



Onthank Primary School Newsletter - October 2016

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 totalled. We have sent £145.52 to Mary's Meals for World Porridge Day.



Absence

If your child is absent from school, please let us know (525477) before 9.30 am. If you do not contact us we will text you on the emergency contact number given to us. Data Forms and Consent Forms have been issued to update details and contact numbers and must be signed and returned even if there are no changes. If details change throughout the year, please let us know.



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 £120.44 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.

Eco Update

We had a very successful Whole School Litter Pick recently. Photographs were in the Kilmarnock Standard. We are continuing to be litter aware and are trying to keep our playgrounds litter free. One of our main focuses this year is to keep our school grounds free from dog fouling. The Gaelic Early Education Centre and Eco Committee are working together to monitor this.



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 2 very successful discos. Thanks to all parents who helped out on the night.



Charities / Donations

We are delighted to report that we have collected £880.96 since August 2016 for Charities. We have raised £145.52 for Mary's Meals, £615 MacMillan Coffee Morning, £120.44 for Breast Cancer and Ayrshire Hospice. Thanks to all who have donated to the above. We have also donated many food items from our Harvest Assembly to the local foodbank.



Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre is on Tuesday 6 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.



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.



Swimming

Brooke Dunlop, Thomas Dunlop, Daniel Boyd, Jake Morton, Ben Jamieson and Adam Thomson with assistance from Molly Sneddon all took part in the Ayrshire Schools Swimming Championships. All pupils had fun and swam well with Adam getting a 5th place ribbon for breast stroke.



Athletics

Congratulations to all P7s who have been training hard for the athletics competition. We are delighted to announce that the team came 2nd in the East Ayrshire Sportshall Athletics Final. Thanks to Miss Anderson and Miss Spence for their superb coaching.



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.

Rotary Club

The Rotary Club has very kindly volunteered to support a reading initiative with some of our pupils. Mrs Elder spoke to the Rotarians about how important Literacy is.

Poppies

We are selling poppies on behalf of Poppy Scotland. P7s will visit classes and a poppy can be exchanged for a small donation.

Children In Need

We are taking part in BBC's Children In Need on Friday 18 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. Scott Thomson and Lloyds Bank have donated a giant Pudsey Bear for raffling—20p a ticket and items for sale. We have Pudsey/Blush Ear Hairbands £2.50, Pudsey Keyrings £3, Pudsey Pens £2, adult Pudsey Wristbands £1.50 and children's Pudsey Wristbands £1. All on sale from school office.





October Star Pupils

Primary 1: Lennon Brown, John Reed, Evan Popplewell, Jaxon Hopkins, Nathan Jamieson, Leyla McEwan, Imogen Mooney, Erin Thomas, Nicholas Morson, Rebecca Cummings, Abby-Leigh Campbell, Lauren Stewart, John Wyper.

Primary 2: Daisy Lawless, Bailey Dobson, Emily Skinner, Ami Murray, Ethan Sloan, Cody Prentice, Ryan Ritchie, Carla Monaghan, Callum Walton, Rowan Bamford, Adam Sarwar, Lewys Cairns.

Primary 3: Lucie Deery, Hannah Phillips, Darren Ferguson, Logan Rogers, Lauren Wood, Reuben Devlin, Cameron Love, Aime-Leigh Tait, Aimee Smith, Lewis Boyd, Gemma Davidson, Katie Brown, Rhonwen Morson.

Primary 4: James McIlvanney, Euan McAvoy, Emily MacDonald, Joe Dudgeon, Rhiannon Smith, Lewis McFadzean, Luke Fairbairn, Charlie James, Alexis Davidson, Mackenzie Halliday, Liam MacIsaac.

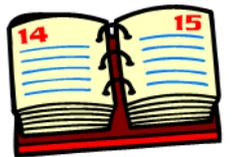
Primary 5: Dawn Robertson, Adam Paterson, Alex Lindsay, Alix Hartley, Isla McCartney, Ellie Rogers, Lewis Cowan, Arran Bell, Ellie Rodgers.

Primary 6: Jessica Harris, Darren Tait, Daniel Boyd, Jay Kerr, Ross Duncan, Reece Gibson, Jack Chudleigh, Amy Grant, Sophie Robertson.

Primary 7: Kiera Stewart, Leah Black, Matthew Ward, Paige Holland, Charlie McArthur, Harrison Russell, Paige Williamson, Teigan McGawn, Kelly Chau, Alex McGibbon.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS / CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS / EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS / RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 1 November

Tempest Photographer to take Individual / Family Photographs

Wednesday 2 November

Tempest Photographer to take Individual / Family Photographs

Friday 18 November

Children In Need

Tuesday 29 November

P6s to Amazoia & M&Ds

DECEMBER DATES TO FOLLOW



K. McCartney / G. Findlay

RRS Article 13:

Your right to have information.



Onthank PTA News



Hallowe'en Disco

The PTA Hallowe'en disco took place on Thursday 27 October and was a great success. We sold just less than 500 tickets for the two discos, which is our highest turn out in the last number of years. We made a profit of £702, which is fabulous and is even more than the previous year. 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 not easy to organise that number of children and we could not run these events without the assistance of the parents who give up their free time to come along and help out. I hope you will agree that your hard work is 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 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 many staff in the school who assisted in the run up to the event and on the night. Special mention goes to Mrs McCartney, Mrs Findlay, the staff in the office and also the janitors. A special mention should also go to Mr Stewart for setting up the fabulous decorations in the hall.

Finally, a big thank you to all the children for being so well behaved and for making such an effort with their varied and inventive costumes.



Next meeting of the PTA -

The PTA meetings are very informal. If anyone is interested in coming to the next meeting it is on Monday 21 November. It would be great to see some fresh faces at the meeting.