

## Struthers Primary



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

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**THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK AS FRIDAY IS A HOLIDAY**

### 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**

The deadline for the Parent Questionnaire returns has now passed and thank you so much to everyone who took time to complete these. I will be analysing them next week and providing an overview to staff and parents. This will focus on the key themes that we are doing well and where we can improve. The Parent Council play a key role in this and anyone is welcome to come and offer their ideas and support. We have met some parents individually to discuss personal comments and hope they have felt reassured. This feedback along with pupil surveys and staff surveys and other audits we complete will help set out our School Improvement Plan for next year.

P5 continued their swimming tuition and we would encourage girls who have long hair to possibly wear swimming caps to keep their hair as dry as possible in this cold weather. On Friday our Pupil committees all met to plan upcoming events especially relating to Rights Respecting School projects including working towards our Fairachievers award and developing teaching Numeracy across the school. Some children recently visited Dalmillig Primary to see how they were taught Maths and are using this experience with Mrs Lockie to record a maths lesson video.

#### **Next Week**

Royal Troon golf professionals are coming out to give taster sessions to P4-7 classes and inspire the next Rory McIlroy. It is also Child Mental Health week and all children will be getting an input from Miss McBean at assembly. P6 have their bike checks on Wednesday so can you ensure their bikes come in to school in good condition. On Thursday some of our P6 pupils are going to the Carrick Centre in Maybole as part of Safer Internet Day Authority competition with their Rap! Good luck and well done for representing the school so well. Also on Thursday some of our pupils will be representing the school at the South Ayrshire Gymnastics competition.

**I would like to remind you that the school will be closed on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The 13<sup>th</sup> February is an In Service day for staff.**

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February we have our launch of our Rights Respecting and Fairtrade week. There will be an assembly to launch this and children will be sent home with a Fairtrade homework survey. Also on this day some P6 children are going to Dolphin House for a cluster languages experience and the Early Years Centre are off to the Land O Burns.

On Friday we have our Day for Change and children are reminded to wear odd shoes and dress in the colours of the Haiti flag which are red, green and blue. They will take part in the race for Haiti and sponsor sheets have gone home or can be downloaded from the website. On Friday afternoon our Rights Respecting Reward Masterclasses start where

pupils who have followed our Right Paths reminders and upheld the school values get the chance to experience some exciting and fun activities that they have chosen such as Dance, K'Nex, Science, Chess, Recorder, Yoga, Art and ICT learning to use Videoscribe.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS for Rights Respecting Schools and Fairtrade.**

As you know we are a Rights Respecting School and work hard led by Mrs Boyd and Mr Haniford to keep 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 we are having a Rights Respecting and Fairtrade week from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This will involve a launch assembly led by 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 will be for children to wear odd shoes, dress in the colours of the Haiti flag and be sponsored to walk 4 km on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Sponsor sheets have gone home.

The letter also highlighted the Clarks Shoe appeal and we would be delighted to accept any donations of old shoes that no longer fit or were not liked until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. These can be any brand of shoe.

To ensure you know of all our plans the only other Fundraising the school will be doing will be to take part in Sport Relief for a donation of £2.

### **REQUEST**

Can we ask you to encourage children not to bring mobile phones to school but if they do can you remind your child they must be switched off all day and not be taken out of bags until they leave the school premises. Phones will be taken from pupils if we see them being used or out of bags and an adult will be asked to come and collect them from the school office. This is vital to keep all our pupils safe.

We would also ask that if your child will not be in school you call the office **before 9.30** to save the office staff having to make numerous calls each morning to check all children are safe and accounted for.

### **Parent Groups**

#### **Parent Council/Fundraisers**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. We will be getting feedback on the 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/balancing-the-budget)

### **After School Clubs Overview**

<b><u>Club</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Age Group</u></b>	<b><u>Finish date</u></b>
Cross Country	Mondays until 4.15	P6/7	19 <sup>th</sup> March
Handball	Tuesday until 4	P5-7	27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> March
Football	Friday until 4.15	P6/7	27 <sup>th</sup> March but there will be no training if a match is being played.
Tennis	Thursdays until 4 starting 8 <sup>th</sup> February until 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	P3 & P4	

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Troon and District Decision Day, Saturday 10th February information from Val Gwynne.  
Walker Hall, Troon, 10 am – 12 noon**

Troon Fairtrade Initiative will be having a stall at this event, which enables local groups to bid for funds for projects of their choice. TFI's bid will be for £500 to supply Fairtrade footballs to every Primary School in Troon. These are top-quality balls, which are hand-stitched in Pakistan and come in various sizes.

It is hoped that the balls will assist schools in pursuing one or other of the three Fairtrade awards, which some are already engaged with. The bidding process is competitive. Voting takes place on the day and the groups winning most votes will be announced at the end of the event. All adults and children aged 10 or over can vote and we therefore need as many people as possible to turn up and vote for us on the day.

**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.

<b>Visit from Golf Pros</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>P6 Bikeability Bike check</b>	<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Holiday weekend</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. Pupil return on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Early Years Centre to Land O Burns</b>	<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>P6 Bikeability starts</b>	<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Rights Respecting Week including day for Change</b>	<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>Rights Time Masterclasses start</b>	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb until Fri 16<sup>th</sup> March inclusive</b>
<b>Early Years Registration</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>
<b>P4s to Vikingar</b>	<b>Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>
<b>School Disco</b>	<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>P2 trip to Land o Burns</b>	<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>P7 Rotary Quiz Marr</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Reports out to Parents</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Read Write Count Parent and Child Workshop</b>	<b>P3 Mon 12<sup>th</sup> March 2.45-3.30 P2 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 9-9.45</b>
<b>P6 trip to Scotland St &amp; Riverside Museum</b>	<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>P7 Parent Meeting at Marr</b>	<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8pm</b>
<b>Swimming Gala at Troon Pool</b>	<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Parent Meetings</b>	<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> March and Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
<b>Sports Relief</b>	<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>
<b>P5 and P6 Easter Service and school closes</b>	<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March at Church at 10 am then school closes at 2.30pm</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April inclusive. Children return on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>P6 trip to Dynamic Earth</b>	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>

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

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