



# Onthank Primary School Newsletter - September 2017

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## Pupil Council

This year's Pupil Council Reps are: P3C/S Isla Brown, P3E Mitchell Birtles, P3S Keira Bennett, P1-3G Laila Cassidy, P4F Faye Armstrong, P4K Daniel Harvey / Mila Vandal, P4M Matthew McDonald, P4W Sophie Malone, P5D/I Lewis McFadzean, P5E Andrew Scott, P5N Carly Inglis, P6A Daisy Milloy, P6K Eban Wilson, P6M Emily Hamilton, P7B Kaitlin Bennett, P7C/M Finlay Smith, P7S Amy Grant, P4-7G Lucy Fullarton.



## Gaelic 20 Years In Onthank

### 20 bliadhna aig Onthank

We celebrated 20 years of Gaelic Medium Education in Onthank Primary from Parant 's Paiste to Bun Sgoil Onthank. The pupils entertained invited guests to drama, singing, dancing and Gaelic language. They have also worked very well with Geraldine and Eioghan at the Dick Institute and brought their exhibits to school to show. All present pupils were given a 20 year Celebration Mug as a gift from the school. Look at the photos in the Kilmarnock Standard.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We held a Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 29 September. Thank you to all P6 pupils who helped make this a very successful morning. They worked very hard serving, clearing tables, filling up milk and sugars, collecting money and loading the dishwasher. Thank you to all staff for the help in making the coffee morning a success. Also a big thank you to all who came to support this charity and also to the many parents who donated, but couldn't attend. Fantastic!



## Eco Update

We are delighted with our Green Flag Status and we organised a whole school litter pick on Thursday 7 September. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us—some classes did go out between the showers to clean up. Nutz the Squirrel and a few parents did come along to help. Thank you also to the parents who came and offered, but didn't join in as the classes weren't out. Pupils were rewarded for their effort in maintaining our Green Flag by having time on a bouncy castle. Our new 2017/18 Eco Reps are: P2B Jaxon Hopkins, P2G Ross Golightly, P2H Lexi McCloskey, P2K Erin Bush, PC/S Jai Cree, P3E Alex Nelson, P3S Keir Parsons, P1-3G Annabelle Murray, P4F Callum Walker, P4K Aran Cowan, P4M Lewis Boyd, P4W Jessica Anderson, P5D/I Kyle Duff, P5E Leyton Murray, P5N Olivia Cooper, P6A Owen Thomas, P6K Emily Ramsay, P6M Clayton Marshall, P7B Abbey Stewart, P7C/M Lewis Littlejohn, P7S Aime-Lee McIlvanney, P4-7G Emma Cassidy / Maisie Hinks. Please note we have a Rag Bag collection on Thursday 26 October. Rag Bags will be given out next week—please send in to school at anytime.



## Nut Allergies

**I would like to remind you that we have several children who are allergic to nuts. We have noticed some children are having Nutella or a similar type of spread in their packed lunches. Thank you for your support and understanding.**

## RRS Article 24

**As an RRS school, the Eco Committee help pupils to achieve their rights.**

**Article 24: Children have the right to nutritious food and a clean environment.**

## Athletics

Congratulations to all P7s who have been training hard for the athletics competition. We are eagerly awaiting to hear if we are in the final which is on Friday 6 October. Thanks to Miss Anderson and Mrs Granger for their superb coaching.



## Meet The Teacher

Everyone has settled in to the routine of school. It has been a busy first month getting everything organised for this school year. We had a successful Sharing Information Afternoon—all pupils who had visitors were proud to show off their work. Our new parents in P1 were invited to find out lots of information around settling into Primary 1. Thank you as always to everyone for your continued support.



## 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.



## Administration of Medicines

If you require us to give children medicine during the school day—we can only do this if parents/carers sign an Administration of Medication Consent Form. This form is available from school office and must be completed. Please tell us if there are any changes to your child's medical needs.

## The Hive

Our Nurture Room has been set up and is called 'The Hive'. This is where Nurture Groups will be working with Mrs Strain, Mrs Saxelby (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and Miss Head.

## Hands Up Travel Survey

We took part in East Ayrshire Hands Up Tally Survey. The findings were 48% walked, 23% parked/strided, 15% cycled/scooted and 14% travelled by car. P7C/M organised and collected the results.

## PE

PE is part of our Health and Wellbeing Programme and is an important part of every child's development. Please try to make sure your child has appropriate gym kit.



## Flu Immunisation Programme

Children in all primary classes will be offered flu immunisation again this year. This is administered by a nasal spray. A team of nurses will be in school on Tuesday 24 October. Your child will have received a consent form which should now have been returned to school.

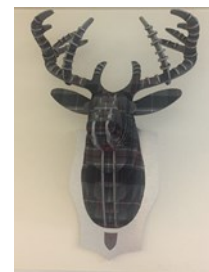
## Hillhouse

Hillhouse is here to help at no cost to you. They are a local charity that is able to provide ,FREE OF CHARGE, high quality, nearly new, clothing and footwear for children aged 0-16 years; high quality , nearly new cots, buggies, highchairs etc. If you feel you would benefit from this help please call 01563 523362 or call into the school office and we can help you.



## Stag's Head

We would like to thank Mr George Duff who donated this Stag's Head. It is on display outside the school office.



## Whole School Photo

We are planning (weather permitting) to have a whole school photograph taken on Monday 9 October. The last one was 7 years ago. On that day could your child wear their red school uniform or a white polo shirt/shirt/blouse. The photo will be taken in two parts and joined together and will be on sale.

## Rev Allison Becker

Rev Allison Becker from St. John's Church visited school assembly on Monday 25 September to introduce herself to P4-P7 pupils. She is also coming in to school to work with staff. We welcome her to Onthank Primary. There is a Home from Home in the Church on a Friday at 4.00 pm—6.00 pm where families can go for a dinner (free of charge). If you require further information contact Mrs Findlay or Janice Grant on 07581722331 or [janice.grant@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janice.grant@hotmail.co.uk)

## Pupil Voice

Elections have taken place and we now have several pupil voice groups with the school: Pupil Council, Eco Committee, Dyslexia Friendly Schools, Junior Road Safety Officers, Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors, Prefects, House Captains and Vice Captains.



## Dundonald Castle

Primary 5 visited Dundonald Castle as part of their Knights and Castles topic. Pupils took part in falconry featuring beautiful owls and explored different levels of the Castle.

We also met Evik the Viking and Sir Colin the Knight who showed us their armour and weapons. Many thanks to the Castle's staff for a fantastic trip!



## Health & Wellbeing

P4 and P5 enjoyed a visit from Kilmarnock Football Club. They learned about the importance of water and had a fitness drinking session too. After school clubs are up and running. P6/7 are working alongside cricket coaches on a Monday. P5/6 girls have been enjoying football coaching on a Tuesday. The whole school had the opportunity to put fidget spinners to good use. We used our spinners during 'Fidget Spinner Fitness'. Great fun was had by all. Pupils are showing great determination and are co-operating well during PE.



## Road Safety



In the interest of safety please do not park in the designated taxi areas (unless you are a blue badge holder). We also ask that pupils do not cross through the car park. Reminder: please use the lollipop persons who are in place before and after school.

## Junior Road Safety Officers

We have recently selected this years Junior Road Safety Officers. They are Fraser Boyd P6A, Dylan Fulton P6K, Katie Wood P6M and Lucie Thomson P6G. Already they have been busy with Mrs Klein and have supported last years JRSOs at a recent Awards and Seminar at the Kay Park Church in Kilmarnock. A big well done to Reiss Byott, Logan Johnstone, Courtney MacIsaac and Elena Kirkwood who prepared and presented a power point presentation showing some of the work that they had been involved in over the past year. Everyone is looking forward to organising activities and events throughout the coming year to help raise awareness of road safety. Our first competition run by Recognition Express and the road safety charity Brake, is to design a Road Safety Banner about the importance of driving slowly. If selected as a winner a large scale banner featuring the winning design will be printed for display outside the school during Road Safety Week (20-26 November). The designs will be started in school and can be completed at home. Please ensure to include all pupil details and it must be signed by a parent or carer. Good luck!







# September Star Pupils

**Primary 1:** Eabha Napier, Lyle Simpson, Megan Wilson, Amelia Tumi, Logan Williams, Dylan Walker, Ollie Tonner, Rory Tosh, Millie Hogg, Mia Dorrans, Nathan Stoddart, Georgie Skinner.

**Primary 2:** Jack Blaney, Lauren Stewart, Ollie Shopp, Ione Vlachos, Annabelle Murray, Brooke Hannah, Tajveer Kaur, Charlie Higgins, Jaxon Hopkins, Ross Golightly, Blake Gorrie, Pyper Allen, Iona Patrick.

**Primary 3:** Daisy Lawless, Emily MacMillan, Keir Parsons, Danny Hughes, Christopher Lynch, Amy Bicker, Layla Cassidy, Kaitlyn Bell, Robyn Orr, Lennon McPartland.

**Primary 4:** Calleigh Green, Ellie Cummings, Max Black, Gemma Davidson, Declan Bell, Breckin Wilson, Joey Gregory, Nathan McGinney, Leah Henderson, Logan Rogers, Kerr McDowall, Sophie Harrison.

**Primary 5:** Lia Townsley, Alexis Davidson, Tyler Qua, Jennifer Sharpe, Lewis McFadzean, Joshua Baird, Tom Sneddon, Miss Ellis's whole class, Mrs Newall's whole class.

**Primary 6:** Liam Armstrong, Adam Thomson, Kai Munro, Amie-Leigh McIlvanney, Matthew Wallace, Reece Oliver, Lee Curran, Alix Hartley, Andrew Lynch, Eubh Baillie.

**Primary 7:** Chenai Milne, Pearse Shields, Daniel Hettrick, Nathan Smith, Molly Sneddon, Aaron Fulton, Maisie Hinks, Saiffadine Mouaouka, Jack Chudleigh, Ross Duncan.

**Mrs Findlay's Head Teacher Award:** The Athletics Team, Leah Mills, Rhonwen Morson, Kelsi-Leigh Cree.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS / CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS / EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS / RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

## Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 3 October

Parents' Afternoon from 3.10 pm

Wednesday 4 October

P7s to Science Centre

Friday 6 October

P7G + P7S + 1/2 of P7C/M to Danger Detectives

Monday 9 October

Whole School Group Photograph (weather permitting)

Friday 13 October

Shoogalie Road Production 'Matilda' to whole school

School closes at 3.00 pm

Monday 23 October

Inservice Day

Tuesday 24 October

Pupils return 9.00 am / Flu Immunisations

Thursday 26 October

Rag Bag uplift

Tue 7 + Wed 8 November

Tempest Photographer in to take Individual and Family Photographs



G. Findlay





# PTA Newsletter



## **PTA Hallowe'en 'Spooktacular' Disco**

The Hallowe'en discos will be on Wednesday 25 October 2017. Following the success of the summer disco we will again split the night into 3 separate discos, one for P1 and P2 classes from 6.00 pm—6.45 pm, a second one for P3 and P4 from 7.00 pm—7.45 pm, and a third one for P5-P7 from 8.00 pm—8.45 pm. The tickets, priced at £2 will be on sale from the office from Monday 2 October. The ticket price will include a small snack. There will also be a tuck shop on the night. Most tuck items cost just 5p/10p each so children should bring only a very small amount of money with them for that.

## **Where the money was spent.....**

Towards the end of last term the PTA gave funds for the purchase of the P7 leaving mugs, for footballs, a high stepper to use for athletics and sports days and all the costs associated with running the disco.



## **Fundraising**

We hope to raise sufficient funds this year from the discos, bingo night etc to allow us to make a donation towards some possible improvements to the playground areas. We will keep you updated on any progress on this as the plans develop.

## **Are you interested in joining the PTA**

We are currently low on members so if you think you would be interested in joining please pass your details to the office, or speak to one of the PTA members.

