



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - February 2017

Burns Celebrations

We are very proud of our pupils who enthusiastically learned their Burns'/Scottish poems. A winner was chosen from each class and they recited their poems at our Burns' Competition on Friday 10 February. They were awarded with a certificate and a medal. Class winners were: P1C Blake Gorrie, P1L Jessica Rodgers, P1M Lauren Stewart, P1MCK Erin O'Connor, P2B Molly Muirhead, P2K Erin McCormack, P2MCP Emily Skinner, P2N Keir Parsons, P3A Sophie Malone, P3C/K Calleigh Green, P3E Liam Rogerson, P3S Kayla McDonald, P4C Ruairidh Templeton, P4F Leyton Murray, P4M Sean Clark / Emily McDonald, P5E Matthew Wallace, P5M Amie-Leigh McIlvanney, P5N Eve Shirkie, P6A Jessica Harris, P6H Daniel Boyd, P6K Freya Rafferty, P7B Paige Holland, P7C Tammy Mackenzie, P7M Katy Dudgeon, P1-3G Leah Mills and P4-7G Eubh Baillie. Overall P1-P3 winner was Emily Skinner, overall P4/P5 winner was Leyton Murray and overall P6/7 winner was Katy Dudgeon. Thanks to Mrs McCartney, Mrs Jess and Mr McIlwraith who helped with the judging. P7s organised a Burns Supper, the haggis was piped in by Mr Murphy. All pupils and some parents enjoyed haggis, neeps and tatties. Entertainment was poetry, dancing and violin playing by P7 pupils.



Rotary Quiz

4 x P7 pupils Pheobe Arnott, Alix McGibbon, Adam Sharp and Matthew Ward took part in Kilmarnock District Rotary Quiz along with 15 other schools and they did very well. Unfortunately this year we had to hand the shield back.

Dogs / Smoking In The Playground

We wish to remind you that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds for Health and Safety reasons. As part of East Ayrshire No Smoking Policy, smoking is not allowed in the school grounds.



Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2017 took place on Tuesday 7 February with the theme "Play your part for a safer internet". Pupils designed posters to raise awareness of online safety and classes and staff members posed for a "safe selfie". Across the school, pupils explored how valuable the internet is and expressed their wishes for the internet to be a positive and inclusive place that respects peoples' differences.



Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to drink water during the school day to help promote physical and mental well being. We would be grateful if you would ensure that your child has a named water bottle to use in school.



Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the office by 9.15 am on 525477. If we haven't heard from you by 9.15 am you will receive a text message in the first instance and if you are unavailable we will contact the emergency contact. All Data Forms have been updated with new contact details, if this changes at any time throughout the session, please let us know.



Nut Allergies

We are committed to a whole school approach to the Health and Safety of all pupils. We have two pupils in school who have severe nut allergies. We ask that pupils do not bring nuts/or nut related products to school. Please note Nutella is a nut related product.

Headlice

We have recently had a few cases of Head Lice in school. Head Lice are caught from close head to head contact with an infected person. Young children are particularly vulnerable because head to head contact is more common in this age group. Momentary, close contact is enough. Prevention - look out for symptoms of head lice. Perform weekly checks to look for nits and head lice in your family's hair. Keep long hair tied back. Avoid sharing combs and brushes with other people. Avoid wearing other people's hair accessories (hairbands, scrunchies), caps or hats. It would be appreciated by the school if you could let us know of any outbreak - all information will be treated in confidence.

Uniform/Labelling Clothes

Please ensure your child's name and class are clearly marked on all jackets, sweatshirts, trousers, packed lunch boxes etc. We are asking that packed lunch boxes are taken home every day.

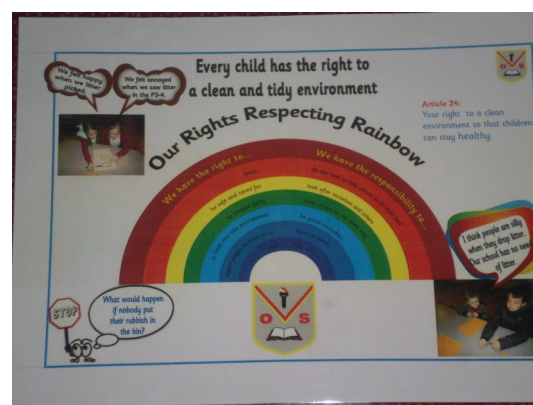


Medication

If your child requires medication during the school day, please call into the office to complete the necessary permission slip and hand in the medication. We ask that you do not give your child medication to take unsupervised by themselves.

RRS Update

This month's RRS article is Article 13 'Your Right to have Information'. The RRS Ambassadors met to put together Onthank Rainbow. P1-P4 Ambassadors illustrated different articles. P5-P7 Ambassadors made welcome signs in different languages. All pictures are on display on the RRS wall in the main corridor. Photographs are on the school website.



Eco Update

We took part in Switch Off Fortnight—Monday 30 January till Friday 10 February. All classes wrote their pledges to save energy and these are displayed in the main corridor (pictures are on the website). We had a visit from Mr Richards and Mr Harper to present prizes to the overall Dog Fouling poster winners—P1-P3 Sophie Harrison, P4-P5 Lucy Wilson and P6-P7 Teigan McGawn. The girls were presented with a gift voucher.



Rotary

Our volunteer reading partners from the Rotary Club have continued to visit every Thursday morning. Both children and Rotarians enjoy this time and teachers are noticing an improvement in the children's confidence and engagement with reading. We are very grateful for this support.



Facebook Page

The school Facebook page is now up and running. Please follow our page to keep up to date with school news and events. Please note there are a few pages that have used the school name, our official page has East Ayrshire's logo as our profile picture. Please return consent forms as soon as possible so that we can add photos to our page too.





February Star Pupils

Primary 1: Alfie Kirkwood, Macie Campbell, Violet Milloy, Amelia Gregorek, Layla Duffy, Arihanna Devlin, Ross Golightly, Taylor Clannachan, Devlin Robertson, Amy Higgins, Haleigh Hume, Lily Gilbert, Shaw Saxelby, Jack Blaney.

Primary 2: Tyler McCourt, Mason McLean, Sarah Murphy, Rae Warnes, Jamie Sim, Ellie Nicol, Rio Quinn, Cody Wilson, Cillian Heaney, Laila Cassidy, Mitchell Birtles, Aaron Harper, Callum Nicol, Kelsi-Leigh Cree.

Primary 3: Ava Richmond, Oliver Mayes, Max Black, Breckin Wilson, Joshua McCurry, Ethan Craiger, Liam Rogerson, Kayla McDonald, Melody Longmuir, Declan Bell, Reece Glover, Kyra McGaw, Calum Hamilton.

Primary 4: Adam Ferrell, Jay Richmond, Isla McMahon, Victoria McGinn, Leyton Murray, Jonathon Harper, Emma Cassidy.

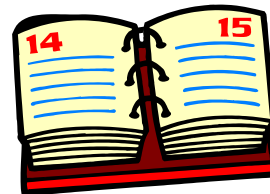
Primary 5: Ethan Martin, Emma Morrison, Robbie Qua, Kai Munro, Lee Curran.

Primary 6: Alex Kirkpatrick, Jake Morton, Freya Rafferty, Jessica Harris, Aarron McCourt, Aime-Lee McIlvanney, Maisie Hinks.

Primary 7: Skye Sloan, Mark Dickie, David Quinn, Jarrod Mason, Tammy Mackenzie, Katy Dudgeon.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS / CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS / EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS / RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Dates for your Diary



March 2017

Thursday 2 March	World Book Day! Come Dine With Me for P2s
Friday 3 March	P7 Maths Fun Day at James Hamilton Academy
Wednesday 8 March	Parent Council Meeting 7.00 pm
Saturday 11 March	Bag Packing at Tesco, Glasgow Road 11.30 am—4.30 pm
Wednesday 15 March	Euro Quiz
Tuesday 21 March	P6s to Kelvingrove and Transport Museum
Thursday 23 March	Shoogalie Road Production 'Jungle Book' / Parents' Evening
Friday 24 March	Red Nose Day—Make Your Laugh Matter
Monday 27 March	P3 and P7 Year Group Photograph—Tempest
Tuesday 28 March	Rag Bag Collection / Parents' Afternoon
Wednesday 29 March	P3s to Vinkgar, Largs
Friday 31 March	School closes 2.30 pm



April 2017

Tuesday 18 April	School reopens 9.00 am
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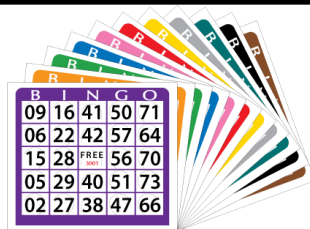
PTA Newsletter

Quiz sheets

This event was well supported this year with almost 140 children completing quiz sheets. Thanks to all who took part and congratulations to all the winners.

Book Fayre

The PTA will be helping to run the book stall at each of the parents nights. Please stop in at the hall on your way in or out of the school to see what is available.



Upcoming Events

Bingo

A family bingo evening has been arranged for 11 May 2017. Further details will be provided nearer the time



but the evening will include a raffle. Refreshments will be provided as part of the ticket price. Please come along and support this event. If anyone wishes to donate prizes for the raffle please hand these into the office.

Summer Discos

We intend to run 3 summer discos this year, one for P1 and P2 classes, a second one for P3 and P4, and a third one for P5s-P7s. This change is in response to some feedback we received regarding the Halloween disco. Further information on dates and times will be sent to all parents nearer the time.



Come and join us



If anyone feels they could spare some time, please come along to the next PTA meeting (date to be confirmed). You can either pass your name to the office and we will be in touch with you, or can speak to one of the members of the PTA.

We only hold a few meetings per year so the commitment is not too onerous and it would be great to get input from some new parents.