

Ulva Primary School Newsletter

Winter Term 2021

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DEAR PARENTS

I hope you all enjoyed your October break. The weather was mixed but we did see some bright autumnal days.

We have another busy term planned in the run up to Christmas and we really hope that we will soon be able to welcome families and members of the community into the school again.

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

We are a health promoting school. New guidance regarding healthy eating in schools came into effect in April this year, and the regulations apply across the whole school day.

Only the following drinks can be provided at any time of the primary school day:

- Plain still or sparkling water
- Plain lower fat milk
- Plain, lower fat, calcium enriched milk alternatives
- No added sugar, lower fat milk drinks
- No added sugar, lower fat drinking yoghurt

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/healthy-eating-schools-guidance-2020/documents/>

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.

Parent Council have kindly agreed to subsidise fruit and vegetables for the children at break-time.

LAST TERM

WOODLAND TRUST PLATINUM AWARD!

We were delighted to be awarded the Special Platinum Award from the Woodland Trust Green Trees Award.



We had previously achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold on the award journey, having thoroughly enjoyed these challenges and learnt so much about trees and our local environment we took up the challenge of working on 2 larger challenges, A Woodland Perspective and Wild Trails to complete the award journey and achieve Platinum.



The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

Article 28 (right to education): Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 29 (goals of education): Education must develop every child's

personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture): Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

SWIMMING

Last term we attended swimming lessons at the community swimming pool. We all want to say a big "Thank You!" to Vanessa and Pippa for being our fantastic swimming instructors. You have helped to build our confidence in the water, were patient with us as we worked on our swimming ability and we have all had great fun in the pool. At our final session we were allowed to get the big floats out!

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OUTDOOR LEARNING

We continue to enjoy a lot of outdoor learning. The blog of our shore school sessions can be found here

<https://ulvaschoolprimary.wordpress.com/>

We visited the school during Maths Week in September and these were the reports from the P5-P7 class.

Symmetry Drawings

At Shore School we did symmetry drawings. I was with a P2. We had to have at least one line of symmetry. The P2 had four and I did too. Some people had six. I used seaweed and

shells. I fell into a hole at least about three times. It rained one time but it was just shower. We did symmetry because it was maths week.



At Shore School we did symmetry drawing for Scotland's Maths Week. We made them out of natural materials from the shore. I made a cross that looked like a compass with lines of symmetry. We all worked in partners, some people made people and some just made designs.

Patterns from Nature

This week at Shore School it was Maths Week. All of the things we did were maths related and one of them was patterns from nature. We got some resources and put them together to form a pattern such as stone, shell, seaweed, stone, shell, seaweed and repeated. Once we had finished, we would swap with another person and carry on with their pattern.



Nature Number Lines

We walked down to the shore as usual, the unusual thing was that it was maths week so we were going to be doing maths activities. We were

doing Nature Number Lines so we were partnered up with a younger one. Me and my partner were making one to ten so we used seaweed, shells and rocks to make it. At the end we were given a sum to figure out on our number line. For my sum I had to count in fives and add a zero on the end.

Today at Shore School we celebrated Maths Week! I did a nature number line with a P2, it was so fun! We did a number line made out of rocks. We had questions but I accidentally turned my number line into the answer!!! We also counted in ones but then we ran out of time and had to go home.



GAELIC

The pupils have really enjoyed their weekly Gaelic lessons with Miss McDonald from Tobermory High School.



We have been learning about weather and we had fun learning some new action songs.

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respect for human rights as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Article 30: (Children from minority or indigenous groups) Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

BEACH CLEAN

P6 & 7 Pupils report on our beach clean:

On Friday 24th September we did a beach clean. We collected 7 bags of rubbish using grabbers and gloves.



We found all sorts of rubbish. We found sunglasses, rope, we even found some sort of wheels, glass and metal.



We used litter pickers to pick the rubbish up. We went further than we normally would to do the beach clean. There was a lot of rubbish in the bushes like bottles, rope, plastic and even sunglasses.



There was a big bit of rope so we put it in the back of the mini bus. We did a beach clean because in school we are learning about climate change.



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BLYTHSWOOD CARE SHOEBOX APPEAL

Christmas came early today with very generous donations from Ulva Primary pupils and staff for Blythswood Care Shoe Box Appeal. We managed to collect 14 boxes plus 2 bags of extra goodies to donate. Many thanks to all who contributed.



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ONE PLANET PICNIC

P5 - P7 report on our One Planet Picnic that we enjoyed on Wednesday 15th September:

At Shore School, we had a picnic. People brought in homemade or home grown goods or food that supports a local shop. We all brought in our items and shared them out. I brought in homemade bread, muffins and tarts. We did this as part of a One Planet Picnic.



At Shore School today, we had a picnic but if people were bringing stuff it had to be homemade or no packaging or locally produced. We ate in the shelter and I had a blackberry muffin it was so good. After we ate we all had a play and then went back to school. To celebrate the end of term, and as part.



Today at Shore School we did something called the One Planet Picnic and we did it to reduce food

waste. We used recycled containers and brought in homemade and home grown food. We used no wrappers so it was less carbon. The food was delicious and the picnic was amazing.



A note from Miss Dickinson:

Thank you to all families who helped contribute to our picnic. Everything was delicious, we had a lovely selection of homemade and home grown items:

Cheese Scones / Bramble Muffins / Bramble Crumble Muffins / Bramble Cordial / Bread / Bread Rolls / Oatcakes / Bramble Pastries / Vegetables which we made into soup / Cucumber and Tomatoes / Blackcurrant Jam / Raspberry Jam / Rhubarb Fool

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:

Article 13: (freedom of expression) Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Article 17: (access to information from the media) Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

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CRICKET

To celebrate the end of term, and as part of our PE lessons, we enjoyed a cricket match, umpired by Mr Muchall.

There was some excellent batting, bowling and fielding displayed but most importantly great teamwork and sportsmanship all round.

We are very grateful to the South Shields Cricket Club for generously loaning the cricket equipment we have been using.

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THIS TERM

DANCE & DRAMA WORKSHOP

Andi Stevens will be visiting the school on Friday 3rd December for an exciting dance and drama workshop.

ARMISTICE DAY

We will be joining in the 2 minute silence on Thursday 11th November to remember those who have died in wars. Poppies will be available from the school with all donations to Poppy Scotland.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The children would like to celebrate Children In Need Day on Friday 19th November. The children are having a 'Come dressed how you like' day. They are also welcome to bring a donation. We will be participating in some mindfulness activities to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing.



CHRISTMAS SHOW AND PARTY

We are hoping to enjoy a Christmas show in the school on Friday 17th December. Further details will follow.



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.

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

THANK YOU!

We would like to express a massive thank you to the Co-op who have donated £200 to our Parent Council funds to support our breakfast club.

PARENT COUNCIL

The post holders for the Parent Council are:

Rebecca Munro - Chair

Sam Wright - Secretary

Lucie Howard - Treasurer

Thank you all for your continued support to the school.

REPORTING

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 November. Dates and times will be sent out for the Parental Consultations on the week of 22nd November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- 25.10.21 - Schools open
- 29.10.21 - Hallowe'en Party
- 11.11.21 - Armistice Day
- 15.11.21 - Anti-bullying week
- 19.11.21 - Children in Need
- 23.11.21 & 25.11.21 - Parental consultations
- 26.11.21 - Schools close
- 29.11.21 - In-service
- 30.11.21 - Schools open
- 3.12.21 - Dance and Drama with A. Stevens
- 17.12.21 - Christmas Show & Party
- 22.12.21 - Schools close
- 6.1.22 - Schools open