



March/ April 2025 Newsletter

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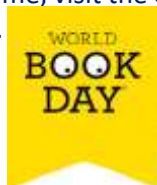
Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge **thank you** to everyone who joined our *Creativity Inspiring Learning Showcase*—your support made it a fantastic event! Well done to our pupils, staff, and parents for embracing the wet weather during *Outdoor Learning Day*—your enthusiasm was inspiring. Also, a big thank you to everyone who donated money to Down Syndrome Scotland for Lots of Socks Day.



Outdoor Day: A Wonderful Success!

Despite the pouring rain, our Outdoor Day was a fantastic experience for all! The children embraced the elements as they practiced their **orienteering skills, charmed worms, created beautiful outdoor art, and worked together to build dens**—developing teamwork and communication along the way. Thank you to everyone who came to help. To learn more about how we teach outdoor learning and discover ways to support your child's outdoor skills at home, visit the **Outdoor Learning** section on our school website.



World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and dressed up for World Book Day! It was fantastic to see pupils getting creative - **building reading dens, enjoying shared reading, and making puppets to bring stories to life.**



TOYOTA

Toyota Competition

Pupils in P1-4 recently participated in a Road Safety Competition hosted by Toyota and Police Scotland. They **learned about Hybrid cars, road safety, and the importance of staying safe as passengers.** As part of the challenge, pupils designed their own hybrid cars, competing alongside children from schools across the Helensburgh and Lomond area. A huge **congratulations** to Pip, who won a gift voucher and Hi-Viz jackets for her class!

Careers Afternoon

Last month, we held a highly successful Careers Afternoon, organised by our **Developing the Young Workforce Group**. The event welcomed guests from our **local community** who **shared insights into their careers, giving pupils the opportunity to learn about different jobs and the skills required for them.** The children thoroughly enjoyed engaging with visitors, sparking curiosity and inspiration for their future careers. To see photos from the afternoon, please visit our **website**.



Rights Respecting Schools

Our Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group recently led an Assembly to address concerns about the lunch hall. After surveying pupils and staff, they identified key issues - including noise levels, cleanliness and respect for others. In response, they worked with the pupils to create a **Lunch Hall Charter**, ensuring shared expectations for a better dining experience. One of the rights highlighted was **Article 12** - the right to give our opinion and for adults to listen. The survey also revealed that **35% of pupils don't get to choose what they have for lunch.** Can you help? Try to involve your child in selecting their school meal or packed lunch. To learn more about what the RRS Steering Group have been up to, please visit our **website**.

Keep Scotland Beautiful and The Grab Trust Competition

We are proud to announce that our pupils, Archie, Lullaby and Indiana, were **finalists** in the **Upstream Battle competition**, organised by **Keep Scotland Beautiful and The Grab Trust**. This initiative highlighted how litter travels through the **River Clyde** system, impacting Arrochar's environment and community. Out of **90 entries** from **11 local authority areas**, our pupils' work was among the top nine selected for the **exhibition showcase**. Judging took place on **11 March** at the **Three Villages Hall in Arrochar**, where their project stood out for its creativity and impact.

School Improvement and Staff Professional Development

At our recent Parent Council Meeting, some parents said they would like to hear about how **staff** were being **learners** within the school.

We are **duty bound** by our Professional Body, the **GTCS** as part of our own professional development, to embark on learning that will **impact on ourselves** as teachers and, most importantly, **on learners achievement and attainment**.

Bear Resilience Assessment

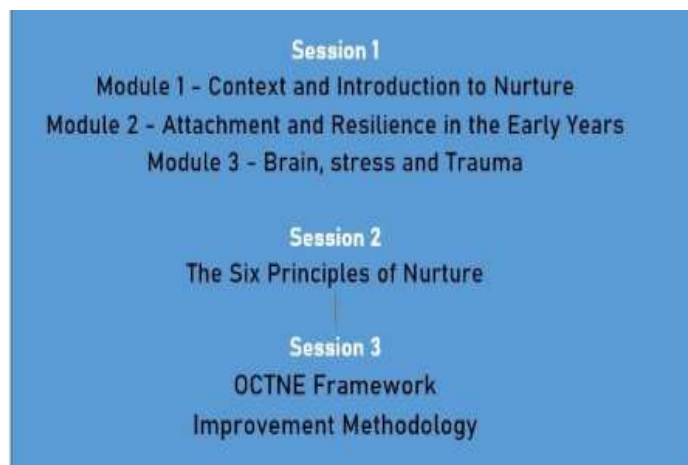
To support **social and emotional wellbeing**, Mrs Smith attended a course run by **The Exchange Counselling Service** which will enable her to assess the **resilience** of children of all ages. There are then support materials which can be used to support the areas that have been identified as requiring intervention. The Bear cards were on display at Parents Evening for you to look at.



Our Children, Their Nurturing Education

As part of next year's School Improvement Plan, Miss Kingaby has begun our journey towards achieving our **Bronze** accreditation for **Argyll and Bute's Our Children, Their Nurturing Education** Award.

Over the next year, we will be working closely with the Authority's **Nurture Teacher, Christine Walker**, and the **Educational Psychology Team** to develop our nurturing approaches further, supporting a nurturing and inclusive environment for all.



Dragon Mountain

Not as scary as it sounds!

Miss Nubour has participated in The Exchange training on empowering staff to guide children in **emotional self-regulation**. Learning how to support children to enhance their **emotional literacy**, **self reflective** skills, **self regulation** techniques, **self belief** and **confidence** were the key learning objective of this training.



The Exchange Website for information to support children and parents is available from this link:

[Mental Health & Resilience for Children, Young People & Families | Exchange Resource](#)

Still to Come.....

- First Aid Training
- Tennis Academy training linked with Live Argyll
- Bookbug training for ELCC
- Bikeability for ELCC children
- Neurodiversity Awareness Training (ADHD specific)

It's going to be a busy term!

Bikeability

Bikeability training will begin on **Thursday 24th April at 2pm-3pm**. The sessions will be run by Mr Isaacs and Miss Nubour. Before the sessions start parents and caregivers will need to:

- Ensure pupils bring their **bike, helmet and suitable clothing** into school.
- Ensure signed **consent forms** have been returned.
- **Medical information** is up to date with the school
- Read the **Bikeability Parent's Guide** for more information. Found on the **website**, under 'Initiatives'
- Go through the **Parents Guide Checklist**; "Is My Child Ready To Start Bikeability Training?"

Dates for your diary:



4th April	School closes at 2:30pm
22nd April	School opens at 9am
23rd April	Childsmile Tooth Varnishing for ELCC and P1-4 pupils
28th April	Military Month of the Child: Purple Day
5th May	Glasgow Science Centre visit to the school for all pupils
16th May	P7 Hooked on Hermitage STEM/ Sports Day
19th May	Health Week
21st May	School Sports Day in the afternoon
22nd May	Picnic in the Park. Parents are welcome.
22nd May	School closes at 3pm
27th May	School opens at 9am

Term 4 Curriculum

Next term, pupils will be actively involved in **planning, designing and performing their own show**. As part of our next **Creativity Inspiring Learning Showcase**, each class will take the stage to present their performance on the afternoon **Thursday 12th June**. Alongside developing their drama skills, pupils will also be learning about fractions, percentages, decimals, shape and probability in Maths. In P.E., they will focus on athletics.

Parent Council:

For the next Parent Council meeting is on 12th May at 6pm. A Teams link will be sent closer to the time.

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Twitter:

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1.Go to the app store on your phone or other device.

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2.Search for Kilcreggan P.S

3.Click follow

Or scan the QR code to see our Xpage



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