

Struthers Primary



Bulletin 7 6/10/17

Ayrshire
Hospice

Wear It Purple Friday 13th October

World Smile Day - Struthers are raising awareness for CLAPA the Cleft Lip and Palate Association and collecting used stamps, old ink cartridges and old mobile phones.

Article 23 A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to provide support to disabled children.

Article 24 Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

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

This week we got our final total for the P7 run MacMillan coffee morning and we smashed the last target by raising a massive £1023.55 and huge congratulations to Nicola Murray, Hannah Stevenson and Kerry Murdoch (Jack P2) on winning the cakes. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Morton, Mrs Gechie and Mrs Lockie for making the delicious cakes for the raffle. This week we had Marr students helping out in the school and we hope they enjoyed working with all our staff and children. Mrs Edgar also started with us covering our 3 day post which has been advertised. She will be based in the P1 and P2 classes to provide extra support at these early stages and support early literacy and numeracy. We held interviews for our new Early Years post and hope to have our successful applicant with us as soon as possible. It has been challenging in the Early Years Centre managing staff absences and filling the new position from supply staff but we hope this will settle next term. Mrs Kerr will definitely be off until at least Christmas. Thank you to the Fundraiser group for organising very busy school discos and I think a lot of fun was had by everyone. They were really busy and we had many parent helpers to support this event. Thank you so much to all parents and staff who supported this.

Next week

Mrs Brearley will be returning this week and she and Mr Sturdy will be working with P6 to ensure a smooth transition. We are delighted to have her back. P7 with Mrs Lockie, Mr Haniford and Miss McBean are all off to Inverclyde on

Monday until Wednesday and we hope they have a great time and represent the school well. I am looking forward to joining them for their Disco on Tuesday night. Due to this there will be some staffing changes for the last week. Miss McCarthy will be in P3 for the 3 days covering Mr Haniford and there may be some slight changes to staffing over the week. P3 and P4 will be getting ready for their Harvest Service and we are excited to see it on Friday. They have been working hard! We would like to remind you to send in Foodbank donations and the P4 children are visiting the Foodbank on Thursday to see the important work they do. We would also ask that everyone wears something Purple on Friday 13th October and makes a small donation to our Hospice appeal. Please see information below on all our fundraising plans.

In summary our charitable events over the next month will be:

Handing in old stamps, ink cartridges and old mobile phones and there will be collection points inside the front door for CLAPA.

Collecting tins/ packets of food for Ayrshire Foodbank for the Harvest Service.

Wearing something Purple on the last day of term at our harvest service for the Ayrshire Hospice and donating some money as part of the offering.

We are having our Big Breakfast on Friday 27th October where you can join us from 8.15 am and this is supporting Lorraine Kelly's campaign to support all children in accessing a breakfast every morning. Letters have gone out regarding this.

Curriculum Rationale

Mrs Lockie and Miss Neil have been collating all the information about our school values, what is our unique feature and what do we aspire for our children to have experienced in their Primary years to prepare them for their next stage. We then gathered information about how we hoped to achieve which is the vital part. This has been now pulled together in a digital format which we feel truly shows what a child and parent at Struthers will experience. This has come from staff, pupils and parents and we are delighted with the outcome and will certainly strive to achieve the ambitious expectations. This will be the basis for all our self- evaluation and focus for improvement for the future. We aim to share this with pupils at an assembly after the October holidays and then we will share it with our Parent Council for their approval. After this we will be showcasing it at Parents Nights in November. It will then be available on our school website so anyone looking at Struthers Primary will know exactly what our school is all about! I love that Teamwork and Nurture features so highly. This is everything you could want for a successful school.

Parent Drop In Meetings with School Chaplains

Our 3 school chaplain play a huge role in our school from sharing their knowledge and expertise to supporting our assemblies and services to helping with the football team to providing pastoral support. At a recent meeting they were keen to extend that Pastoral Support to our Parents. Starting on Friday 29th September Mr Woods will be available in the Community Hub to meet with any parent who wishes to pop by. He will be available from 9.15am until 10 am.

Head Lice

This is a common issue in schools and one we have constantly over every year. We are not permitted to send out letters for many reasons but have included information on our website as a reminder and to provide you with the necessary information. We just ask that every parent is vigilant and checks their child's hair regularly and treats only when required not as a precaution.

You can get advice from NHS Choices site online, local pharmacists or you could contact our School Nurse Abi Nicholl, School Nurse, Barassie Street Clinic, Troon 01292 313 455. There is also an old leaflet on our website you can use but we have requested up to date ones.

Tuck shop and Fairtrade Tuck shop

The tuck shop has not been well supported and so will not continue from next week. The Fairtrade tuckshop led by Mrs Boyd and P6 girls will continue.

Attendance/Absence/Latecoming

I recently attended a Head Teacher meeting and the focus for 1 session was attendance as South Ayrshire's is very low nationally. Schools are being scrutinised on this data and we are being asked to stick firmly to guidelines. This will mean a more rigorous view of especially unauthorised absences and the guidelines were recently sent out about the only situations that mean absences are authorised. Pupil data is being looked at and any child who bellows a certain percentage will be highlighted and school procedures on how this was dealt with looked at. Taking children out of school is really challenging for staff and we are absolutely not permitted to send work home. I fully appreciate people making these choices but am highlighting the position schools are now in across this authority.

LOST PROPERTY

We are gathering a huge amount of lost clothing since the start of term especially jackets. Please can you check if you have any missing items and please come in and search our lost property area to reclaim anything. Please check that your child has brought the correct items home also.

Daily Mile

Miss Neil has been developing this initiative for us and a letter has come out to you. To support this we would ask that children come to school every day dressed for the weather conditions. We have recently had children in school on

windy and wet days with no jackets. We will provide jackets from lost property but they can often be reluctant to wear them. Children will be out walking in most weathers so can you please ensure they are dressed for this.

This will be the last bulletin prior to the holidays so I hope you all have a lovely week at home or away and we look forward to seeing pupils back on **WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER**.

To keep in touch with us:

School Website address is: www.struthers.sayr.sch.uk and phone number is 01292 690073

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

Close for October week	Friday 13th October at 3pm
Staff In service days	Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October
Children return to school	Wednesday 25th October
Big Scottish Breakfast	Friday 27th October at 8.30am
Hallow'een Afternoon	Friday 27th October
Flu Vaccination day	Tues 7th Nov
Parent Council/Fundraiser Meeting- all welcome	Community Hub Tues 7th Nov at 7pm
Finance Fortnight begins	Monday 13th Nov
Parents Meetings	Wednesday 15th Nov 6-8 Thursday 16th Nov 3.30-5.30
Day of Dance for P5s- Parents welcome to go and watch in Town Hall	Wednesday 29th Nov
Health and Wellbeing Day	Friday 1st Dec
Advent Christmas Market	Friday 1st December 5.30-7 pm-Change of time
Christmas Lunches- Letters will come out to order	Friday 8th Dec
P3-7 Pantomime Trip	Tues 12th Dec am
P1 and P2 Nativity	Tues 12th Dec 6 pm and Wed 13th Dec 2pm
Nursery party	Mon 18th Dec 1.30-3
P3 and P4 party	Tues 19th Dec 1.30-3
P5-7 party	Wed 20th Dec 1.30-3
P1 and P2 party	Thurs 21st Dec 1.30-3
Church service	Fri 22nd Dec 10 am at St Meddans
School close and reopens	Fri 22nd Dec at 2.30pm and re opens on Mon 8th January

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

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Letters out this week	To be returned by
P4 Foodbank letter	
Finance Fortnight letter	
Parents Night letter	
P3-7 panto Cinderella	24.11.17
P3-7 Coffee a& Catch up Letter	