



# Onthank Primary School Newsletter - September 2016

## Pupil Council

This year's Pupil Council Reps are: P3C/K Lily Nimbley, P3E Rachel Rutherford, P3H Jessica Anderson, P3S Breckin Wilson, P4C Phoebe Black, P4F Gregor McMillan, P4M Lewis McFadzean, P5E Glen Miller, P5M Isla Tonner, P5N Adam Gold, P6A Finlay Smith, P6K Amy Grant, P6S Kaitlin Bennett, P7B Paige Holland, P7BR Luke Robertson, P7C Phoebe Arnott, P4-7G Paige Williamson.



## 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.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We held a Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on Friday 30 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.

Thank you to GMC for supplying the green table covers free of charge. 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. The final total raised was £615. Fantastic!



## Eco Update

We are continuing with Eco Programme to maintain our 3rd Green Flag. This year our 3 topics are Litter, Food and the Environment and Sustaining Our World. Our campaign is to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dogs. We did a whole school Litter Pick on Friday 23 September—thanks to staff from McDonald's and parents who came along to help. Pics are on the school website. Our 2016/2017 Eco Reps are: P4C Jack Edgar, P4F Emily Tosh, P4M Kyle Duff, P5E Ruby James, P5M Ellie Rodgers, P5N Ava McConnell, P6A Lewis Littlejohn, P6K Aime-Lee McIlvanney, P6S Abbey Stewart, P6G Maisie Hinks, P7C Fraser Clive, P7B Skye Sloan, P7BR Katy Dudgeon. Each class/stage has an Eco Responsibility: P1s Wellies, P2s DVDs, P3s CDs, P4s Shoes, P5s Litter Picking, P6A Mobile Phones, P6K Glasses, P6S Greetings/Christmas Cards, P7B Paper, P7BR Rag Bags, P7C Plastics, Gaelic Classes—Batteries, Office—Stamps/Envelopes, Dining Hall—Good Waste/Plastics and Whole School—Ink Cartridges.



## 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 delighted to announce that the team are in the final of East Ayrshire Athletics on Thursday 6 October. Thanks to Miss Spence and Miss Anderson for their superb coaching.

## Junior Road Safety Officers

Our Junior Road Safety Officers this year are: Logan Johnstone, Courtney MacIsaac, Elena Kirkwood and Reiss Byott. Every Monday our JRSOs will visit classes to find out who walked/cycled/scootered to school. The class with the highest percentage will earn themselves a Golden Ticket for a week. We recognise the health benefits of cycling/scootering to school, but please make sure that your child has your permission and that they are wearing protective clothing. All bicycles and scooters should be padlocked and left at owner's risk.



## Jewellery

All jewellery, including earrings, should be removed for PE activities. The only exception is when the ears have recently been pierced. I would suggest that earrings should not be worn on gym days, unless the piercings are new. The start of the summer holidays is the ideal time if you intend to have your child's ears pierced.

## Hands Up Travel Survey

We took part in East Ayrshire Hands Up Tally Survey. The findings were 46% walked, 25% parked/strided, 13% cycled/scooted and 16% travelled by car.

## Tesco Football Challenge

Our P2 pupils are involved in the Tesco Bank Football Challenge. The programme follows the principles of the Scottish Football Associates National Player Pathway which starts with small-sided games—4 a side football is played at this stage.



## 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.

## Heartstart Training

Mrs McCartney, Mr Simpson, Mrs Williams and Mrs Farren have all been trained as Heartstart Trainers as part of our commitment to preparing staff and pupils in helping others—this case, emergency situations. We have two defibrillators in the school and those of us trained will train pupils in life-saving procedures. P6 and P7 pupils will be trained this session and further information will follow when this programme begins.



## School Planners

We have limited amount of Onthank Primary School Planners left. These can be bought from the school office for the bargain price of £3. Not only do they promote the awareness of Children's Rights, they highlighted school holidays and monthly events going on in school. They are A3 size, beautifully designed by the children of Onthank Primary School and printed by local company Active Office.

## Harvest

Thank you to all who brought in donations for our Harvest Assembly. Mrs Findlay, Heather Anderson, Pearse Shields and Lewis Littlejohn took parcels to the Foodbank in Darvel.

## 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.



# September Star Pupils

**Primary 1:** Noah Richmond, Jessica Rodgers, Airen Townsley, Brooke Hannah, Kieran MacIsaac, David-James Kiltie, Nathan Nicol, Owen Tonner, Shaw Saxelby, Macie O'Donnell, Ione Vlachos, Layla Smith, Noa Wilson, Nicholas Morson.

**Primary 2:** Emily McPhail, Mitchell Birtles, Emily Brodie, Callum Walton, Mason McLean, Megan Hamilton, Jodie Fleming, Amy Bicker, Laila Cassidy, Milo Horner, Christopher Lynch, Robbie Sim, Zak Richmond.

**Primary 3:** Lily Nibley, Kyle Fairbairn, Niamh Lochrie, Alfie Campbell, Aisha Paton, Jade Graham, Eve Stirling, Mila Vandal, David Barty, Emily-Rose Walker, Jessica Anderson, Lewis Kirk.

**Primary 4:** Shelby McClung, Cori Saxelby, Ben McLean, Carly Inglis, Evie Daly, Lucas Bryden, Emma Cassidy, Aidan McCreddie, Kaedin O'Neil, Kyle Duff.

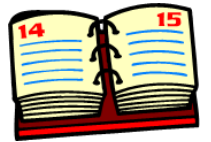
**Primary 5:** Eban Wilson, Ava McConnell, Owen Thomas, Adam Thomson, Cara Blaney, Aaron Sarwar, Isla Tonner, Matthew Wallace, Luke Edgar, Niamh McDonald.

**Primary 6:** Lewis Littlejohn, Reiss Byott, Demi McNeill, Courtney MacIsaac, Shaun Donnelly, Saifaddine Mouaouka, Heather Anderson, Abbey Paterson, Katie O'Hare.

**Primary 7:** Rebecca McAtee, Abigail McPherson, Pheobe Arnott, Melanie Rafferty, Sarah Marshall, Keiran Docherty, Amelie Warnes, Joshua McLeod, Sasha I'Anson, Paige Williamson.

SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS / CONFIDENT INDIVIDUALS / EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTORS / RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

# Dates for your Diary



Monday 3 October

Tuesday 4 October

Wednesday 5 October

Friday 7 October

Monday 17 October

Tuesday 18 October

Tuesday 25 October

Tue 1 + Wed 2 November

World Porridge Day

Parents' Afternoon from 3.10 pm

Cashless Catering Consent Forms returned

Onthank Staff 'Wear It Pink/Purple Day' to support Breast Cancer/  
Ayrshire Hospice / Shoogalie Road Production of 'Fantastic Mr Fox' /

School closes at 3.00 pm

Inservice Day

Pupils return 9.00 am

Flu Immunisations

Tempest Photographer in to take Individual and Family Photographs



K. McCartney / G. Findlay

*Kirsteen A. McCartney*





# Onthank PTA News



## Planned Fundraising Events

The PTA will be running two Hallowe'en Discos on the evening of Thursday 27 October as follows:

P1-P3: 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm  
P4-P7: 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm

The cost of a ticket will be £2 which will include a drink and a small snack. Tickets will be available to purchase on parents' night and will also be available from the office from now until 20 October. In line with the arrangements for recent discos, we will be operating a system of signing children in and out. The tickets for the disco will be in the form of a wristband. Please ensure you write your contact telephone number on the reverse of the wristband and that your child is wearing this when they arrive at the disco.



## Where the money is spent.....

The PTA has agreed to purchase litter pickers for the school.

It has also agreed to purchase some cameras to film the activities of the children in the school as part of the digital learning project. The aim is for the children themselves to record their activities and make films which can be shown at Assembly.



## Next meeting of the PTA -

The PTA meetings are very informal. If anyone is interested in coming to the next one (17 October, North West Area Centre) it would be great to see some fresh faces there and hear your ideas.