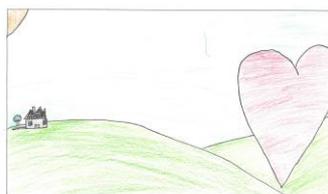


May Newsletter



Small School, Big Heart

Once again, May seems to have arrived very quickly! Although cold, the weather has been quite kind the last few days and we have had lots of opportunities to get outside in the sunshine: with kilometre club, school grounds and even some al fresco art (see below)! The final term is always very busy but lots of fun! Both upper and lower school will be learning about the Olympics this term, upper school will be focusing on the Special and Paralympics, if you have any Olympic memorabilia or would like to come and talk to the children about any Olympic experiences you may have, please get in touch.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2 nd	Local Holiday – School is closed
Thursday 5 th	Scottish Election (School Open)
Friday 6 th	P6 Buddy Training at Doune PS
Monday 9 th	P1-3 After-School Club
Thursday 12 th	P5-7 Netball 6.30-8.00 Beetle Drive
Friday 13 th	Street Dance
Monday 16 th	P1-3 After-School Club
Thursday 19 th	Active Stirling Tennis P1-3 and P4-7 P5-7 Netball
Friday 20 th	Street Dance
Monday 23 rd	P1-3 After-School Club
Thursday 19 th	Active Stirling Tennis P1-3 and P4-7 P5-7 Netball
Wednesday 25 th	9.00-10.30 P1 Induction
Thursday 26 th	P7 Induction – MHS (all day) 9.00 – 1.00 P1 Induction
Friday 27 th	P7 Induction – MHS (all day) 9.00-3.00 P1 Induction Street Dance
Monday 30 th	P1-3 After-School Club

Homework

Whilst there is no homework next week, as it's a short week, please look out for homework activity grids that will be going home next Friday, 6th May. The activities on the grids are suggestions that were made by parents during our recent homework survey. We hope that there is something that suits everyone on the grid and there is also the option for families to come up with their own homework. Please note that grid homework is not due until the 2nd of June but core homework e.g. spelling, reading or tables will continue weekly.

Transitions

P7 MHS transition days are on 26th and 27th of May, details re transport will be issued nearer the time. We intend issuing a further timetable with more details of P1 transition next week; all new P1 parents will be sent a copy. Miss Preston is currently arranging visits to early years' settings to meet the children and their key workers; Primary 6 Buddy Training has been arranged for 6th of May (details to follow) so preparations are well in hand!

Art

This week we had a student from Forth Valley College, Justine Bainbridge, who worked with P4-7 to complete a piece of art based on the work of Jackson Pollock – this is stunning and will be on display in our school hall, please come in and have a look.

Lost Property

We have a bag of lost property in our medical room. If your child is missing any items of clothing please come in and have look to see if it is here!

School Grounds

A huge big thank you to everyone who was able to come in and help on our school grounds day last Wednesday; not to mention the people who came back on Thursday to finish off the job! The playground and surrounding environment looks so much better and we're very grateful!

Scottish Election

As per letter home, school will be open, as usual on May 5th. School packed lunches only will be available and there will be no after school netball as the hall is used for voting.

Lunch Slips

In order to ensure a quick start to our mornings, can you please return the weekly lunch slips on a **FRIDAY?** At the moment these are coming in across the week and it can be confusing for children when they are unsure about lunch-time selections. Of course, you may order a school lunch any day if there has to be a change of plan. Menus and slips are always available from the school office.

Parent Council

There will be a Beetle Drive in the school hall on Thursday 12th of May between 6.30 and 8. Beetle Drives are great fun for all ages. Raffle prizes are welcome. More details to follow.

Timekeeping

Can we please respectfully ask that children are in the school playground by 9 o'clock when the bell rings? Late arrivals disrupt the morning routine for all pupils.

Street Dance

Street Dance begins on Friday 13th May, 9.00-10.30. Once again, this will be led by Dance Teacher, Kim Bruce. This is open to our new P1s and all members of the community. This is always a great opportunity for everyone to get together, have fun, keep fit and learn a new skill.

Request

If you have any, could you please send in clean, 'fruit-corner' type yoghurt pots for displaying books?

Reporting Session 2015-16

During this term you will receive your child's end of session written report. We would like to take this opportunity to advise you the format of the report has been refreshed. As you are aware, reporting comprises a range of activities including written reports, children presenting their learning to you, parents' consultation meetings and on-going discussions.

A working group was established earlier this session and the new 'My Year of Learning' document is the result of a process of consultation with a group of schools and nurseries. We value our partnerships with families and welcome your views. As a result there will be an opportunity for all parents/carers to give feedback on the new format after the reports have been issued. You will also receive further information with your child's report.

Enjoy the Monday holiday and we'll see everyone on Tuesday!

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