

# Innellan Primary School

## Newsletter

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May 2017

We are now into the final term of our School year; I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers, staff and members of the wider community for all their hard work and support throughout the year. It has been a very busy but successful year and all of our children have grown and developed in their learning. I would also like give a special thanks to Mrs Russell who has been a huge asset to the school over the past 3 years and will be greatly missed. I would also like to thank Mrs Wallbank for her 12 years of dedication to the school and who will also be greatly missed by staff and pupils.

Lauri Radford  
Acting Head Teacher

### STEM Week 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May

STEM week was a great success, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning and exploring with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. All pupils from P1 – P7 were all involved in lots of hands-on activities. We learnt all about magnets and electromagnets and conducted our own experiments. Pupils also participated in making circuits, and the P3-7 class lead the P1-2's in a lesson on making lemon cell battery circuits to light up an LED light and a digital clock.



Some of our favourite experiments involved learning about forces. The P1-2 class learnt about friction and the P3-7 class made catapults and rockets. One of everybody's favourite activities was a bottle rocket that flew taller than our school building! Other activities throughout the week involved experiments with light and sound and a boat challenge as our finale to a week full of in depth, hands-on STEM learning.

### Interdisciplinary

#### Farm to Fork

Thank you for joining us for our family breakfast during our Farm to Fork topic. I know that the children and staff enjoyed this experience and it was discussed at the Parent Council meeting that this could be a nice easy fundraiser for next year. The children have developed a sound knowledge of where food comes from and the processes and production in food. Throughout this topic the children tasted and prepared a variety of different foods.



## Inventors and Inventions

This term we are learning about inventors and inventions, exploring science and technology to become creative inventors. As part of this context we are going to be having a Dragon's Den afternoon for the children to showcase and present their inventions to the team of Dragons. Just a reminder that inventions should be due in week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June and Dragons Den afternoon will be on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. This will be during class time.

## Communication

A reminder of the new communication system that has been put in place, all information will be sent through emails or letters in the children's bags. We are no longer able to send out SMS messages unless it is an emergency. The school website will also be updated and share any important information you need. Reminders of any events, clubs or upcoming events will be through the Class Dojo and Expressions App. I have attached a diary of dates from now until the end of term and a copy of the previous letter about the new system. We will continue to issue a diary of events each term.

## After School Clubs

This term we have started up our Yoga club on a Tuesday which is going very well and the children are engaged and enjoying the experience of yoga.

Film Club is starting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May. 3pm-5pm

Sports Club is starting on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. 3pm-4pm

All of these clubs will run until the second last week of term.

Eleanor has made the decision to finish Gardening Club up on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. Gardening club will not be continuing next year unless any parents are willing to take this on. Eleanor is going to continue to work closely with the school on a regular basis. She has also organised for us to pop along and visit a local Bee keeper in the village.

## School Photos

Firstly I would like to thank Nigel Dunn for Volunteering to take our School photos this year. Your photos will be emailed to you as an attachment for you to choose and print which ones you would like.

## End of Term / Next Year

Next year our numbers are going up, due to the rise of numbers in infants the class structure is going to be a P1/2 and a P3-6. Miss Radford will be teaching the P1/2 and Mrs Nitschke will be teaching P3-6.

Our End of Term Assembly will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm. We would love all parents/carers to join us to say goodbye to some familiar faces. School will close at 1pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Have a happy and safe holiday.

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Diary of Events

**May-17**

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Orienteering Competition		
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club 3pm-4pm		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga 3pm-4pm		
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Outdoor Learning		
	Film Club 3pm-5pm		

**Jun-17**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	P1 Induction Afternoon 2pm-3pm		
	Sports Club 3pm-4pm		
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	P1/P2 Music with Nigel		
	P4-P7 Cowal Police Sports (letter to follow)		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dragon's Den Models to be handed in		
	Gardening Club 3pm-4pm		
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	P7 'On the Move' Dunoon Grammar School Visit		
	Yoga 3pm-4pm		
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	P7 'On the Move' Dunoon Grammar School Visit		
	Outdoor Learning - Beach Clean		
	Film Club 3pm-5pm		
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	P7 'On the Move' Dunoon Grammar School Visit		
	P1 Induction Afternoon 12.15pm-3pm		
	Sports Club 3pm-4pm		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	P7 'On the Move' Dunoon Grammar School Visit		
	P1/P2 Music with Nigel		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dragon's Den		
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga 3pm-4pm		
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Outdoor Learning – Beach Clean		
	Film Club 3pm-5pm		
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Loop Clown		
	Sports Club 3pm-4pm		
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	P1/P2 Music with Nigel		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yoga 3pm-4pm		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Film Club 3pm-5pm		
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sports Day 1pm-3pm		
	Sports Club 3pm-4pm		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P1/P2 Music with Nigel		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Assembly 1.30pm		
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes 1pm		



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## Groupcall Xpressions App

# Receive notifications from your child's school on your mobile phone!

**Groupcall Xpressions** is a new service created by the award-winning school communication company Groupcall Limited. This exciting new service is now available for parents to ensure communication for everyone is easier and more effective.

The app is completely free of charge to you and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and Android devices (with Windows mobile to follow) and you'll be able to receive information from your child's school.

If you have children in different schools within Argyll and Bute you will be able to receive information on multiple children within the same app.

### What do I need to do now?

Please download the app from your usual App store. You will be prompted to enter the email address and mobile phone number that your child's school currently hold as contact details for you. If your details don't match the App won't download. Simply email your details to **enquiries@innellan.argyll-bute.sch.uk** and wait for a confirmation from the school that your details have been updated. It can take up to 48 hours for changes to take effect. You'll need to make sure you keep contact details up to date in future to maintain access to the Xpressions App.

You can access information and support at the following website  
<http://parents.groupcall.com/>

Communications to parents will primarily be by email or push notifications using the Xpressions App, when the communication is standard to all parents, such as advising of school holiday dates or charity days in the school. Where we need to communicate individually with parents the method will be determined by the nature of the message.



**Please note** – the Xpressions App requires you to be connected to wi-fi or data in order for the push notification to be downloaded. You may incur costs if you do not have a data package or exceed your data limit on your mobile device. However you can amend settings within the Xpressions App to download the notifications when connected to wi-fi only.

If you have any questions about the use of this app or future communications from us please contact the school office on **01369 830560 / enquiries@innellan.argyll-bute.sch.uk**