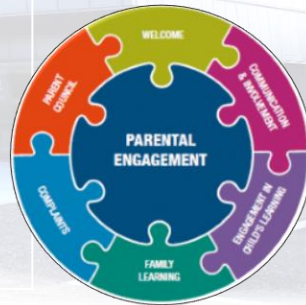


Struthers Primary School and EYC

Primary School

January 2024 Newsletter



Dear parents and families

As we begin our new chapter in 2024, we're excited to extend a warm welcome back to school. Our aim is to make this year a memorable one filled with laughter, friendship, and a shared commitment to be the very best we can be. We truly value our partnerships with our families and know that together, we can create a nurturing and empowering ethos where our children can thrive.

Term 3 at a glance:

| Date | Time | Event |
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| 29.01.24 | 10:30 | Marr Netball Festival |
| 02.02.24 | 09:15 | UNCRC Committee leading Mental Health Assembly |
| 02.02.24 | 15:30 | Struthers vs Kincaidston at Marr College |
| 05.02.24 | | EYC Registration week begins |
| 05.02.24 | From 09:45 | Funky Foods visiting P2, P3 and P4 children |
| 06.02.24 | 15:15 | Inverclyde Information Sharing Event for Parents |
| 08.02.24 | 15:30 | Struthers vs St Patricks at Marr College |
| 09.02.24 | 09:15 | P4 Scottish Assembly – parents welcome |
| 12.02.24 | | School Holiday |
| 13.02.24 | | In-service day for staff only |
| 14.02.24 | From 10:45 and 14:00 | EYC Stay and Play |
| 15.02.24 | P1-3 18:00 – 19:15 P4-7 19:30 – 20:45 | Parent Council Disco |
| 19.02.24 | | Final Week for Deferred Entry Applications |
| 21.02.24 | From 15:30 | Parents' Night Appointments |
| 27.02.24 | TBC | South Ayrshire Burns Club Event |
| 05.03.24 | TBC | P7 Parents Information Evening at Marr College |
| 08.03.24 | 09:15 | P7 Rotary Quiz |
| 12.03.24 | 09:30 – 12 noon | P7 STEM Challenge at Marr |
| 14.03.24 | From 10:45 and 14:00 | EYC Spring Craft Event |
| 15.03.24 | 09:15 | P6 Victorians Assembly |
| 21.03.24 | 09:00 – 13:00 | Cross-country Competition |
| 22.03.24 | 09:15 | P7/6 Titanic Assembly |
| 26.03.24 | TBC | Gymnastics Competition |
| 28.03.24 | 15:00 | School Closes for our Easter Break |
| 15.04.24 | 09:00 | Pupils and Staff Return |

HANDY HELPERS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Handy Helpers for investing their time, expertise, enthusiasm and support. Your dedication has enriched the experiences on offer for our children and has been gratefully received by our staff.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer, please call our office or drop us an email. We are eager to embrace every offer of support to enhance our community spirit.



PARENT COUNCIL



On behalf of our entire school community, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Lucy for her outstanding service as our Parent Council Chairperson. Lucy's leadership and tireless efforts have truly made a significant impact across Struthers and beyond.

As Lucy's little one is now in P7, and preparing to join Marr College, Lucy feels that the time is right to pass on this role to someone new. If you are interested in this opportunity to foster communication, collaboration and support among parents, teachers and our wider community, please get in touch with the school office.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held within school on Wednesday 28th of February, between 18:15 and 19:15.

EYC CEILIDH

A huge thank you to our families who came along to our first ever Early Years Ceilidh on Wednesday. From our lively music to the energetic dances and the warm camaraderie that filled the hall, it was evident from everyone's faces that our collective endeavour was a real success. Precious memorable moments in the making.



BURNS SUPPER

In tribute to our Bard of Ayrshire, Robert Burns, our Primary Six and Primary Seven pupils held our very own Burns Supper within school on Thursday. Upholding tradition, the children were piped into the hall by one of our former pupils, Alex. We were then regaled with captivating recitations and some stunning vocalists. The Toast to the Lassies and the subsequent Reply from the Lassies were humorous and stirred a few oohs and aahs from the audience.



SCOTS POETRY COMPETITION



Congratulations to our poetry finalists who performed exceptionally well on Friday. The passion, eloquence and nuanced interpretations displayed by our finalists enthralled our audience and judges.

A special thank you to Mrs Maley and Mrs Hogg for judging our competition. This was no easy task.

With her recitation of 'A Dug, A Dug' by Billy Keys, Anna was thrilled to have won overall. Congratulations, Anna.

BEAT THE STREET



We are delighted to share with you a new initiative that is being rolled out across Scotland to encourage physical activity, foster a sense of community, and promote a healthy lifestyle among students, staff and parents. Craig, our Parent Council clerk, has led Beat the Street and although he needs to be impartial, we have on good authority that his heart lies with Struthers. On the 9th of February, every child within school and our Early Years Centre will be issued with an introductory leaflet and two cards.

Beat the Street South Ayrshire has been commissioned by the Ayrshire Roads Alliance on behalf of South Ayrshire Council and is funded by Paths for All's Smarter Choices, Smarter Places programme. Our South Ayrshire competition will run from the 14th of February until the 27th of March. Further information can be found by clicking on the QR code below, or by visiting: <https://www.beatthestreet.me/southayrshire/>



As always, should you have any queries about anything within our newsletter, or in connection with your child's learning, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

Mrs Laura Clark

