

ANNBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM FOUR NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back to our Summer Term. Everyone has made a great start back and the school is busy as always. This newsletter will keep you informed of all the activities we have planned for the children.

School Newsletter

It has been an extremely busy year and as you read through the newsletter you will see that term 4 is no different!

We are continuing to develop our use of Groupcall as an enhanced means of communicating with parents, carers and pupils. One improvement is that parents can respond directly to texts or messages sent by the school. If parents/carers are not receiving text messages from the school and wish to do so please contact the school office.

To further help improve communication please have a look at our school website and our screen in reception for latest news and updates. Please remember to follow our Twitter account - we try to update the newsfeed as often as possible and have found this to be a very valuable method of communication to let you know the wide range of activities taking place each week, the achievements of the children throughout the EYC and school and to keep you up to date with vital information.



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Should you wish to discuss any aspect of school life, or have any concerns, please pop into school or call to find a mutually convenient time.

Karen Butchart

Head Teacher



Early Years Centre

We are open!

We were delighted to open our newly refurbished Early Years Centre on Wednesday 31st January. This new space offers the children a fabulous new Early Years Centre to enjoy.

Our 2-year-old room is now up and running on 12th March 2018 and it was a pleasure to welcome new children as they start their learning journey.

We have moved toward provision of 1140 hours and are now offering additional childcare options to parents if they wish for ante and pre school children. From 20th Aug the EYC will move towards 51 weeks provision. It is a very exciting time and one of great change which we hope will benefit parents and families in the community.

Primary 1 and EYC Registration is now complete. Thank you to all parents who attended the registrations sessions and we look forward to welcoming your child into our school and/or EYC in the near future.

Health & Wellbeing

Mrs Tonner has again this term arranged for sports coaches and partners to enhance our learning and teaching programme in Health & Wellbeing. We are extremely fortunate to be working with partners from our local community and beyond and hope that these experiences will not only promote skill development but also enjoyment, relaxation and fun.

Extra-Curricular Activity Term 4

Our Term 4 programme of extra-curricular activity has started. The clubs detailed below will be on offer for the different stages to enjoy.



LUNCHTIME CLUBS	AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS
<p>Monday: Handball with Alan McQueen P6-7</p> <p>Tuesday: Run, Throw and Jump with Mrs McAulay and Primary 7 Sports Leaders - P2</p> <p>Tuesday: Touch-Typing class with Mrs McClurg P2-7</p> <p>Wednesday: Mini-Bridge with Gordon and Brian - P6 and P7</p> 	<p>Monday: Scoot Club with Mr McGillivray - P1 Contact Rugby with Ayr Rugby P6/7</p> <p>Tuesday: Basketball with Mr McGillivray - P2/3 Ready Steady Cook with Mrs Mulholland - P2/3 ICT Skills Development with Miss Smith - P4 Art and Craft with Mrs Michelson - P5</p> <p>Wednesday: ICT Skills Development: Parent and Child Club with John Bell from Community Learning aimed at P1-7 Netball with Active Schools P5-7</p> <p>Thursday: Badminton with Mrs McCracken P6-7</p> <p>Friday: Football with Alan and Liam P5-7</p>

During term time Primary 1 are working on improving their Gymnastics skills with Ayr Gymnastics down at the Activity Centre and local coaches Steven and Linda Grant are also delivering Gymnastics sessions to our Primary 1 pupils in our Gym Hall. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are being coached Contact Rugby by Ayr Rugby Coaches and Primary 4 and 5 pupils are enjoying Handball sessions with Chris Kerr from Scottish Handball. This term Primary 6 pupils are also completing the Bikeability 2 programme with Mrs Tonner, Active Schools, Mrs Kerr and Mrs Wheeler. Once again, it's busy, busy, busy!



Festivals and Competitions

This term our pupils will be taking part in a huge number of different Festivals and Competitions across Ayrshire and beyond. Our school Handball team recently participated in the Scottish Schools Handball Championships and had a very enjoyable day at the Ravenscraig Sports Arena in Motherwell. Our school Bridge team will be participating in the Ayrshire Bridge Competition, competing against schools from across Ayrshire, 40 P4-7 pupils will be participating in the Ayrshire Orienteering Championships at the Dean Park in Kilmarnock, a selection of P5-7 pupils will participate in the South Ayrshire Running, Cycling and Swimming Triathlon event which will take place at the Prestwick Swimming Pool and Oval, a team of pupils from P5-7 will represent the school at the South Ayrshire Netball Festival, and finally..... our Football team are playing in the semi-final of the Mackie Cup! Please join me in wishing our pupils every success in their chosen sports.



Congratulations

The school hosted a Scottish Afternoon on Friday 2nd February 2018. Each class performed a song and the winners of the poetry competition performed their poems in front of the school and parents/carers. Thanks go to Newton Burns Club members for taking the time to judge the competition and give out the prizes. Winners were P1a Rachael McGarrie, P1B Mason Compton, Clayton hose and Callum MacKay, P2 Alecia Houston, P3 Olivia Bennis, P4/3 Kayla Mullholland, P4 Jessica Bickerton, P5 Ffion Sparkes, P6 Mia Compton, P7/6 Emily Forrester, P7 Amber McNair.

P7 girls (Armani Jade Innes, Carly McMaster, Sophie) on Tuesday 20th February performed a moving rendition of "Loch Lomond" at the South Ayrshire Council Burns Supper. The standard of the girls' performance was so high they were then invited to sing at Alloway Burns Club - Well done.

Well done to the following pupils: Ellie Taylor, Ffion Sparkes, Emily Forrester, Ava Bowie, Isla Cuthbert, Kayla Mulholland, Olivia Bennis and Layla Campbell who participated in the South Ayrshire Council Gymnastics Competition. The competition was very fierce. Despite this the teams representing Annbank Primary came **FIRST** in level 1 and **SECOND** in pre-level one- a huge well done to all the children involved we are very proud of them all. Thank you also to Mrs Tonner, teaching staff and Gymnastics coaches Linda and Steven Grant for their time and effort.



Drop-In Sessions with Mrs McClurg

Mrs McClurg holds a Support for Learning drop-in session on the first Monday of every month. If you have any concerns about your child's learning please come along and speak with Mrs McClurg, our Pupil Support Teacher, from 3-3.30pm.



Sports Day and Community Picnic

Our Sports Day and Community Picnic will take place on Friday 1st June. Sports Day will start at 10am down at the Toll and our Community Picnic will follow thereafter - this was a fantastic day had by all last year, the sun came out to join us and everyone had a great time. Everyone welcome!

Dolphin House 2018

Primary 7 pupils attended Dolphin House residential outdoor centre this term. They participated in a range of outdoor activities, receiving specialist instruction from experts in this area. During their stay, Primary 7 explored and observed the local environment and participated in important conservation activities, which will contribute to their John Muir Award as well as South Ayrshire's Award of Ambition. All pupils concerned, grew in maturity and leadership through this valuable experience.



Leadership for Learning Pupil Committees



This session our pupils have been involved in Pupil Committees. Children from Primary 4 to Primary 7 have met to discuss specific areas of education and their local environment and take forward initiatives which have complimented the work of the school and community. Committees have organised very successful fundraisers, chosen resources for our children to play with in our playground, they have organised a community litter pick and they have very successfully worked together to raise awareness of Dyslexia. We hope to continue the work of these committees next session and would welcome any parents who would like to support these committees to come along and join us!

P5 Foodbank



As part of their learning, P5 are running a foodbank collection point for the local foodbank. This is running until the 8th June and there will be a prize for the class who manage to collect the most donations. Any items for the foodbank can be brought with the children or handed into the office.



Primary 1 Transition.

Children from the Early Years Centre have been enjoying transition activities with Primary 1. They will continue these visits and engage in visits to the woods until the end of term.



Primary 1 Fun

P1 recently enjoyed trips to the local woods. In small groups we tried some den building and we collected lots of materials to bring home to make stick men.



Dyslexia Friendly Schools



Last term our DFS Committee delivered 2 very successful awareness raising presentations to parents and to pupils. In Annbank Primary School we are committed to ensuring the needs of all learners are met and we pride ourselves on being a Dyslexia Friendly School. If you would like to know more about Dyslexia, or you would like to join our Dyslexia Friendly Committee please contact Mrs Tonner to discuss this further, we would be delighted to have more parents on our committee. Annbank Primary School is

currently working on Gold accreditation in the Dyslexia Friendly Schools award criteria, our school has worked really hard to raise awareness of Dyslexia and ensure that all children feel valued, understood and that their needs are being met and that all parents are informed of their children's needs. We try our very best to get it right for every child.



Congratulations to Cahla McGarry, our Primary 4 pupil, who entered the DFS Committee's competition to design a school motto for Dyslexia and won first prize in the competition with her super motto. This motto will be displayed throughout the school - a huge well done Cahla!

Bicycles and Scooters in the Playground

We are delighted to see so many boys and girls cycling and scooting to school in the morning. Could we please remind you that all children coming to school on their bikes and scooters must be wearing a helmet for their own safety, and to ensure the safety of others, all children must come off of their bikes and scooters on entry to the school playground, and walk them to the cycle shelter which is located outside our Community Hall - thank-you!



Mossblown Care Club

Mossblown Care Club provides children from 3 - 14yrs with a range of fun play activities that engage children to be creative, imaginative, and curious, have fun, build relationships, make friends and develop new skills. Whether you're a working parent or you just want your child to have access to positive play experiences then you can use our services. We open from Monday to Friday term time from 3 - 6pm and collect your children from school or EYC. Costs include £10 annual registration fee and £7.50 per session, per child.

We are registered with the Care Inspectorate and have staff that are qualified in childcare. Why not pop along to Mossblown Activity Centre between the times of 3.30 - 6pm for a chat with our staff. For more information email ChildcareServices@south-ayrshire.gov.uk, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or call 01292 612029.

Head Lice

Parents are reminded of the need to regularly check their child's head. Head lice are a common problem for all schools and parents need to be vigilant and routinely use the detection combing method. Please follow the link below for further information and advice about head lice from NHS choices.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Parents can also seek advice from school nurse Anne Mackay who is based at The Biggart Hospital or their local pharmacist.

Lost Property

Please ensure items of clothing, especially jackets and jumpers, are clearly labelled. Children are asked to take responsibility for their belongings and all jackets and packed lunch boxes must be taken home at the end of the school day.



Playground



Can I please remind everyone it is South Ayrshire Policy that dogs, unless they are guide dogs or hearing dogs, are not allowed in the playground. South Ayrshire Council recently painted 'walking men' on the pathway that allows children and parents to walk safely from the front of the school to the office, library, EYC and playground. Please do not park on this walkway to allow everyone to travel safely.

Attendance and Late Coming

The number of pupils arriving late at school is still causing concerning and impacting on learning and teaching. Please ensure your child is on time for school. Any child arriving late must report to the school office. All late comings are recorded and this is closely monitored.



Communication

Can we please remind all parents/carers that if they change their contact details, can they please ensure that they give the school a note of this for use in an emergency. Can parents please also ensure that medical information is up to date. Any change please advise the school office immediately.

If your child is absent from school please telephone the school office on 01292 612493 to advise or e mail, text or send a letter in to school to advise of absence.

Parent Council Update

Parent Council meetings on the following dates this term

- Wednesday 23rd of May 7pm
- Tuesday 19th June 9am

Everyone is welcome to attend meetings! We welcome all help and suggestions so if you have a fundraising idea please let us know!

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is growing and growing in popularity which we are delighted about. The children enjoy a healthy breakfast whilst having fun with their friends.

To allow this club to continue and to ensure we can offer it as a free service we need more volunteers to help. If you could help even 1 day a week please contact the school office or Sara Stewart - thank you

Bing a bottle Non-Uniform Day Thursday 24th of May

We will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 24th of May. Alcohol can be handed in at the school office.

Raffle Prizes/donations

We are well on our way to collecting some great raffle prizes again this year and couldn't do it with the help of you and the great local businesses that support us every year. If you can help by donating a gift it would be greatly appreciated. All donations can be handed in at the school office or you can phone the school and we will arrange collection. Raffle tickets are now on sale £1 a strip and they can be pre ordered from the school office. Please put correct money in an envelope with child's name, class and contact number. Good luck!!

Sports Day 1st June 10.00am

We will be providing all children with juice and crisps again this year.

Community Picnic 1st of June 2018

Community Picnic planning is well on the way we have Owl magic coming, Bouncy castle and sumo suits. There will be face painting, glitter tattoos, gunge tank, pocket money toys, tuck shop, ice creams, home baking, bingo, bottle tombola, raffle and entertainment!! We are sure a great day will be had by all and we look forward to seeing you all there!

If you have some time to volunteer or help on the day that would be great, please leave your details at the school office and we will be in touch.

Early Years leavers 2018

The Parent Council will be providing all Early Years children their elasticated ties ready for them moving on to Primary 1 in August. We will be in contact with the Early Years Centre shortly to confirm numbers and order ties.

A huge thank you to all Parents, staff and children for their continued support!!



Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!

Dates for your diary - Term 4

Date	Time	Classes/Pupils Involved	Detail
MAY			
Thurs 10 th	All day	Identified Pupils	South Ayrshire Bridge Competition
Fri 11 th	All day	P2	Trip to Culzean - Pond Dipping
Tues 15 th	All day	P6/7 & P7	Trip to Science Centre
Wed 16 th	am	P7 pupils	ID Card Photos
Thurs 17 th	All day	Identified Pupils	SA Orienteering Championships
Thurs 17 th	All day	Identified Pupils	SA Netball Competition
Fri 18 th	9.00am	Parents & Carers	Coffee and Chat
Tues 22 nd	All day	P6 pupils	STEM event at Ayr Academy
Tues 22 nd	2.00-3.00	Parents & Carers	Internet Safety Marketplace
Wed 23 rd	7.00pm	Parents & Carers	Parent Council Meeting
Thurs 24 th	All day	All school & EYC	Non-uniform day - Bring A bottle
Fri 25 th	All day	All school & EYC	Holiday
Mon 28 th	All day	All school & EYC	Holiday
Tues 29 th	All day	All school & EYC	In-service Day
JUNE			
Fri 1 st	All day	All school & EYC	Sports Day and Picnic
Wed 6 th	All day	Identified Pupils	South Ayrshire Triathlon event
Thurs 7 th	All day	P3 & P4/3	Trip to Culzean - Seaside
Thurs 7 th	All day	P7 pupils	P7 Transition Day at Ayr Academy
Fri 8 th	All day	P7 pupils	P7 Transition Day at Ayr Academy
Fri 8 th	am	Preschool & P1-6	Bump Up morning
Wed 13 th	7.00pm	P7 pupils	Award of Ambition ceremony
Thurs 14 th	10.00-12.30	P6 pupils	Transition event at Ayr Academy
Mon 18 th	am/pm	EYC	EYC Trip
Tues 19 th	9.00am	Parents & Carers	Parent Council Meeting
Tues 19 th	6.00pm	Identified Pupils	Ayr Academy Concert
Wed 20 th	all day	All EYC & School	Developing Young Workforce Day
Thurs 21 st	pm	P1 pupils	P1 Fairyland Ball
Wed 27 th	all day	All school	Whole school summer trip
Thur 28 th	pm	Identified pupils	House Treat
Thurs 28 th	all day	All school & EYC	Dress down day/Bring a pound
Fri 29 th	9.30am	All school	P7 Leavers Service
Fri 29 th	1.00pm	All school & EYC	School closes for Summer holiday

Please remember these dates and times are subject to change. Please check schoolbags, text messages, website and twitter to keep up to date with changes and additions.

**Schools
Out!**

Thank you for your continued support.

Karen Butchart

Head Teacher