

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? |
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| 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.

Welcome from Mrs McKellar

A warm welcome and a huge thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for helping me settle in at Struthers Primary School this week. Everyone has been extremely welcoming and supportive – I am delighted to be here and look forward to my time ahead at Struthers.

This Week

This week started with interviews and we were lucky to be in the position to appoint two new class teachers. Once final staffing checks have been completed, I will be in a position to let parents know the names of the successful candidates.

On Tuesday evening, we held a welcome meeting for our New Primary 1 parents. This event was very well attended and we just managed to squeeze everyone in to Miss Campbell's room! Thank you to Miss Campbell and Mrs Smith for a very informative presentation and friendly welcome for our new parents!

On Wednesday our P4/5 and P5 classes had a super visit to the Science Centre! The Water Workshop was a huge hit. As always, our pupils behaved impeccably and represented the school well.

On Wednesday evening, our welcome night was for the Early Years new parents. Again, this event was well attended and the ladies in the Early Years Centre were on hand to answer lots of questions!

Today has been a fantastic day for our annual School Sports and the weather couldn't have been any better. The boys and girls ran extremely well, but more importantly, showed great sportsmanship and it was lovely to see them congratulating one another after their races. I was interested to see how competitive all our staff and parents are too!! Thank you to all our parent helpers for the set up, organisation and clearing up of the field today.

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend and that the sun continues to shine!

Community Hub

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| Mondays | | | | |
| Tuesdays | 24 th April Book Bug | 9am | Babies & Bumps | 10-12pm |
| Wednesdays | | | | |
| Thursdays | Baby Yoga | 9-10.30am | Babies & Bumps | 2-3.30pm |
| Fridays | | | | |

Next Week

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 30th May at 9am. We will be treated with a production 'Alice In Wonderland' from M&M Theatre Company on Wednesday between 9:15 and 10:15am.

The Scottish SPCA are in next Wednesday to work with P4s and P5s and give a talk to P1-3s.

On Thursday 31st May, our Early Years Pre-School Pupils will be invited to meet their Buddies between 9:30 and 10:30am. At a special assembly for the whole school on Thursday, we also have a visitor from Haiti to talk to our pupils.

On Friday 1st June, new parents of our Early Years Pupils are invited in to the Community Hub for an informal coffee and chat between 8:45 and 9:15am. Our new P1 parents are invited to do the same between 9:15 and 10:15am. Miss McBean and I will be on hand to chat too! In the afternoon, coffee and chat sessions will be between 2 and 3pm for new P1 Parents, and between 3:10 and 3:40pm for the Early Years Centre.

After School Clubs Overview

| <u>Club</u> | <u>Day</u> | <u>Age Group</u> | <u>Finish date</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Drama | Wednesday | P5-7 | 6 th June 2018 |
| STEM | Wednesday | P3-5 | 6 th June 2018 |
| Athletics | Tuesday | P3-4 | 12 th June 2018 (due to start 1/5/18) |
| Dance | Thursday | P1-2 | 7 th June 2018 (due to start 3/5/18) |
| Football | Thursday | P4-5 | 7 th June 2018 |
| Ball Games | Friday | P1-2 | 15 th June 2018 (due to start 4/5/18) |
| Football | Friday | P6-7 | 1 st June 2018 (Excl. matchdays) |

Please keep checking the dates as some are being amended and new ones are being added.

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| Sports Day from 9.30am in front field | Thursday 24th May |
| Holiday | Friday 25th May |
| Holiday | Monday 28th May |
| In-Service Day | Tuesday 29th May |
| SPCA Visit | Wednesday 30th May |
| P3 trip to Amazonia and strathclyde Park | Wednesday 6th June |
| Summer Cup | Friday 8th June |
| P7 Numeracy Challenge day @ Marr | Monday 11th June |
| Whole School Show | Wednesday 13th June |
| Winning House – Odeon trip | Wednesday 13th June |

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| Cluster RRS Ambassador Event | Friday 15th June |
| Bump up days | Thursday 14th & Friday 15th June |
| P7 Marr Induction Days | Thursday 14th & Friday 15th June |
| P7 Leavers night at L.A.Bowl | Wednesday 20th June |
| P7 Leavers concert 2-3pm | Tuesday 26th June |
| Church Service @ 10am | Thursday 28th June |
| Schools close for summer @ 1.00pm | Friday 29th June |

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

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