

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

P6 will be welcoming Miss Brown back to their class for the next few weeks and I hope they will make her very welcome and be respectful to her as she undertakes her placement. P4s had a great trip to Vikingar and thank you to the helpers who came along to support them being able to go. We had an extremely busy week with our Early Years registration and all the forms will now be sent to the central team. We will then be notified of all the families wanting to join us and allocate places following the priority system. If this means there is a larger number than we have places for we will then undertake a ballot. We had Parent Council on Tuesday night and the minutes as always will be available on the website in due course. The key things discussed at the meeting were our Early Years registration, Building extension plans and being a cycle friendly school. At the meeting new office bearers were appointed and Kirsten Gallacher will continue to be the very effective Chairperson, Lucy Mullan has stepped in as Vice Chair taking over from Lisa Conetta and Craig Dalziel will remain as Clerk. Thank you to Lisa for all her support and wonderful enthusiasm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th March.

Next Week

P7 will experience a fitness workshop from the Trainers from the *Fitpit Gym* in Troon but they may not be able to walk over the next few days! A group of P6 and P7 boys will have the opportunity to take part in a football transition experience on Wednesday. This will give them support in making transition from 7 a side to 11 a side and there will be talks on nutrition and hydration. Thank you Evan Maley for organising this.

Just reminder there will be school discos on Thursday 1st March and also the group are looking for helpers for upcoming bag packing fundraiser at Morrisons on 12th May.
The shoe appeal has been well supported and will be collected on Monday 5th March. Any last minute donations would be gladly received but thank you to all those who have already contributed.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR EARLY YEARS REGISTRATION

MarinaView in Troon is now in partnership with South Ayrshire Council and can offer funded places. If you have already registered and want to make any changes please let us know.

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.

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.

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.

School Football team workshop at Portland Park from 12-3pm	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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