

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 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

We hope you enjoyed reading all the reports and taking time to share them with your children. It was a real pleasure to read all about the great progress and achievements of our pupils. P6 were out and about this week and had a very scary but fun trip on Wednesday to experience life in Victorian times. On Thursday Mrs Boyd and her Fairtrade team were presenting their work at Kyle Academy. I heard they blew everyone away with their knowledge. We also had our next golf taster session from the professionals from Royal Troon which has been a big hit! On Friday our K'Nex teams went to Troon Primary for the cluster challenge and we will report back on how they did. Huge thanks to the P7 boys who have been coaching them at lunchtimes! We had the Troon Times in taking photos of the Early Years children and P7 pupils. Best wishes to our swimmers at the weekend and a huge thanks to all the pupils who have participated and to the parents for supporting. A special thanks to the staff who give up their own time to support the school on their precious weekends!

Next Week

This week will be slightly different for P7 as Mrs Lockie will be with them Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and Miss McBean will be in on Thursday. This is to allow Mrs Lockie to attend a Maths event which we hope will help bring some good practice to the school. On Wednesday and Thursday we look forward to seeing you at Parents meetings and we will have our Book Fair set up as usual. The appointment process for the new Head Teacher post is continuing and the candidates who will be interviewed for the post will be walking round on Wednesday. Interviews will then take place the following week.

SPORT RELIEF

Letters have been sent out with all the details. Remember your sporty gear and odd socks on Friday 23rd March. Please return slips to sign up for a session with Troon Dynamic Fitness trainer Kerry Murdoch.

REQUEST

We are noticing a few children not appearing at school in Uniform and we would ask that you support our school policy with school sweatshirts or jumpers and skirts, pinafores or school trousers. Jeans and fashion leggings with logos are not suitable and hoodies with various logos should not be worn. We have again a huge pile of lost property so have a rummage at Parents Night to see if you can claim any items.

There is the Big Brew Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Saturday in Troon Old Parish Church from 10 - 12 noon. UK Aid will double what is raised. All the money raised will go to Traidcraft exchange.

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.

Swimming Gala at Troon Pool	Saturday 17th March
Parent Meetings	Wed 21st March and Thurs 22nd March
Sports Relief	Fri 23rd March
Read Write Count Workshops have been rearranged	P3 will be in the hall on Mon 26th March at 2.45pm P2 will be in the school open area on Tues 27th March at 9 am
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 Amazonia	Wednesday 6th June

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

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