

Struthers Primary



Bulletin 8 27/10/17

Struthers are raising awareness for CLAPA the Cleft Lip and Palate Association and we have collection points for used stamps, old ink cartridges and old mobile phones at the front door.

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

For a short week back just after the holidays this has been a very busy week. We hope you all enjoyed your October break and we are delighted to see the children back so settled. We have started off this busy Christmas term as we feel it will continue as there is always so much happening so please keep checking this bulletin for event updates or any changes we have to make. Friday started with our Big Breakfast and thank you to all those who came to support this national campaign. A special thanks also to Mary and the catering staff and all our volunteer staff and parent helpers who helped make it possible. We are delighted to be able to make a donation to this cause. Children then were all models for the Fundraiser calendar which will be on sale as a great Christmas gift. After this it was a transformation as children dressed up for our Hallowe'en afternoon. The Fundraiser group had a very difficult job choosing winners from each class and well done to everyone. Thank you to the group for giving such generous donations back to the children.

Next week

Mat will be covering the Crossing Patrol on Monday both in the morning and afternoon. P5s are going to be television stars on Tuesday as they are filmed for an ITV 2 Christmas Songs special. We will give you more information about when the programme is being aired. Letters are being issued for Review meetings starting next week and could you please let us know if you can't attend the allotted time slot you have been given. This is a vital opportunity for you to meet with relevant staff who are supporting your child to talk about progress and help set their next steps.

Our **Early Years Centre** are also very busy next week with lots of exciting events. They will be out for their Wandering Wednesday at Fullarton Woods and we ask that children are dropped off and collected from there. On Thursday afternoon our PEEP sessions start which will be based around Health and Wellbeing. They will run for 3 weeks starting on 2nd Nov then 9th Nov and finally 16th Nov. We will confirm times as soon as possible.

It has been mentioned to me by a few concerned parents that people are coming in to our car park at great speed. Please adhere to the speed limit around the school and especially coming in to the car park.

Community Hub

This week we are inviting our P3-7 parents to come in for a coffee and chat in our Community Hub on Monday 30th October at 2.30pm or alternatively on Thursday 2nd November at 9 am. This is an opportunity to meet other parents especially new families and also chat informally to staff. We also have Baby Yoga on Thursday 2nd November at 9.30 am and Jo Jingles on Friday at 1.30 pm. Please invite any friends you know who may benefit from these opportunities to come along and meet other families. This space is all about supporting our local community and providing opportunities for people to come and meet others in a welcoming environment.

Parent Drop In Meetings with School Chaplains

Our 3 school chaplains 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. Please come along and take up this really valuable opportunity and meet with Richard or Tom who are here to support you.

Parent Helper Request.

Struthers fundraising group need your help! We are in the midst of organising all things Christmas and thoughts have once again turned to the raffle prizes. Whilst the group has offered a cash prize for the last few years, we also rely very much on the goodwill of local businesses to help with donations of items and vouchers. Can we ask anyone with their own business, or contacts in the town to assist with this on behalf of the school? We will also be issuing a letter to local businesses to ask for donations and the personal touch in delivering these was a real help last year. Please help us to make this a success by offering your help, either by donation of a prize or simply your time to hand the letters out. Any offer gratefully received! Contact us on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/Struthers-Fundraising-Group-364614150262879/timeline/>. Thanks

Fairtrade Tuck shop

This is only available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday so please ensure your child has a snack on the other days.

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.

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.

Some P5 pupils attending STV2 singing recording	
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 6-8pm Thursday 16th Nov 3.30-5.30pm
Dress Down day for Christmas Fayre donations. If children make a donation of chocolate or to the bottle stall they can wear their ordinary clothes.	Tuesday 28th November
Day of Dance for P5s- Parents welcome to go and watch in Town Hall begins 10am	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- must be pre-ordered by Thursday 23rd November	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
P5s to Sing for Hansel at the rivergate	Thurs 14th Dec at 11 am
Nursery party	Mon 18th Dec 1.30-3pm
P7 first induction day to Marr	Mon 18th Dec at 11 am
P3 and P4 party	Tues 19th Dec 1.30-3pm
P5-7 party	Wed 20th Dec 1.30-3pm
P1 and P2 party	Thurs 21st Dec 1.30-3pm
Church service	Fri 22nd Dec 10 am at St Meddams
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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