

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.

School Closures – please also be aware that you may check the South Ayrshire Website to keep informed in the event of emergency closures.

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

Well at least this week we have all managed to get in to school although Tuesday was a bit tricky for some staff. Hopefully some spring sunshine will start to appear! P2 and P2/3 had a great trip to the Burns Centre and had lots of exciting tales to tell although I think as always the shop was the big hit. Well done to them all for being so well behaved and representing the school to a high standard and a huge thanks to the helpers who make these trips possible. It was a noisy affair on Wednesday afternoon with the P3 and P4 Viking and Roman banquet. It was a strange kind of feast but was great fun. These Vikings and Romans know how to party. Well done to our football team who had a brilliant 6-0 league win over Barassie and best wishes to them today in their cup match v Kingcase. Fantastic job boys and we may have to watch we don't lose our amazing coach Evan to the National Team! Our clever P7 quizzers James, Connie, Skye and Catriona are off to Marr to the Cluster Rotary quiz and we wish them every success.

We have very exciting news to share regarding staffing and that is that Miss Neil has secured a well-deserved promotion as Depute Manager at the Space Place in Prestwick. This is a new role within the authority and I know she will be a superb asset to the centre. Miss Neil has been an outstanding Teacher with a particular skill in the Early Years and an amazing colleague to work with. A truly dedicated professional who I know Struthers will be sorry to lose.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated shoes and we collected 164 pairs of shoes for the Clarks shoe appeal. We also collected a massive £935 for our sponsor walk to Haiti to buy a school in a box which our Parent and local Seagate Pastor will organise to be shipped out to contribute to the school being built after the earthquake. This was such a generous amount and the largest in the cluster but no surprise as our school community is always so generous in supporting all our charity work. The cluster, as a community achieved huge totals with £3,056 raised for Haiti and 1,006 pairs of shoes collected.

Next Week

Reports will be heading home this week and I hope you enjoy reading them and getting a chance to celebrate the huge achievements of your children. They have mainly worked so hard and continue to help Struthers to be a fantastic school. Parents Nights are coming up and this will be an opportunity to talk about their next steps and we would ask that this is done in a respectful way. Parents will be meeting confidentially with each teacher so we would ask that when parents are awaiting their time slot they wait outside the class to allow appointments to be appropriate for everyone. Due to many other events in school we have to move our Read Write Count workshops for all P2 and P3 parents. Primary 3 workshop for pupils and Parents will be on Monday 26th March at 2.45 pm in the hall and Primary 2 workshop will be on Tuesday 27th March at 9-9.45 am in the Open area. We hope P6 enjoy their trip to Scotland Street as part of their Victorians topic. Enjoy your new Victorian Teacher!!!!!! You will really appreciate Mrs Brearley after this. On Wednesday there is an information meeting at Marr for new S1 parents from 6.30-8.00pm. On Thursday Mrs Boyd and her Fairtrade experts are off to Kyle Academy to present at a Fairtrade event. They will be sharing their Fairachievers journey and all the excellent work they do. On Friday, 16th March we have more golf taster sessions from the Pros at Royal Troon and also our P6 K'Nex teams are off for the cluster finals. On Saturday we have the Swimming Gala at Troon Pool so good luck to all our participants. We are delighted that so many children and parents give up their weekends to support these events and I am sure this year we will come back with the usual haul of medals.

SPORT RELIEF

As part of our Rights Respecting Culture we are going to be participating in *Sport Relief* on Friday 23rd March. We are asking for a £2 donation on the day which will be split between *Sport Relief* and £100 to *Downs Syndrome* charity. We are asking pupils to concoct an outfit combining odd socks for "Lots of Socks" Downs appeal and with sporty clothes to recognise the 2 charities. We are also selling wristbands at £1, pins £1 and hairbands are £2.50. Mr Kerr and Mr Cole with support from *Bala Balls Charity* who came in to speak to the children at a recent assembly will be running a Beat the Goalie for 20p a shot and our parent Kerry Murdoch will be running drop-in fitness sessions for a donation! Come along and get involved. We will send out detailed letters soon.

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	

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.

P7 Rotary Quiz Marr	Friday 9th March
Reports out to Parents	Monday 12th March
Read Write Count Parent and Child Workshop	P3 Mon 26th March 2.45-3.30 P2 Tues 27th 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
P3 trip to Strathclyde Park and Amazonia	Wednesday 6th June

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

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