

Antonine Primary School

January/February 2024

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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024, Happy New Year!



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Our Vision

Dream, Believe, Achieve

At Antonine Primary School we aim to:

- 1 Provide a rich education that promotes lifelong learning.
- 2 Build a successful community that encourages inclusion for all.
- 3 Support and nurture all learners to achieve.

Firstly a huge "Thank you" from myself and all staff for the many Christmas cards, gifts and treats handed in during December. We very much appreciate your generosity and kindness.

The children and staff worked so hard for the concert in December and this was very well received. Thank you for your supportive comments, emails and physical support in turning up, we loved presenting and I know you loved to be part of this.

We were ready for a break but have come back excited for Term 3 and everything we will share with you. The pupils have shared many stories of time off with family and the many gifts they received.

Mrs J McLaughlin

Rights Respecting Schools

The focus for coming back in Term 3 is to celebrate each individual pupil for who they are. We are focusing on two main articles from the UNCRC. During assembly time we have been celebrating learning about different cultures and customs. We have lots of new flags displayed in the entrance corridor of the school which has sparked interest with many pupils recognizing well known flags or flags that mean something special to them.



All children will be focusing on Fairtrade and Global Goals during February and we are having a celebration day on Wednesday 7th February where children can dress in their choice of country, cultural dress, dress up or just dress down.

Learning at this time will also focus on people, travel and food in the links we will make to the Fairtrade scheme. The dinner menu will also be changed to reflect more of a global theme.

Something new and fresh for 2024.



Internet Safety Day

Internet safety day is in February. We use this time to teach all children about safe and sensible use of digital devices. Each stage has a set programme of work to upskill the children's knowledge of internet safety and guidelines as well as digital rules.

It is becoming more and more popular for children to receive digital devices for birthdays and Christmas and we must embrace the digital culture we live in however we have a responsibility to support our pupils to be safe and respectful users. Please speak to us if you would like support to monitor your child's phone or have further information on parent controls which can provide a safety net around your children's digital use.

Date Change – May Bank Holiday In-service

The May In-service day has been changed to Friday 3rd May 2024. ELC and school will be closed to pupils on this day.

February In-Service Day

The ELC and school will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 13th February however staff will be working on further training linked the "Circle" resource from Education Scotland. This resource supports staff to share inclusive practice as well as focus on approaches to improve the engagement and achievement of all learners.

Antonine Charity Group

The charity group have been working hard last term and have more ideas for future events however we received a lovely certificate this week from MacMillan Cancer Support. They have said that over the past few years Antonine ELC and PS has raised a total of £10,750 for the charity. What an incredible amount of money from one community. Well done everyone.



Beat the Street

Coming soon to a street near you in March 2024.

We are very excited to announce that we are registered to take part in the community event that is "Beat the Street". There will be more information to come but children from Camelon, Bonnybridge and Denny are all invited to take part. Walking routes have been established with key points (Beat Boxes) that children can register at with their own individual Beat the Street card. It's a competition and we are determined to get in the high ranks. There will be prizes for highest scores from pupils, classes and schools. A great initiative to launch just in time for Spring and great for getting your step count higher. Children can take part both during the school day and evenings/weekends as a family.

Parents Evening

Information will come out mid-February to book in for another opportunity to hear about your child's learning progress so far. There are two opportunities again to speak to your child's class teacher as well as other key staff such as Support and challenge teachers who work with your child.

Literacy Poetry Focus

The curriculum is very busy and as a staff we review different areas each year. We want to ensure children have time to deepen their knowledge and build on their learning rather than rushing through lots of different things. We also felt that it was time to review areas of the curriculum to allow for a wider variety of learning.

January is traditionally the month where pupils learn about Scots history and poetry. We still want to celebrate this and learn but it can feel very repetitive for the children. As a result, we have implemented a 2-year Poetry plan. Year 1 will be a Scots focus for literacy, poetry and writing, Year 2 will be a more general focus of poetry. Allowing children to learn from a wider variety of texts. This year is Year 2 and every class will be focusing on poetry and rhyme in their classrooms.





Reading Schools – Going for Gold

As part of our Reading Schools work, pupils have created “Read while you Wait” books. These have been put in local shops, businesses, and community spaces to allow members of the community to read stories written by the children of Antonine while they wait for an appointment. A great way to share their writing success.

P7 Transition

This term sees Mrs Parsons join the classes again and continuing to getting to know everyone. Pupils continue to have lots of questions about Denny HS, it’s a hot topic of conversation.

There are a number of cluster transition clubs on offer, please look out for these, information often comes directly from Denny HS. These are a great opportunity for the pupils to meet P7s from across Denny cluster as well as experience Denny HS for themselves.



P1 Transition

ELC staff will be working with P1 staff to plan and prepare a super transition programme for the children. Pre-school children have been visiting the P1 classrooms and areas this week – it’s so exciting!



Events Coming up

Keep an eye on the dates below and on the app. We have tried to give you as much advance notice as possible. We rarely change the dates of events but please be aware that when circumstances are out with our control we may have to make some changes.

- Book Fair - March
- Disco – 28th March
- Heath Fortnight – last 2 weeks in April
- Health and Well-Being open afternoon – 18th April
- Charity Fundraiser – Kidney Kids Friday 26th April

School Sponsored Event

We are planning a school sponsor to raise money for the pupil fund in school. We will share more details in a few weeks but the date will be Wednesday 21st February.

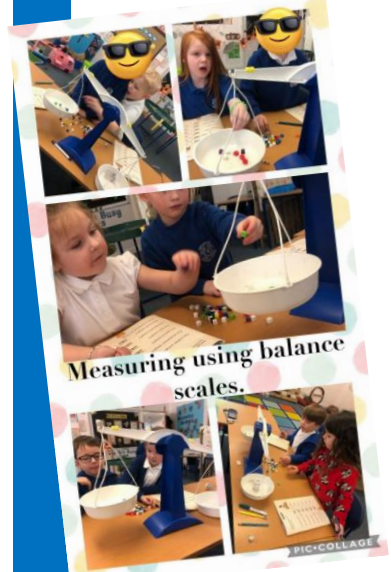


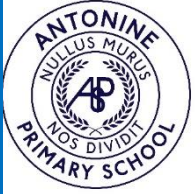
Communication

Our main means of communication is the newsletter and the school app – please check over carefully to ensure you are fully informed of news from school.

Twitter is used by classes to show some of what has been going on during the school day. No new information will be shared by Twitter.

You can phone or email at any time. If nobody answers the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.





Term 3 – 2024

January

Mon 8 th	Welcome back – School and ELC open
Mon 15 th	Homework and Reading starts
Mon 29 th – Fri 2 nd	Home file week

February

Mon 5 th to 16 th	Fairtrade Focus and Global Citizenship
Wed 7 th Feb	Global celebration day
Fri 9 th – Mon 12 th	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Tues 13 th	In-Service Day – School and ELC closed to pupils
Wed 21 st	School Sponsored event – more info to follow
Wed 28 th	Parents Eve – 4-7pm in school

March

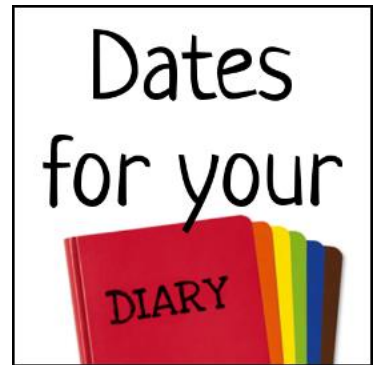
Wed 6 th	Book Fair arrives in school for 1 week
Thurs 7 th	Parents Eve – 4-7pm
Thurs 7 th	World Book Day –more info to follow
Mon 11 th	Science workshops in school for P7
Tues 12 th	Science workshops in school for P1-P6
Sun 17 th – Wed 20 th	P7 Residential Trip to Dalguise
Fri 22 nd	P7 fun day out
Tues 26 th	Easter Service at Bonnybridge St Helens – 1.30pm
Thurs 28 th	Pupil Disco – P1-3 5.45pm P4-7 7.00pm
Fri 29 th	Good Friday – Holiday school and ELC closed

April

Mon 1 st – Fri 12 th	Easter Holidays – School and ELC closed
Mon 15 th – Fri 26 th	Health Fortnight Focus in school – more info to follow
Thurs 18 th	Health Open Afternoon for families 1.30pm
Fri 26 th	“Kidney Kids” charity day – more info to follow

Dates for your





May

Fri 3 rd	In-service day – School and ELC closed to pupils
Mon 6 th	Holiday – School and ELC closed
Mon 13 th – Fri 24 th	Enterprise Fortnight for pupils
Wed 29 th	Summer Fayre
Wed 29 th	ELC Sports Day - AM
Thurs 30 th	P-3 Sports Day – AM
Fri 31 st	P4-7 Sports Day – AM

June

Thur 6 th and Fri 7 th	Denny HS – P7 Transition Days
Fri 7 th	Homework and reading stops
Fri 7 th	ELC end of year statements and school reports out to families
Wed 12 th	P1-P3 Trip to Almond Valley
Wed 12 th	ELC fun day in school
Thurs 13 th	P4-7 Trip to Dynamic Earth
Wed 19 th	Meet my new teacher morning
Fri 21 st	P7 Leavers event – 4.00-7pm
Tues 25 th	P7 Leavers Assembly – 1.45-2.45pm
Wed 25 th	ELC Celebration
Thur 27 th	Pupil Disco – P1-3 5.45pm P4-7 7.00pm
Fri 28 th	School closes at 1.30pm