

## 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**

It is with mixed emotions that we say a huge 'congratulations' to Mrs Galloway in our Early Years Centre. Mrs Galloway has secured a position as the Senior Early Years Practitioner in Alloway Primary School and Early Years Centre. Having worked at Struthers for the past four years, Mrs Galloway is a valued member of the team and will be greatly missed by all. However, we are in doubt that Mrs Galloway will be fabulous in her new school and we wish her all the best!

On Tuesday this week, we were able to appoint three new members of permanent staff to our Early Years team. Mrs Leanne Campbell, Miss Courtney Paterson and Miss Nadine Little will join us in August. Mrs Campbell will take over Mrs Galloway's Key Group in the new session. We look forward to welcoming new faces (staff and pupils!) in August.

The annual Troon Taxi Day was enjoyed by all and we were glad the weather stayed dry for us! Huge thanks to our Rights Respecting Schools Group who made displays for the window of Corum in the town. Thank you to Mrs Boyd who took time to make such a fantastic display for us. As always, our appreciation goes to the parent volunteers who walked with classes on the day.

Our P7 pupils had a fantastic evening at LA Bowl in Ayr on Wednesday evening. They enjoyed a game of 10-pin Bowling and a very competitive game of Lazerquest! The evening was rounded off with a feast of burgers and chips!

The visit from Education Scotland on Tuesday was very positive, with the officer stating that the pupils in the school spoke very highly of the educational experience they receive. During the consultation process regarding the admission of new pupils to the school, issues highlighted by pupils, staff and parents were as follows: the lack of spaces available for pupils within the catchment, the process for allocation of places in the nursery, lack of space in the dinner hall, lack of strategic planning for extending the school and reduced flexibility for pupil breakout space to work in. These are all matters that the officer from Education Scotland said she would be taking back to the local authority.

All pupils have now met their new teacher for next session. Miss Ashley Pryde visited on Thursday morning and spent time with her new P2 class. Miss Pryde loved getting to meet her new class and I think they were rather excited to see her too! We look forward to welcoming Miss Pryde, Mrs Bloomer and Miss Alexander as new members of teaching staff to the school in August. I will be especially delighted at that point to no longer be the newest member of staff!

Following a previous bulletin, I am delighted to tell you on behalf of our Fundraising Group that we have two new co-chairs, Kirsty Allan and Gill Garven. Both Gill and Kirsty have been active supporters of the fundraising group over the years, attending meetings and helping out at events, so have lots of experience and will no doubt bring some great ideas! Again, a huge thank you to Corrie Duncan in her role as chair person over the past year. I'm sure Kirsty and Gill will continue to build on your fantastic work! Please remember that being involved in our Fundraising Group doesn't have to be by attending meetings or events, but there are plenty of other jobs to be done in the background to help! Please let the group know next session if you are able to help in any way whatsoever. Thank you.

### **Next Week**

On Tuesday afternoon our P7 pupils will present an 'Oscars Ceremony' for their Parents. This will be a concert to celebrate the end of their time at Struthers Primary School. Pupils will also receive their ties for secondary school and their Award of Ambition certificates. Huge thanks to the fundraising group who purchased the ties for our P7 pupils and also the gym bags for our new P1 pupils. Parents of our P7 pupils are asked to make their way to the hall on Tuesday for a 2pm start.

Due to some unavoidable changes to the P6 structure for next session, Miss Wylie and Mr Kerr will be taking their new classes again between 2pm and 3pm next Tuesday for another 'bump up session'.

On Thursday morning the Church Service takes place at St Meddans at 10am. All classes will participate in the service and we look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the end of another fantastic year at Struthers Primary School. The collection on Thursday will go to the Troon RNLI.

**On Friday, school closes at 1pm.** We will have an early lunch with limited pack-a-snack choices from 12pm – 12:45. There will be no packed-lunches on Friday.

As this will be the final newsletter for the session, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, healthy Summer Holiday. School re-opens for pupils on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9am. We look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and ready for a brand new session at Struthers Primary School!

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

<b>P7 Leavers concert 2-3pm</b>	<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Church Service @ 10am</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Schools close for summer @ 1.00pm</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>

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

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