



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - October 2017

World Porridge Day

We offered porridge to all pupils in school to taste during our assemblies. Many pupils took the opportunity to eat porridge. Thank you to Heather Robertson (Catering Manager) and her staff for providing 600 tubs of porridge. Many photographs are displayed in the school corridor of this event. We collected loose change and this was sent to Mary's Meals for World Porridge Day. Thanks to all who donated.



Pink / Purple Day

Onthank Staff took part in 'WEAR IT PINK / PURPLE DAY' to support Breast Cancer and Ayrshire Hospice. This was very well supported and the staff raised £80 for Breast Cancer and Ayrshire Hospice.



Facebook

If you are taking photographs at a school event, we ask that you only take your own child/children. We would appreciate that you do not post photographs of other children or members of staff on Facebook.

Hallowe'en

All P1, P2 and P3 pupils dressed up and had a fun time together in the hall, parading wearing their costumes and dancing. Thanks to all pupils for their fantastic effort. A special thanks to the staff who also made a great effort with their 'guises'. Look out for the photographs in the Kilmarnock Standard. Thanks to PTA for organising 3 very successful discos. Thanks to all parents who helped out on the night.



Athletics

Congratulations to our superb P7 Athletics Team. They won East Ayrshire Schools' Sportshall Athletics Shield mby a long way. Well done to all the team who gave their time and trained for the competition. Thank you to Miss Anderson and Mrs Granger for their superb coaching.



House Captains / Vice Captains

Fleming

House Captains: Aarran McCourt, Sarah Kirk

Vice Captains: Callum Baird, Aimee Kirkwood

Livingston

House Captains: Bryce McGregor, Jessica Harris

Vice Captains: Thomas Dunlop, Hayley Coull

Burns

House Captains: Ben Robertson, Molly Sneddon

Vice Captains: Greg Robertson, Molly Sinclair

Scott

House Captains: Nico Minchella, Louise Cowan

Vice Captains: Kyle Paterson, Ruby Newlands

Mòd Nàiseanta Rìoghail

Loch Abar 2017

On Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 October, 14 children from Onthank Primary School Gaelic Classes went to Fort William to compete at the Royal National Mod 2017, which is a Gaelic cultural celebration. The children performed poetry and recitations, solo singing and choral singing alongside hundreds of other children from all around Scotland. All the children performed wonderfully and were a credit to their school. Lucy Fullarton P7G won third place in her poetry recitation. Well done everyone! Thanks to staff for their preparation.



Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre is on Tuesday 5 December from 9.15 am—12.00 pm. Please send any unwanted/old unused toys, books, CDs and DVDs to school any time from now. A good chance to have a clear out! All parents/friends are invited to the Christmas Fayre. Class timetable to follow.



Birthday Cakes

We are more than happy for you to send a birthday cake into school for your child's birthday, but we ask that the cakes are bought from a shop and are in a sealed box/packet and do not contain nuts.



Rotary Club

The Rotary Club continue to volunteer to support a reading initiative with some of our P3 pupils. We thank them for their time on Thursday mornings.

Poppies

We are selling poppies on behalf of Poppy Scotland. P7s will visit classes and a poppy can be exchanged for a small donation. Pupils can bring in coins for this charity.



Health & Wellbeing

Pupils have enjoyed practising ball skills and taking part in possession games in PE. A team of P3s have started training for their badminton competition in November. The whole school have enjoyed taking part in Hallowe'en themed PE games and activities. As the nights are getting darker, pupils have been learning about the importance of road safety. The whole school will be learning about bullying and the effects it can have during anti bullying month in November.



East Ayrshire District Football Team

After having a successful season last year, Onthank had 9 pupils attending the East Ayrshire District Trials. Following a very tough selection process 3 x P7 pupils were selected for this years final squad. Well done to Shaun Donnelly, Nathan Smith and Bradley Bain.



Standard & Quality Report &

School Improvement Plan

These documents are available on the school website which outline the school priorities and give a report on progress with previous areas for development.

Children In Need

We are taking part in BBC's Children In Need on Friday 17 November. We are asking pupils to be 'SPOTACULAR' - dress to impress in your spotty outfits or wear Pudsey clothes. We would appreciate a small donation towards this charity. A final total will be noted in the November newsletter. We will also contact the BBC and hope we can be mentioned on TV. Pudsey Bear will be visiting Onthank Primary School. We have Pudsey Wristbands on sale from school office—£1 each.



After School/Lunchtime Clubs

Monday

After school Cricket for P5-P7 till 20/11/17

Tuesday

Lunchtime Badminton for P3 till 30/11/17

Wednesday

After School Football Team for P6/P7

After School Choir for P6/P7 till Christmas

Thursday

After School Girls Football for P6/P7 till 16/11/17

Lunchtime Badminton for P3 till 30/11/17

Friday

After School Basketball for P5/P6 till 1/12/17



October Star Pupils

Primary 1: Luca Vandal, Ella O'Neil, Blaine Prentice, Abbie Moir, Derryn Cree, Nazli Mete, Gurkirit Singh, Noah McLellan, Archie Muir, Mya Shepherd, Max Muirhead, Nathan Power.

Primary 2: Erin Thomas, Sophia McIlvanney, Tajveer Kaur, Lauchlan Dunn, Shaw Saxelby, Jack Colligen, Devlin Robertson, Erin Bush, Harris Merrick, Lucy Pratt, Molly McMahon, Scarlett Robertson, Kaylah Boyd.

Primary 3: Brooke Morgan, Robyn Orr, Rae Warnes, Hamish Nicol, Millie McIntosh, Lucas Baird, Cillian Heaney, Jai Cree, Ethan Lewis, Kelsi-Leigh Cree.

Primary 4: Sharice Dunn, Max Young, Cerys Elder, Gabriella Fulton, Oliver Mayes, Jay Milne, Kyle Fairbairn, Jaiden Muir, Laurie Wood, Kyra McGaw, Reece Glover, Shaunnie Campbell.

Primary 5: Brooke Holland, Cori Saxelby, Aidan McCreadie, Jonathon Harper, Rhiannon Smith, Olivia Cooper, Blair Ferguson, Leyton Murray, Ruairidh Templeton.

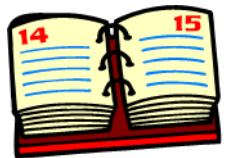
Primary 6: Jason Nicol, Brian Cree, Ava McConnell, Isla Tonner, Ethan Martin, Ava McConnell, Lewis Cowan, Reece Elder, Clayton Marshall.

Primary 7: Emma McIlvanney, Aimee Kirkwood, Freya Rafferty, Courtney MacIsaac, Harper Wilson, Callum Baird, Ross Duncan, Elena Kirkwood, Alex Kirkpatrick, Darren Tait.

Mrs Findlay's Head Teacher Award: Kaycee Ritchie, Rebecca Cummings, Lucy Fullarton.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS / CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS / EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS / RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Dates for your Diary



Mon 6—Fri 10 November

Tue 7 & Wed 8 November

Thursday 9 November

Friday 17 November

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Tempest Photographer to take Individual / Family Photographs

Dyslexia Awareness 'Wear It Blue' Day

Children In Need



DECEMBER DATES ATTACHED

G. Findlay

RRS Article 13:

Your right to have information.

December 2017 - Christmas Calendar



Monday 4 December	Christmas post begins
Tuesday 5 December	Christmas Fayre 9.00 am - 12.00 pm
Thursday 7 December	Gaelic Classes + ECC Nollaig tro na linntinn to school 10.00 am Christmas Lunch
Friday 8 December	Gaelic Classes + ECC Nollaig tro na linntinn to parents 10.00 am 'Christmas Through The Ages' Choir to Crossgates Care Home 1.30 pm—2.30 pm
Monday 11 December	Whole school assembly 9.30 am P5&P7 Panto 'Aladdin Trouble' to school 11.00 am and 1.30 pm
Tuesday 12 December	P5&P7 Panto 'Aladdin Trouble' to parents 10.00 am
Wednesday 13 December	Choir to Morrisons 'Sing for Hansel' 10.00 am Onthank ECC using hall all day
Thursday 14 December	P5&P7 Panto 'Aladdin Trouble' to parents 7.00 pm Choir to Tesco, Glasgow Road 10.00 am—10.45 am
Friday 15 December	Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save The Children) Shoogalie Road 'Beauty & The Beast' to whole school 9.30 am P3 Christmas Carol Concert to school 1.30 pm
Monday 18 December	Whole school assembly 9.30 am P3 Christmas Carol Concert to parents 11.00 am P2 Nativity 'Prickly Hay' to whole school 1.30 pm
Tuesday 19 December	P2 Nativity 'Prickly Hay' to parents 10.00 am P4 Party 1.15 pm
Wednesday 20 December	P5 Party 1.15 pm
Thursday 21 December	P1-P3 Party 9.30 am (Santa at 11.15 am) Gaelic ECC Party 10.00 am (ECC to hall for 11.15 am) P6 Party 1.15 pm
Friday 22 December	P7 Party 9.30 am / <u>Close at 2.30 pm</u>
Monday 8 January 2018	Pupils/Staff return 9.00 am



Gaelic Early Childhood Centre - October 2017 Newsletter

On Tuesday 3 October, we had a lovely 'Stay and Play' session. This was open to family members of children within the GECC. This was made even more enjoyable by Calvin and Anna's Grandpa Gerry bringing along his guitar. We sung lots of fun songs and we even decorated our own fairy cakes. It was suggested by several parents that it might be useful to have an audio collection of some common words and phrases. We are looking into this, watch this space.

We had great fun with the Pàrant is Pàiste boys and girls on Thursday 26 October. They came over to join us in some spook-tacular outfits! We dooked for apples and played musical statues. And everyone enjoyed our marshmallow ghosts and zombie fingers for snack.

The children have chosen their next topic and it is autumn. Can you help us out? We've left paper at the signing in sheet and we would love it if you could take a piece home and create an autumn picture with your child. When you bring it back in, we can include it as part of your child's learning journal.

English

Gàidhlig

Phonetics

Leaves

duilleagan

oolyackin

Autumn

foghar

fow-ar

Tree

craobh

cruuv

Cold

fuar

foo-ar

Windy

garbh

gar-av

Squirrel

feòrag

fee-yoh-rack

Hedgehog

gràineag

graan-yack

Fireworks

cleasan tèine

clesan chena

Dark

dorch

do-roch





PTA Newsletter



PTA Hallowe'en 'Spooktacular' Disco

The PTA Halloween disco took place on 25 October and was a great success once again. We sold 430 tickets for the three discos, which is a very good turn out and we made a fabulous profit, after costs, of just short of £600. Thank you to all of you who bought tickets and we would also like to thank all parents for being so patient with the sign in and sign out process.

Thank you also to all the PTA members and other parents who came along as volunteers to help out on the night. It is a difficult job to organise that number of children and we could not run these events without the assistance of parents who give up their free time. I hope you all feel that your hard work was rewarded by the success of the event and the fun that the children had. The money generated from ticket sales will all go towards the PTA funds and will then be redistributed towards funding future events or activities within the school. Further details of how the money is spent will be included in future newsletters.

Thank you also to the staff in the school who assisted in the run up to the night and at the discos. Special mention goes to Mrs Findlay, the staff in the office and also Mr Stewart who set up the wonderful, spooky decorations in the hall and who was such a help on the night.

Finally, a big thank you to all the children who came along and who made such an effort with their amazing costumes which were fabulous, sometimes scary and so inventive.

Would you like to join the PTA?

We are currently low on members and really need some more parents to join so if you think you might be interested please pass your details to the office, or speak to one of the PTA members.

