

Innellan Primary School Newsletter

April 2019

I hope you all enjoyed the two week break and the Easter weekend. The summer term is now here and we are prepared for a busy few weeks in school until the end of term. We are all looking forward to the eventful summer term ahead. As always, please remember to contact us if you have any questions or anything that you would like to discuss.

Lisa Marle
Head Teacher

Curriculum Bulletins

Your child has been issued a copy of their assessed bulletin for last term. Each target has been assessed using the following criteria:

amber/orange = working towards achieving green = achieved.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Curriculum Bulletin for this term. The bulletin allows you and your child to see the learning for this term. Included are some suggestions for activities that you can work on together at home as a family to support the learning in the classroom.

Homework

Homework will be sent home as usual. Parents can decide whether or not they would like their child to do the homework. There is no expectation that homework will be completed. The only homework that we expect to be carried out is reading; this could be your child reading individually, with someone else or someone reading to them.

For those families that would like extra homework activities or some different activities a list is included on our website in the Parent Hub. An updated list for the new term will be added to the website in the coming week. These activities include short homework activities as well as longer project ideas.

Sharing Assemblies

Children can bring in their homework projects to share with others at the sharing assemblies. These assemblies are also an opportunity for the children to share their wider achievements. We have had children sharing their new karate moves, giving a speech, telling a poem, telling us about a new skill they have learnt and competitions they have entered. We like to hear about all achievements.

The next sharing assembly for this term is Friday 3rd May. The last sharing assembly of the year will be on Friday 7th June.

Outdoor Learning

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the Forest School questionnaires. For this term, Outdoor Learning will be on the beach and will be on a Friday. It will start on Friday 10th May. Due to other events this term, the timetable for the rest of this term is:

Friday 3rd May – Gardening (in school)
Friday 10th May - Beach
Friday 17th May - Beach
Thursday 23rd May - Outdoor Classroom Day
Friday 31st May - Beach
Friday 7th June – Beach
Friday 14th June - Gardening (P1 - P3 only)

Please ensure your child brings in warm, waterproof clothing as they will be out in all weathers. As it is the summer term, they may also need sunscreen and hats. Please help your child to ensure they have packed the appropriate clothing. A decision as to whether or not a session will take place, depending on the weather, will be made on the day. As the decision will mostly be made on the day parents will not be informed of cancellations unless known in advance.

Edison

We are so lucky to have had an offer from local resident, Felicity Hopcroft, to bring Edison (her dog) into Innellan Primary School to support reading in the school. There is a growing body of evidence that, for children who struggle with reading, reading to a dog can improve the child's confidence. A dog is a non-judgemental listener, who will not correct or criticise. Edison is a dementia-trained dog and comes from a therapy line; his sister is a 'Hound for Heroes' dog and assists a wounded soldier. Edison will visit first to get to know the pupils and to allow them the opportunity to get to know Edison. Only those pupils that feel comfortable with Edison will work with him. If you would rather your child did not work with Edison please let the school know by Friday 3rd May.

Volleyball

The volleyball team for Innellan Primary School was made up of Lisa, Meghan and Sofia. We played volleyball at Tighnabruaich Primary School, we came in 3rd place. We played against four other teams they were: Strachur One, Strachur Two, Tighnabruaich and Kilmodan. Strachur One came first, Strachur Two came second, Tighnabruaich came fourth and Kilmodan came fifth. It started at 10am and finished at 12.15pm. Written by Lisa, Sofia and Meghan



Fairy Tale Open Afternoon

We have been learning about Fairy Tales. Primary 3-7 learnt about mixed-up Fairy Tales and created some themselves. Primary 1/2 had a visit from a sad but friendly Dragon who needed their help to rebuild Fairyland. The class got to work very quickly and created Fairyland in their classroom, exploring different Fairy Tales across various curricular areas. To showcase their learning and hard work rebuilding Fairyland, the Primary 1/2 pupils invited their family members in for an afternoon in Fairyland where they joined in with various activities and the children had the opportunity to share their learning. This was a fun afternoon for all.



Lunch Slips

Please can we remind you to complete lunch slips together with your child and ensure they are returned to school. Children are regularly telling us that they do not like the option that has been chosen on their slip. If lunch slips are not returned we are not sure whether the pupils are a packed lunch or a school lunch. As we are a smaller school we do not always have spare lunches available to offer. Thank you for your help with this.

Attendance

All absences should be reported to school each day by the parent before 9.30am.

School Trip

Our school trip to Finlaystone Country Estate has been booked for Tuesday 18th June 2019. More information will be given nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary

30 th April	P1/2 Swimming
1 st May	8.00pm Parent Council Meeting (all welcome)
3 rd May	Sharing Assembly for Pupils to share Wider Achievements
7 th May	P1/2 Swimming
14 th May	P1/2 Swimming
15 th May	Oral Health visit to P1/2 Class re: tooth brushing
21 st May	P1/2 Swimming
23 rd May	Outdoor Classroom Day
27 th May	School closed
28 th May	P1/2 Swimming New P1 Induction 1.30pm-300pm
3 rd June	P7 – On The Move (Tuesday – Friday)
4 th June	New P1 Induction 9am-10.30am Open Afternoon for Parents to visit – 2.00pm – 3.00pm
7 th June	Sharing Assembly for Pupils to share Wider Achievements
11 th June	New P1 Induction 1.30pm-3.00pm
14 th June	Cowal Police Sports for P4-P7
18 th June	School Trip – Finlaystone (whole school)
20 th June	Sports Day (morning)
25 th June	Curriculum Bulletins Home
28 th June	School Closes at 1.00pm