

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.

Week ending 22.6.18

This Week

Our football team played exceptionally well last Friday in the Summer Cup and we are so proud of them! After some competitive matches, Struthers Primary made the final! Unfortunately for us, it was Muirhead Primary who were victorious on the day. All our players, although disappointed, displayed excellent sportsmanship. A huge thank you to Evan Maley, who coached the boys and organised the event so well. We are also extremely grateful for the sponsorship from 'Fairtrade' and the presentation of 'Bala Balls'. I would also like to extend our gratitude to all who helped clear up after the event, particularly with the litter picking. We are going to organise a school 'litter pick' on the field and in the playground to try and improve the environment around the school.

On Wednesday our winning House, 'Craiksland' (red house), enjoyed a trip to the Odeon, Kilmarnock, to see 'Peter Rabbit'. All pupils (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed the film and came back full of excitement! A well-deserved treat for the boys and girls who had worked so hard all year to gain the most house points.

On Wednesday we also had a most memorable evening when we presented our annual school show. Every pupil performed with energy, enthusiasm and confidence, and as a staff, we are immensely proud of them. Thank you all again for supporting us, and for the positive feedback. I would once again, like to say a huge thank you to the whole staff team at Struthers Primary School for their contributions prior to, during and after the event.

Our P1 'Meet the Teacher' event was held on Thursday as part of our whole school 'Bump-Up' day. The P1s thoroughly enjoyed meeting their new teachers and had a lovely lunch with their friends in the dinner hall. Thanks to Mrs Smith and Miss Campbell for organising and leading some additional games in the hall for our new P1 pupils and their parents. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils in August!

Miss McBean, Mr Haniford and Mrs Boyd joined our Rights Respecting Ambassadors and Cluster Choir at St. Ninians Church on Friday morning to celebrate the 'Great Troon Wall Hanging.' The choir sang beautifully and represented our school and cluster exceptionally well. Please see photos of the event on Twitter.

Troon Eco Film Festival takes place this Saturday and Sunday in Portland Church. Our P6 pupils made a film about their 'John Muir Award' journey and this will be shown at the following times:

Saturday 16th June - 10.30am, 3.15pm, and 5.45pm

Sunday 17th June - 1.30pm

Next Week

On Tuesday, Miss McBean will be at Barassie Primary School, interviewing for some new Early Years Practitioners to join the Struthers Team! We will inform parents of the successful candidates as soon as we are able.

Also, on Tuesday, we will have a visit from Education Scotland. They will be coming to consult with staff, pupils and parents on proposed changes to South Ayrshire Council's admissions policy. This is extremely pertinent to Struthers Primary, as our school is very quickly reaching capacity. The proposed changes, therefore, include changes to admission for families who move within the school catchment and want to attend the school when there may be very limited spaces. I am still looking for some parents to volunteer to be part of a discussion on the policy. If you are available between 9:15 and 9:45am on Tuesday and would be willing to share your views, please contact the office.

On Wednesday, we will welcome the Annual Glasgow Taxi Outing. We plan to have an early lunch (11.45am to 12.30pm) then the whole school will walk to the end of Deveron Road, accompanied by staff and parent helpers. Early Years children and parents should meet at Boyd Place.

Our P7 leavers will have a special treat on Wednesday evening when they will play a game of bowling and Lazerquest at LA Bowl in Ayr. This is a celebration of their time at Struthers Primary School and I'm sure they will be looking forward to it! Parents of P7 leavers should refer to letters for further information.

On Friday 22nd June we look forward to the Early Years Graduation ceremony. All parents should meet in the hall from 1.15pm for the start of the ceremony at 1.30pm.

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

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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