



Auchengray Primary Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again it has been a busy term here at Auchengray Primary. Hopefully there won't be anymore snow to contend with! Primary 1 - 4 have been enjoying learning about the Picts and Celts, whilst Primary 5 - 7 have been finding out about the history of Scottish place names. It has been a delight to see the work they have completed each week and to talk to the children as they are all so enthusiastic about their learning. This has culminated in their brilliant museum display!

Active schools and WATIF have provided after-school rugby for all children, however this was hampered by the snow. Term 3 will see the return of tennis coaching and also a sports club at a lunchtime.

Thanks to Nicole Willis who nominated the school in a competition ran by Almond Valley, the pupils were able to enjoy a great day at the farm park this week.

Primary 7 and Primary 6 have finally been able to attend the transition days arranged by Biggar High School. Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a day of STEM activities, whilst Primary 6 engaged in an Enterprise activity. The feedback from all pupils was that a good time was had and they feel these are worthwhile in preparing them for Biggar High School.

Carol Pennock



Numeracy Lunch and Afternoon

Another successful curriculum afternoon was held recently. It is really great to see so many parents engaging with the school and curriculum. There will be another curriculum afternoon next

term with a focus on Health and Wellbeing (HWB). Further details will be issued.

Dates for your diary

April

Monday 16th April School reopens 9am

Tuesday 17th April P6/7 Bridges to School

Monday 23rd April New school lunch menu

May

Wednesday 2nd May Parent Council meeting 7pm

Monday 7th May School closed

Tuesday 8th May

In-service Day—School closed to pupils

Thursday 24th May Reports issued

Friday 25th and Monday 28th May—School Closed

Tuesday 29th May school reopens 9am

P7 Transition Day 1 BHS

Wednesday 30th May

P7 Transition Day 2 BHS

Thursday 31st May P7 Transition Day 3 BHS

June

Thursday 28th June School closes at 1pm.

August

THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST
SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS 9AM

School Improvement

After the Spring Break it will be time for us to evaluate the progress that has been made this year in terms of the improvement priorities that were set out in the School Improvement Plan at the end of the last session and that we have been working towards through the course of this session. We will also start to consider the areas for school improvement for next session. It is important that we encourage parents and pupils to be fully involved and engaged in this process. I will be working with a group of pupils who will consider an improvement priority they would like to be included in the School Improvement Plan (SIP). I will be looking for a selection of parents who would also like to be involved in this process, who can spare a couple of hours per term to work with me and the staff on developing areas for school improvement. I will issue further details after the Spring Break, however if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)

This session all children (across the country) in Primary 1, 4 and 7 will be assessed in Literacy and Numeracy. This is the first time since Curriculum for Excellence (CfE) was introduced in 2004 that a national assessment has taken place. Staff regularly carry out their own assessments of a child's progress so the SNSA should complement teacher judgement. These year groups are chosen because they represent the year group which is typically at the end of a CfE level. Typically : Early Level is Nursery and P1; First Level P2-P4, Second Level P5-P7, Third and Fourth Level S1-S3.

Children do not need to do anything in preparation for these assessments. The online assessment system is designed so that if a child is experiencing difficulty, the questions will get easier, and if a child is doing well, the questions become more challenging. There is no pass or fail. There is no time limit when sitting the assessments. The data from the assessments will provide the class teacher with additional information on how each child is progressing. If you would like further information please visit:

<https://standardisedassessment.gov.scot/parents-and-carers/>

Parent Council News

Next meeting: Wednesday 2nd May at 7pm

If you can spare an hour or so a term, please come along and support your Parent Council in the valuable work they do.

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