



## Struthers Primary School

### Newsletter

October 2022



#### Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for Term 2! Our first term seems to have gone past in the blink of an eye. I cannot believe that the dark nights are drawing in and the wetter, windier and colder weather has arrived!

#### STAFFING

We are delighted to announce that Miss Wyllie got married throughout the October holidays and is now Mrs Grant. A huge congratulations to the new Mr and Mrs Grant!

We had a very tearful farewell assembly for Mrs Brearley to mark her retirement before the October break. Mrs Brearley will be very missed by staff and pupils alike. She was very touched by all the kind words and well wishes from staff, pupils and parents.

We welcome Miss Mulholland who joins us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and will be team teaching in some of our infant classes throughout term 2.

Mrs Devlin is delighted to be working with Primary 5 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout term 2.

#### INVERCLYDE

Our Primary 7 pupils had an incredible time on their residential visit to Inverclyde in October. The behaviour of our pupils was of an exceptionally high standard and all staff at Inverclyde were very complimentary of the manners and positive attitude of the Struthers pupils. Our children showed resilience, perseverance and determination to try all activities. I would like to say a huge thank you to the school staff who willingly gave up their own time to stay with the pupils during the week. It was a fantastic week with lots of happy memories made.

#### HALLOWEEN

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, pupils were invited to come to school in their Halloween costumes and to take part in their class parades. Everybody went to such great effort and the costumes were outstanding. Huge thanks to our fundraising group for providing prizes for the winning costumes for every class along with a sweet treat for all pupils in the school. Another big thank you goes to the three judges of our Halloween parades. I know you had very difficult decisions to make but we appreciate you giving your time to help us.

#### MACMILLAN

A huge thank you to all who made very kind donations of baked goods for our MacMillan Fundraiser. The Primary 7s had a wonderful day fulfilling all their planned activities to raise as much money as possible for the very worthy cause. Well done to all the Primary 7s, Miss McKay, Mrs Grant and Mr Haniford for raising an excellent £1117.71 towards MacMillan Cancer Support.

#### PARENTS' APPOINTMENTS

Thank you to all families who attended our parents' appointments on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of October. It was an absolute delight to be able to get back to face to face appointments after 2 years of phone call appointments. As always, we are keen to hear your thoughts and would welcome any feedback about parents' appointments. If anyone was unable to attend and would like to make an appointment at a later date, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Maley in the school office. Thank you to those who made the use of the book fayre. We made an incredible £948.92 commission, the largest amount to date, which will be spent on new books for the school.

#### FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS

After consultation with pupils, parents and staff, we have decided to move our Wellbeing Wednesdays to Feel Good Fridays to round off our weeks on a high. During Feel Good Fridays, pupils will take part in assemblies, outdoor learning, art, music, focussed health and

wellbeing activities and Rights Time. Your child's teacher will let you know if your child requires any specific clothing (wellies/outdoor trainers etc) for outdoor activities as and when required.

### **INDIVIDUAL/SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS**

Individual and sibling school photographs will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The photographer will begin with children from the EYC and will take sibling and individual photographs at the same time to avoid pupils being taken out of class twice.

### **BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND**

Book Week Scotland will be celebrated in Struthers on the 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November this year and there will be lots of reading activities for all classes to enjoy.

Parents of pupils in Primary 2 will be invited in on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November for a Read, Write, Count bag gifting event with information being shared with parents about the P2 Literacy programme.

A similar gifting and information sharing event will take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November for our Primary 3s and their parents.

The EYC to P4 classes will have guest readers on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November sharing their favourite stories.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November P4-7 will take part in a 'Where's Wally' scavenger hunt and pupils will also be able to take part in a 'Guess the Teacher' quiz. A big thank you to Mrs Grant for organising all of our Book Week Scotland activities.

### **P5 DAY OF DANCE**

Our Primary 5s are currently working hard on their Scottish dancing skills with the help of Mrs Wilma Brown. This will culminate in the Primary 5s attending a Day of Dance on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Troon Town Hall. Pupils will celebrate the dancing skills they have learned along with Primary 5 pupils from all the other Marr cluster primary schools.

### **CHARITIES**

Every year we identify both national and local charities which we would like to support. Please find our Charities calendar below which outlines these charities for session 22.23 and when fundraising events will take place.

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

As of Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, P5 are fundraising for *The Scottish Poppy Appeal* ahead of Remembrance Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 by selling Poppies every afternoon. The minimum suggested donation for the Poppies is 50p but pupils are welcome to donate more if they wish.

### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November with lots of activities planned throughout the day for all classes, including a dress down day. Miss McCormack and Mrs Houston are planning the event and have created a poster which has been attached below for your information.

### **P3 – P7 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

This year, along with P1 and P2 Nativity performances, parents will be invited to attend our P3 – P7 Christmas Concerts. To accommodate the number of parents in our gym hall, the performances will be split into the following:

Show 1 – P3, P3/4, P4 and P4/5

Show 2 – P5, P6, P7/6 and P7

Each show will perform two separate concerts, one in the afternoon and one in the evening of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. More information and details about purchasing tickets for the shows will follow closer to the time.

## WEATHER

With the weather turning colder, and potentially wetter, we would advise that all pupils come to school wearing suitable footwear and waterproof jackets. We are reluctant to keep pupils indoors all day and so even in more unfavourable weather, if they have a waterproof jacket with a hood, they will be able to play outside at some point each day.

## PICK UP TIME

Can we please take this opportunity to remind parents who are collecting our younger pupils in the school to watch out for your child being dismissed by their teacher and only wave when your child is at the front of their class line? At this time of day, the playground is exceptionally busy and it can be very difficult for pupils and staff to identify adults for every child.

As always, if there are any concerns, questions or queries arising from the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Lucy Lockie  
Acting Depute Head Teacher

### UNC Rights of the Child



**Article 3:** *The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.*

**Article 12:** *Children have the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.*

**Article 18:** *Parents and families consider what is best for their child.*

**Article 28:** *Every child has the right to an education.*

**Article 29:** *Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.*

## **DIARY DATES 2022-23**

### **November 2022**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Council Meeting – 2pm Staffroom
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cross Country after school starts till 8 <sup>th</sup> December incl.
8 <sup>th</sup>	P1 Eye Tests Drama Club starts
16 <sup>th</sup>	Struthers v Cairn football match
17 <sup>th</sup>	School Photographs
18 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need Day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Day of Dance Doonfoot v Struthers football match

### **December 2022**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Struthers v Newton football match Parent Council Meeting – Staffroom at 6.15pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch
12 <sup>th</sup>	P3 Party
13 <sup>th</sup>	P4 Party
14 <sup>th</sup>	School trip to Panto in Kilmarnock
15 <sup>th</sup>	P6 Party & P7 Snow Ball
16 <sup>th</sup>	P5 Party P7 tour of Marr College
19 <sup>th</sup>	Nativity – Day & Evening
20 <sup>th</sup>	P2 Party
21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Service
22 <sup>nd</sup>	P1 Party Close at 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays

### **January 2023**

9 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
9 <sup>th</sup>	Scots' Fortnight
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting – Staffroom at 2.00pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sportshall Event (P6 & P7)
25 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Burns Supper
26 <sup>th</sup>	EYC Burns Supper
27 <sup>th</sup>	Poetry Competition

### **February 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Meeting – Staffroom at 6.15pm
10 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup>	Local Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup>	Inservice Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Night (evening)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents Night (after school)

### **March 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council Meeting – Staffroom 2.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief Day
29 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service
31 <sup>st</sup>	School closes at 2.30pm

### **April 2023**

3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Break
17 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens

### **May 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting – Staffroom at 6.15pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reports to Parents
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Night (evening)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Night (after school)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	New P1 Parent Welcome Night
25 <sup>th</sup>	Travelling by Tuba music event
26 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee & Chat (New P1 Parents) 9.15-9.45am and 3.30-4.00pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
30 <sup>th</sup>	In-Service Day

### **June 2023**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Summer Cup
7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting – Staffroom 2.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup>	EYC –P3 Sports Afternoon
9 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Sports Afternoon
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bump Up Day (including P7 Bump Up at Marr)
14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Bump Up Day at Marr
21 <sup>st</sup>	EYC Graduation
26 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Service
28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Service
30 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes at 1.00pm

Dates may be added to newsletters throughout the year. These will also be available on the school website.

Please note\* there is a link to all South-Ayrshire school holidays on our website – [Struthers.sayr.sch.uk](http://Struthers.sayr.sch.uk)



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## BBC Children in Need



Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### **Bake Sale**

*(20-70p)*

### **Dress Down Day**

*(£1 donation)*

### **Guess Pudsey's Birthday**

*(£1 a guess to win a giant Pudsey Bear)*

### **Raffle with prizes such as:**

- Family pass to Paradise Island mini golf
- £100 voucher for Urquhart Opticians
- Meal vouchers
- Afternoon tea
- Family photoshoots

and many more exciting prizes...

*(£1 per strip)*

### **Pudsey Merchandise such as:**

- Ears - £2.50
- Wristbands - £1
- Badges - £1







A massive thank you to everyone who has donated amazing raffle prizes so far. Also thank you in advance for bake sale donations and donations on the day. The money raised for Children in Need goes towards helping the most disadvantaged children and young people in the U.K with a total sum of £1 billion being raised since the charity started in 1980.



**BBC**  
**Children in Need**

## Struthers Charity Fundraising Calendar 2022/23

Below are all the charitable events that will be organised this session by staff and pupils. Other awareness and fundraising events occur throughout the year such as supporting global emergencies as well as charities which are close to pupils, parents and staff. If you have any charities which you would like us to recognise please get in touch.

Date	Charity and Event	Organisers	Amount Raised
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	<b>MacMillan</b> Donations for bake sale 	P7 and staff	£1117.71
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	<b>Children in Need</b> Fun and games dress up day 	Staff and pupils	
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	<b>The Micah Project Troon</b> Christmas jumper day 	Staff and pupils	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	<b>Ayrshire and Arran MS Society</b>  Wear orange for MS	Staff and Pupils	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	<b>Comic Relief</b> Fun and games 	Staff and Pupils	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>Down's Syndrome Scotland</b> Lots of Socks awareness raising day 	Staff and pupils	