy Harrower visited the school at pick up time on Thursday and was concerned with the parking around the school.

Head Lice is being flagged up as an issue again especially across P4 and P5 and we would ask all parents to be vigilant and check their child's hair regularly and treat as appropriate. It is so irritating for children who are affected and frustrating for parents who are constantly having to treat their child.

Parent Groups

Parent Council/Fundraisers

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th February at 7pm. We will be getting feedback on draft Anti Bullying Policy, looking at Parent Survey responses and sharing any key aspects that we need to address and will have any updates we receive on the building extension plans for the school.

Remember the next school disco is on Thursday 1st March.

Please consider responding to the link below which is a consultation regarding the proposed budget cuts planned. It is very lengthy but we would especially like you to put forward your thoughts on education cuts.

www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/balancing-the-budget

After School Clubs Overview

<u>Club</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Finish date</u>
Cross Country	Mondays until 4.15	P6/7	19 th March
Handball	Tuesday until 4	P5-7	27 th March
Drama	Wednesday until 4.15	Ongoing but new pupils welcome to join	Until end of year as they will lead our school show
Gymnastics	Thursday until 4		
Dance	Friday until 4	P1/2	23 rd March
Football	Friday until 4.15	P6/7	27 th March but there will be no training if a match is being played.

Community Opportunity

Marr Capella who are a local choir that have raised £80 000 for worthwhile charities are hoping to start up their junior section again Marr Cantante. This is an opportunity for P4, P5, P6 and P7 pupils to sing with other children in the community. Rehearsals are in St Meddans church hall on a Tuesday from 6pm – 7pm starting on Tuesday 30th January. Please encourage your child to go along as this is a super opportunity to learn fantastic skills and meet other children. The cost is £15.

To keep in touch with us: Website

We are still having problems with website as it seems to be dropping the www. part of the url. Parents can still access on <http://struthers.sayr.sch.uk> at this time and it is important you keep checking the website as lots of important information is posted here.

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

Parent Surveys to be returned	Monday 29th January
Visit from Golf Pros	Monday 5th February
P6 Bikeability Bike check	Wednesday 7th February
Holiday weekend	Friday 9th February until Tuesday 13th February inclusive. Pupil return on Wednesday 14th Feb
Early Years Centre to Land O Burns	Wednesday 14th Feb
Rights Respecting Week including day for Change	Wednesday 14th Feb to Friday 16th Feb
Rights Time Masterclasses start	Friday 16th Feb until Fri 16th March inclusive
Early Years Registration	Monday 19th Feb and Friday 23rd Feb
P4s to Vikingar	Tues 20th Feb
School Disco	Thurs 1st March
Reports out to Parents	Monday 12th March
Read Write Count Parent and Child Workshop	P3 Mon 12th March 2.45-3.30 P2 Tues 13th Mar 9-9.45
P7 Parent Meeting at Marr	Wed 14th March 6.30-8pm
Parent Meetings	Wed 21st March and Thurs 22nd March
Sports Relief	Fri 23rd March
P5 and P6 Easter Service and school closes	Thurs 29th March at Church at 10 am then school closes at 2.30pm
Easter Holidays	Friday 30th March to Sunday 15th April inclusive. Children return on Monday 16th April

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

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