

Struthers Primary



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

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Article 3 The best interests of a child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

Article 27 Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs

Article 28 Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available for every child. .

Article 29 Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

We are still collecting for Shoe appeal, used stamps, ink cartridges and old mobile phones.

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 focus for this short week has been refreshing our Rights Respecting Ethos and ensuring all children focus on our school values, understanding children's rights and Fairtrade. They are linking this with their class topics with P1 and P2 looking at being cared for and living with their family, P3 and P4 are studying Fairtrade, P5 are looking at Prejudice, P6 looking at child labour and appropriate working conditions linked to their Victorian's topic and P7 are researching gender inequality linked to World War 2. The EYC had a day at the Burns Centre which enabled them to celebrate our history and culture. Children also have a Fairtrade questionnaire to complete at home and on Friday we are all taking part in our long walk to Haiti! Please keep sending in shoes for the appeal which was detailed the last bulletin. Our Masterclasses start on Friday as a reward for positive behaviour from pupils and this will provide exciting learning opportunities in art, science, chess, Videoscribe, dance, K'Nex and a wide range of other experiences. Please go and visit the Great Troon Wall-hanging at St Ninian's Church this weekend. Every child in the school last session made a leaf to be part of this community art project. You can visit from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday.

This week Miss McBean attended the Respectme training day as a representative of the school. We wanted to ensure we were fully up to date with current legislation and our new Anti-Bullying Policy met requirements. At this event staff were asked to share the work they have been leading in schools and our Conflict resolution project was shared. On hearing about this Respectme were so impressed they

asked Miss McBean to share it as good practice and are coming out to the school to hear more. Well done to all staff and pupils who led this project. Great to get such high recognition for the work we do!

Next Week

We have Early Years registration next week so please if you know of anyone who may be interested in this can you pass on that there will be an opportunity to come in on Monday or Friday. P4 are also off to Vikingar on Tuesday and we have a Parent Council meeting that evening in the school.

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 20th February at 7pm and this is the AGM. 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. We will also be sharing the exciting news that we are now officially a Cycle Friendly School with banner and award to show this. A huge thanks to Craig Dalziel for his determination to help the school achieve this award. It has not been an easy task!

Remember the next school disco is on Thursday 1st March P1-3 from 6.00-7.15pm and P4-7 7.30-8.45pm.

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
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.
Tennis	Thursdays until 4 starting 8 th February until 22 nd 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 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.

Troon and District Decision Day, Saturday 10th February information from Val Gwynne.

Walker Hall, Troon, 10 am – 12 noon

Troon Fairtrade Initiative had a stall at this event, which enables local groups to bid for funds for projects of their choice. TFI's bid was 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.

UPDATE: Val and her team were successful with their bid and we are delighted to be receiving this amazing donation. Well done Val!

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.

Early Years Registration 8.45 to 11.30am & 2-3.30pm	Monday 19th Feb and Friday 23rd Feb
P4s to Vikingar	Tues 20th Feb
School Football team workshop at Portland Park from 12-3	Wed 28th Feb
School Disco	Thurs 1st March
P2 trip to Land o Burns	Tues 6th March
P7 Rotary Quiz Marr	Friday 9th 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
P6 trip to Scotland St & Riverside Museum	Wed 14th March
P7 Parent Meeting at Marr	Wed 14th March 6.30-8pm
P6 pupils and Mrs Boyd to speak at Fairtrade event	Thurs 15th March at Kyle Academy
Swimming Gala at Troon Pool	Saturday 17th March
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
P6 trip to Dynamic Earth	Wednesday 25th April

These dates can be subject to change.

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