

Ulva Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021

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DEAR PARENTS

Welcome back to a new year at Ulva Primary School. We are delighted to welcome lots of new pupils to the school which takes our school roll up to 16. I believe this is the first time that Ulva Primary has ever had 2 full time classes which is wonderful!

We also welcome Mr Gordon Muchall to our staff. Gordon will be teaching the children on a Thursday and really enjoyed his first day with the children last week.

Do not hesitate to contact the school if you want to chat over any areas of concern. Also be assured that no matter which school I am in, I can be contacted at any time.

For point of reference, the telephone number for Lochdonhead Primary School is - 01680 812473 and my mobile number is 079029 44626/07786685227.



Susie Carmichael,
Head Teacher

ABSENCE AND ILLNESS

Individuals should not attend school if they feel unwell.

The main symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

As we move into autumn, we feel it is a good time to remind everyone about NHS advice on children's attendance at school when they are feeling poorly. For bouts of sickness or upset stomach children should be kept at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. If your child shows signs of being unwell, please keep them at home until they are well enough to return to school. Please refer to the "Advice on Illness" page on our school blog <https://ulvaschoolprimary.wordpress.com/>

for advice relating to the exclusion period following various ailments or you can request a paper copy from the office. Thank you for your co-operation and partnership in helping us to maintain a happy, healthy school.

If your child is absent from school it is important that the office is contacted on the morning of absence before 9:30am if possible. This procedure is in place for the safety and security of pupils. You will receive a telephone call or text message if no call is received. Please inform the school office as soon as

possible if your mobile telephone number changes. Thank you.

PICK UP / DROP OFF

Parents / carers should avoid coming into the school grounds unless it is essential. Can you please drop your child off at the school gate no earlier than 9.25am for a 9.30am start. We would ask that parents maintain the 2m distance between families while waiting at the school gate for your child at 3.30pm.

WATER & SNACKS

Children are encouraged to drink water at any time throughout the day. Please send in a water bottle to school where it can be refilled. We would ask that juices are kept for lunchtimes only.

Parent Council has kindly agreed to pay for toast in the morning, soup ingredients and fruit and vegetables for the children at afternoon snack time. Thanks you very much for this. This will start week commencing 23rd August.

WELCOME BACK!



It's so lovely to welcome everyone back to Ulva Primary School.

NEW PRIMARY 1 PUPILS

We are delighted to welcome 3 new Primary 1s to the school. They have settled in very well and are enjoying learning lots of exciting new things.



STAFFING

We would like to welcome Mr Muchall who is our new teacher at Ulva Primary.



LAST TERM

OUTDOOR LEARNING

P6 Pupils report on our recent 2 day visit from Ardroy Outdoor Learning: On Thursday 29th April the Ardroy Outdoor Learning people came to teach us survival skills. We went down to the shore and we made a delicious pizza that we cooked over a fire. We then filtered water through a filter that we made by ourselves. We also made a shelter out of a tarpaulin, two hiking sticks and some rocks that we gathered from the shore. While we were waiting for the pizza to cook we played a very fun game called camouflage. To make the fire we chopped up wood using knives that Alex and Cake brought with them.



On Friday 30th we went rock climbing up the rocky hill behind the school. Alex and Cake from the Ardroy Outdoor Learning helped us with this climbing. I did not feel scared doing this climbing as I do it a lot at home. We stopped on a grassy path with lots of flowers and trees. We got to try some wild food such as mint, primrose, violet and wood wort. We started to use a saw to cut down some branches to make a shelter, we gathered sticks, moss and bracken. We finished the shelter and we all managed to squeeze in to take a photo. We started to walk to a little gate which led us up to a cliff with rugged terrain.



GEOLOGY WORKSHOP

Our P6 pupils report: On Friday 7th May the geography teacher from Tobermory High School called Miss Campbell came to do shore school with us and teach us about how the island was formed. It was very fun and I enjoyed learning about all the different types of rocks that make up Mull. There is basalt and granite rocks which are igneous, this means they are formed by heat. There was some sandstone, which is sedimentary.



BUDDY TRAINING

Our P6 pupils report: On Wednesday 12th May it was a rainy afternoon, Marion the Buddy Trainer came to our school. We P6's are already buddies however the P5's were going to be trained. We were paired in teams and we made up games for the younger pupils. The games we played were called Capture the Flag, 20/20, Everyone Is It and Natural Disasters. The younger pupils enjoyed the games and thought we were good leaders.



WOODLAND TRUST AWARD

As part of our journey to achieve Platinum in our Woodland Trust Award we have continued to enjoy lots of super learning. I was lucky to be given a guided tour of the children's Woodland Trail that they had developed and it was SUPERB! The children explained their learning so clearly and were top notch tour guides.

Hopefully we will be able to share this with you all soon.



JOINT SCHOOL TRIP

On Friday 11th June 2021 we all had an amazing joint school trip to the islands of Lunga and Staffa with Turus Mara. Thank you to Colin and Fergus for a super trip. We were delighted to enjoy lunch with the puffins.



RUGBY TRAINING

On Tuesday 8th June 2021 we welcomed Rugby Development Officer Andrew Johnston to school.

THIS TERM

PE KIT



P.E. Please name all your child's clothing

We will be having PE at school as before but this will be done mainly outside. We will be learning the skills of Cricket this term.

SWIMMING

We shall have swimming sessions this term. Please see dates in the section below.



SHORE SCHOOL SUCCESSFUL FUNDING UPDATE

Last term the school put forward a funding application from Argyll Community Housing Association - 10th Anniversary Legacy School Awards Scheme. This scheme provides awards of up to £1000 per school, for 10 schools per year.

We are delighted that we were one of the successful schools, getting awarded £1000 to contribute towards equipment and resources for our shore school.

BEACH CLEAN

We hope to run a beach clean on Friday 24th September. More details will be sent regarding this nearer the time.

PARENT COUNCIL

The post holders for the Parent Council are:

Rebecca Munro - Chair

Sam Wright - Secretary

Lucie Howard - Treasurer

WORKING WITH PARENTS

As you know we are very keen indeed to involve you in any way we can in the working life of the school. Unfortunately, at present, we have been advised against non-essential visitors to the school. We will therefore be getting in touch with you online for your thoughts and views. I am happy to organise a Google Meet for the next Parent Council meeting.

For more information, and many more photos, please visit our blog on <https://ulvaschoolprimary.wordpress.com/>

REPORTING TO PARENTS

The pupils are keen that we continue with WOW slips to celebrate achievements at home. Can you please return these slips to school to share.

We will be continuing with 'Seesaw' as a reporting tool. If you need any assistance with this please let us know.

We will send out an interim report in December and a full written report in May.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 12.8.21** - In-service
- 13.8.21** - Schools open
- 23.8.21** - Swimming
- 30.8.21** - Swimming
- 6.9.21** - Swimming
- 13.9.21** - Swimming
- 13.9.21** - Climate Action Week
- 15.9.21** - One Planet Picnic
- 20.9.21** - Swimming
- 24.9.21** - Beach Clean
- 27.9.21** - Maths Week
- 8.10.21** - Schools close
- 25.10.21** - Schools open