



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - May 2017

P1 Transition

Our new Primary 1s have been in school for three visits. They have met their teacher and their new classmates. Parents of the new pupils have also been in school for a meeting. We look forward to welcoming them to our school in August. As from Thursday 17 August all P1 pupils will be in full days.



Sun Care

This is the summer term and we hope to have good weather. We plan to take pupils outside when the weather is suitable. Please put suncream on children and provide them with water bottles on very hot days. Children can also wear hats to protect them from the sun.



Uniform

We are always complimented on our school uniform. Please note if you are buying uniforms during the holidays please buy red sweatshirts. Our uniforms can be bought from the school through ParentPay, Ayrshire Schoolwear, 7-9 Prince's Street, Kilmarnock, Tesco On-line and Walker & Templeton. School blazers can be braided with red or orange braid. If you are in receipt of Income Support, Jobseekers Allowance, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit, Council Tax Benefit or Housing Benefit you may be entitled to a clothing grant and/or free school meals. Application forms are available from the school office.



Fun Day

P7 Annual Fun Day is on Thursday 15 June from 9.30 am—2.30 pm. Parents and friends are invited to come along. There will be face painting, bouncy castle, visits from Fire Brigade, Police and Ambulance Service.



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.

Baby News

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs McPhail on the birth of their baby daughter. Mother and baby are doing well!

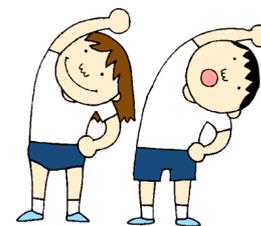


Onthank App on iPhone

- Open website www.onthankprimary.btck.co.uk and click on  button.
- From this page click on Add to Home Screen.
- The app should now appear on your screen.

Ear/Body Piercing

I would like to make you aware that pupils are not able to take PE for several weeks after piercings. I ask that if you are planning this for your child, that you do this at the beginning of the summer holidays. This means that no child will miss PE, which is an important part of the school curriculum, for this reason in the new session.



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.

Walk To School Week

We had a very successful Walk To School Week with over 70% of our pupils walking to school. Classes walked during school time. We participated every day by wearing a hat, crazy hair, bright colours and odd socks. Thanks to all parents/carers who participated.



RRS Update

As part of RRS programme a competition was organised to design a Fidget Spinner to show Article 7: The Right to Relax and Play. Class winners were: P1C Kaycee Ritchie, P1L Saskia Markac, P1M Maia Wason, P1MCK Erin Thomas, P2B Rowan Bamford, P2N Holly Nimbley, P2S Kaitlin Bell, P1-3G Harris Merrick, P3A Jessica Anderson, P3C/K Alex Dunlop, P3E Sarah Robertson, P3S Ellie Cummings, P4C Alex Chudleigh, P4F Erin Tonner, P4M Calum McNaughton, P5E Alistair Dickson, P5M Kayla McCloskey, P5N Luke Edgar, P6A Molly Sneddon, P6H Alfie Banks, P6K Emily Black, P7B Adam Cowan, P7C Mark Chan, P7M Joshua McLeod, P4-7G Murrin Cairns. Overall winners were: Rowan Bamford, Lucy Wilson, Luke Edgar, Joshua McLeod and Gaelic ECC Fallon Cairns. All stages of the school were given a different article to look at in detail. Most pupils dress up as "what I want to be when I grow up". They explained a reason for wanting to do the chosen job. All did this very well!



Eco News

We have completed our 4th Green Flag Application Form and emailed it to Eco Schools Scotland. We have received confirmation with a reply saying it will be looked at in the next couple of months. The Eco Committee completed a litter survey and compared the findings with the same area as they surveyed in September. We are delighted to say all 3 playgrounds had improved greatly. We all took part in a Whole School and Community Spring Clean. Spring Clean photos are on website and there was a double page spread in the Kilmarnock Standard. Again we are pleased to report that we collected less bags of litter than we did in September. Thank you to all pupils, staff, parents and Nutz for helping. Thank you to Heather and Gregg's the Bakers for providing us with a treat. Eco suggestion from Murrin P6G—it may be nearly the end of the year, but that doesn't mean the end of the road for old uniforms. If your uniform no longer fits and is in a good state please send into school and we can recycle it by passing on to others.



STEM Fortnight

Our STEM Chocolate Factory challenge came to an end with a guest panel and Dragon's Den style presentations. Thanks to our panel: Councillor McKay, engineer John Cockburn, Parent Council Chair Scott Thomson and Head Teacher Mrs McCartney. We're glad to say that after all our hard work the Chocolate Factory could be saved. Well done everyone! Pics are on school website and were also in Kilmarnock Standard.

Hillhouse—Here To Help

We have forms from Hillhouse if you are in need of any items of clothing, shoes, toys, baby items, cots etc for children up to the age of 16. If you would like a form to request items please call into the office or speak privately to Mrs Findlay.

Scripture Union

The SU Group meet in school on Mondays at lunchtime. At the beginning of the month some P5-7 pupils went away to SU Camp along with 100 pupils from many other schools round Ayrshire. A brilliant weekend was had by all.

Football Teams

The football team have been busy once again. Both teams took part in the National Finals Tournament in Glasgow this month and both teams finished fifth in their tournaments, which both started with over 600 teams in each. The P6/7 football team have made it to the Ayrshire Cup Final where they will play Gargieston, beating Nether Robertland 3-0 in the semi-final. They have also progressed to the semi-final of the Dunlop Cup by winning every game in their group. A huge congratulations to the team on what is shaping up to be a perfect season. After playing 33 games so far, they have won 30, drawn 2 and lost only 1! The final will be played at Dam Park in Ayr on Friday 9 June at 7.15 pm. There will be a charge of £2 per adult and £1 per child/OAP to watch the game. Thanks to Mr Boyd for his superb coaching skills.



Inverclyde

P7 recently enjoyed their residential trip to Inverclyde last week. The children had a great time away and enjoyed participating in all of the activities. These included tennis, badminton, hockey and gymnastics. We also had a day trip to Kelburn Country Park, Nardini's and the Waterfront Centre in Greenock. Thank you to all involved in the organisation of the trip. Our P7s were great ambassadors for our school.



Homework Questionnaire

Thank you to all who responded to our questionnaires about homework. The most recent request for information resulted in 131 responses which gives us a good sample of your views. The previous Survey Monkey survey of the same questions produced over 100 responses and the results are very similar. There are significantly more parents and carers who wish homework than don't and the clear majority stating the amount of homework is about right, although comments give views on what would make the homework more effective. Thank you to all who offered to be part of a homework group to review and update homework policy to reflect your views. This will be challenging as there are different views on how homework is set and how often, however, I wish to address these issues prior to the start of the new session to have a more "joined up" approach. I will contact the 26 parents/carers who ticked the box to be involved, to invite you to a meeting to discuss the issues raised, as well as the many positive comments which enables us to build on existing good practice. We are committed to providing worthwhile experiences which provide you with information about your child's learning. I appreciate your support and will provide further information once this meeting has taken place.

Sporting Achievements

Pupils from P4 represented the school at the Active Schools Tennis Festival. We were 2nd overall. Pupils from P5 represented the school at the Active Schools Tri-Golf Festival. We were 5th overall. Well done to all of the pupils that participated in the festivals.



Gaelic Feis

P3-7G recently took part in the Feis Drama in Glasgow. They performed they play 'Na Tri Tалантан' / 'The Three Talents'. The evening was enjoyed by all and the children were complimented on their fantastic Gaelic and acting.

Staff

We have a new Senior Clerical Assistant in the main office call Mrs McGuigan. We welcome her to Onthank Primary School.





May Star Pupils

Primary 1: Ollie Shopp, Alfie James, Zak McReynolds, Lily Brown, Lewis Anderson, Liam Paterson, Lauchlan Dunn, Lauren Stewart, Adam McAvoy, Violet Milloy, Kaiden-Lee Henderson, Saskia Markac, Jack McGee, Molly McMahon, Rachel Paterson.

Primary 2: Lyle Bolland, Rae Warnes, Greg Salisbury, Oliver Smith, Keira Bennett, Hamish Nicol, Mitchell Birtles, Ellie Nicol, Daisy Lawless, Sophie Ritchie, Callum Nicol.

Primary 3: Joshua McCurry, Callum Walker, Declan Angus, Lewis Campbell, Niamh Lochrie, Declan Bell, Sarah Robertson, Katie Brown, Sophie Malone, Rueben Devlin.

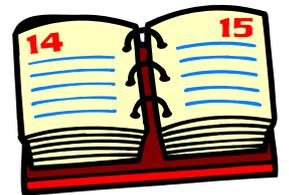
Primary 4: Neve Robertson, Luke Fairbairn, Cameron McCreadie, Aimee Robinson, Callum Thomson, Rhys Krupp, Erin Tonner, Kerr McLaughlan, Mackenzie Simpson, Adam Ferrell, Ethan Stirling, Evie Daly, Hollie Bryden.

Primary 5: Erin Duffy, Jay Gan, Bonnie Kerr, Torin Maclachlan, Leighah Campbell, Abigail Brown-High, Saul Duffy, Jason Nicol.

Primary 6: Lauren Wood, Kaitlin Bennett, Abby Armstrong, Logan Johnstone, Nathan Smith, Max Tucker, Molly Sneddon, Kyle Paterson, Josh Thomson, Lewis Littlejohn, Sarah Kirk, Reiss Byott, Logan McInally, Ruby Newlands, Nico Minchello.

Primary 7: Kelsie O'Brien, Finlay McMillan, Liam Barbour, Mya McCartney, Leo Cairns, Dylan Simpson, Kayley Robertson, Sasha I'Anson, Emma Fraser, Rihanna Wilson, Lewis McGuire.

Dates for your Diary



June 2017

Friday 2 June	The Green Machine Production 9.30 am / St. Joseph's Induction
Monday 5 June	P7s to JHA Transition
Tuesday 6 June	P7s to JHA Transition
Wednesday 7 June	P7s to JHA Transition / Kilmarnock Academy Transition
Thursday 8 June	Kilmarnock Academy Transition / Grange Academy Transition
Friday 9 June	Kilmarnock Academy Transition / Grange Academy Transition
Thursday 15 June	P7s Fun Day
Friday 16 June	P2s to Eglinton Park
Tuesday 20 June	P7s to Millport
Monday 26 June	P7 Ties Assembly
Tuesday 27 June	Prizegiving 9.30 am
Wednesday 28 June	P6s to Culzean
Thursday 29 June	Close for holiday 1.00 pm



August 2017

Wednesday 16 August	Inservice Day
Thursday 17 August	Pupils return 9.00 am



K. McCartney / G. Findlay

Kirsteen A. McCartney

Sgoil-Àraich Newsletter

Fàilte air ais h-uile duine

We are now in June - An t-Ogmhios and in our 4th term.



We are really enjoying our Inventions and Science topic.

The children wanted to learn about a variety of Inventions and Science- such as machines - cars **caraichean**, rockets **rocaidean** and rainbows - **bogha frois**.

We have been learning about colour- **dathan** from our investigations into rainbows.

We have learned about the force that makes a rocket go. What makes it go up and practised balloon rockets to see this force in action.

The Sgoil- àraich children are independent learners and we plan our experiences together.

Here are some faclan- words- we have learned from our Inventions and Science topic:

Rocaidean - Rockets - *Rocade jin*

Bogha - frois- Rainbow- *Bowa frosh*

Brot- Soup - *brought*

Uighean - eggs- *ooyin*

A' gluasad- moving- *a' gluasad*



We celebrated National Bookbug Week and had a visit from parents and children in Pàrant is Paiste.

We are learning about Rights Respecting Schools and our [Right to a name -Article 7](#). Recently Fallon won a competition for designing a Fidget Spinner - [Our right to Relax and Play Article 31](#)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 2 June	Green Machine 9.30 am—Eco Performance
W/B Monday 5 June	Parents' meetings
Tuesday 13 June	Sgoil Àraich trip - Jungle Madness - info to follow
Thursday 22 June	Gàidhlig Sports Day / Parants' Paiste and Sgoil Àraich
Wednesday 28 June	Graduation
Thursday 29 June	School closes at 1.00 pm



PTA Newsletter

Thank you

The family bingo night took place on 11 May 2017. We managed to raise the incredible sum of £693.60. So thank you to all those who came along, and who gave so generously. Special thanks also go to the following who very kindly provided prizes and without whose generosity we cannot run events such as this:—

Karen Simpson Photography, Darcy's Candles, Fab4Languages, Morrisons, Ferris Café, the Galleon, Showcase Cinema, A One Tandoori, Jungle Madness, the Garage, Fee's Fondants, the Palace Theatre, I Do Nails,,,,,by Amy, Laura Roy Hairdressing, Tesco Glasgow Road, Julie Stevenson Massage, Costa Coffee, Newmilns Ski Slope.

And to the many, many parents and friends of the school who handed in donations to the office.

THANK
YOU!



Summer Disco

The discos will take place on 21 June 2017. We have decided to split these into 3 separate discos this year, one for P1 and P2 classes from 6.00pm-6.45pm, a second one for P3 and P4 from 7.00-7.45, and a third one for P5s-P7s from 8.00 to 8.45. Further information on how to get tickets and arrangements for drop off and pick up of children will be contained in a leaflet which will be given out shortly.



Come and join us

All parents are welcome to join the PTA. If you feel you could help in any way please pass your name to the office and we will be in touch with you, or speak to one of the members of the PTA.

We only hold a few meetings per year so the time commitment is not too much and it would be lovely to get some new parents into the Group.

