



Dear families,

Happy New Year to all of our families, friends and community! We hope you had the most wonderful festive period and the New Year has brought you nothing but happiness so far.

It has been so lovely to see the children returning to school bright eyed and bushy tailed! They have been regaling us with stories of the lovely times that they had over the holidays and sharing their anecdotes of the fun they have had.

We also appreciate that not every holiday period was filled with joy. Please remember that we are here to help and support wherever we can and we welcome you getting in touch.

Thank you to all of you for your support, encouragement, attendance and engagement throughout the very busy term we have had. Our choir, nativities, fayre, assemblies, shows, parties and parent engagement activities were all so very well received and the children did themselves proud! Let's hope for more of the same this year!



Love and best wishes, Elaine Cooke

Sustainability Matters

Our Eco Committee are welcomina donations good condition winter clothes (bottoms, jumpers, fleeces, boots, hats, scarues, gloves) for their Sustainability Rail. Remember, we have a large stock of school uniforms, jackets available year round. Please let us know if you can make use of any items. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!!!







Get donating those Pre-Loved WINTER CLOTHES AND BOOTS this month!

Monthly Focus Days: Scottish Celebration



Our Scottish Assembly will take place on the 31st January. Each class will be presenting a song and/or a poem to the rest of the school. We will be celebrating Burns and exploring our Scottish heritage and culture.

On Friday 31st January, all children will be invited to wear a touch of Scotland to school! This might be a tartan shirt, a tartan scrunchie, a ribbon or rosette, a Scotland football or rugby top or simply the colours blue and white. Please do not feel that you have to buy anything new for this!



Being Active Matters

All of our children in P4-7 have benefitted from sessions at the local tennis centre with Luke from Achieve More. We are delighted to share that our P1-3 children will be receiving tennis sessions as of next Friday (17th). These will take place in our MUGA.

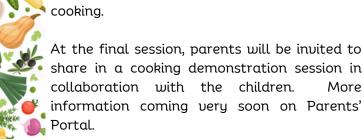


Primary 5 are now being offered 4 weeks of Team Sports as an after school club starting next Wednesday (15th). Look out on Parents' Portal for the details!



Being Healthy Matters

In conjunction with chefs and SLC, Primary 5 - Primary 7 have the opportunity to participate in Our Kids Kitchen classes for 4 weeks beginning on 17th January. They will explore healthy menus, healthy food choices and cooking.



Achievement Matters
Our P7 led a phenomenal Christmas

our P7 led a phenomenal Christmas assembly last term. The script was written by our very own superstar, Ciara, who did an amazing job. We are very proud of the talent within our school!



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Being Ready to Learn Matters

To make sure that our children are getting the best learning experience that they possibly can, it's important that they come to school fully ready to learn. Please could you support this by ensuring that your child comes to school with all the items they need to be successful including glasses (if they wear them), water, fruit for their story and a healthy snack for break time. If there are any issues, please get in touch! Thanks!

Registration Matters



Will your child have their 5th birthday before 1st March 2025?

Registration for Primary 1 2025 takes place during the week beginning 13th January 2025.

You should register your child at their catchment school. If you are unsure which school this may be, check it out at:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/ed ucation_and_learning/770/school_catchment _area_maps

Registration is online and can be completed using the link below:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school

The online registration form will ask you to provide each child's full birth certificate and two pieces of recent official documentation both containing your permanent home address for example a utility bill, council tax statement, housing rent card, child benefit documentation. Proof of where the child lives may also be needed. Please note that a registration is required for each child (e.g. twins require a registration each).

For Placing Requests, please still register for your catchment school and then submit a placing request form. Further information can be found at:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/569/school_placing_re



Diary Date Matters



Mon 6th Back to school Mon 6th Attendance Audits

Mon 6th This month: Hand in Winter clothes/boots Last Session: P5 FUNdamentals of Music Wed 8th Fri 10th YLOL (Pupil Council) Planning Meeting

Mon 13th P1 (2025/26) Registration Week

Mon 13th Mr Thomson (Student) in P7

Mon 13th Homework Grids out Mon 13th Attendance Meetings Mon 13th Netball After School Club

Mon 13th Assessment Week-Wellbeing and Motivation

Tue 14th Nursery Literacy Stay and Play Wed 15th Halfmerke YLOL to Maxwellton Wed 15th P5 Team Sports After School Club Thu 16th Nursery Literacy Stay and Play Thu 16th Inclusion Sports Hall Athletics Fri 17th Our Kids Kitchen Classes (P5-7) Fri 17th Boys' Football After School Club Mon 20th Assessment Week - Literacu

Mon 20th Netball After School Club Tue 21st Girls' Football After School

Wed 22nd Halfmerke YLOL to Maxwellton Wed 22nd P5 Team Sports After School Club

Fri 24th Rev. Sarah to Assembly

Fri 24th Our Kids Kitchen Classes (P5-7) Fri 24th Boys' Football After School Club Mon 27th Assessment Week - Numeracy

Mon 27th Netball After School Club

Tue 28th Girls' Football After School Club Wed 29th P5 Team Sports After School Club Fri 31st Whole School Scottish Assembly Fri 31st Our Kids Kitchen Classes (P5-7) Fri 31st Boys' Football After School Club

Diary Date Matters



Mon 3rd Attendance Audits

Mon 3rd This month: Hand in sportswear/trainers

Mon 3rd Miss McGettrick (Student) in P6

Mon 3rd Netball After School Club

Mon 3rd Parent Council AGM 6pm All Welcome!

Tue 4th P7 SLC Arts Session 1

Tue 4th GIrls' Football After School Club Wed 5th P5 Team Sports After School Club

Wed 5th P1 and P7 Dental Inspections Fri 7th Our Kids Kitchen Classes (P4-7)

Fri 7th SLLC Final

Fri 7th Boys' Football After School Club

Mon 10th STEM Week

Mon 10th Netball After School Club

Tue 11th P7 SLC Arts Session 2

Tue 11th GIrls' Football After School Club

Netball Fun Fives, Ally McCoist Complex Thu 13th

Fri 14th Boys' Football After School Club

Mon 17th HOLIDAY Tues 18th HOLIDAY

Wed 19th **INSERVICE DAY** Thu 20th Pupils Return

Thu 20th P7 Enhanced Transition Meeting Fri 21st Boys' Football After School Club

Mon 24th Netball After School Club

Tue 25th Nursery Numeracy Stay and Play

Tue 25th P7 SLC Arts Session 3 Wed 26th Football Festival

Thu 27th Nursery Numeracy Stay and Play

Fri 28th P7 Transition Visit (PE)

Fri 28th Boys' Football After School Club