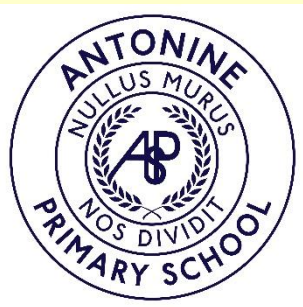


Antonine Primary School

May/June 2022

Head teacher: Mrs. J McLaughlin



Welcome to the May/June Newsletter.

It's the final term for this year and we are looking forward to many planned events that involve families for the end of term – it's an exciting time!

Please take a note of the date's page – we have a very busy few weeks coming up.

Mrs J McLaughlin

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Parent Council Meeting

The final Parent Council meeting was last night. We spent time reflecting on what has been a very different two years throughout a global pandemic and also celebrated the school's highlights and successes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both the Parent Council and the Events Committee for their commitment to the school and their on-going support.

Moving forward, as schools begin to run more events, we will need to increase our parent volunteers to be able to do this. Please consider giving 1 hour, 4 times a year to the Parent Council meetings or volunteer for individual events throughout the year. We are also looking for people who like to plan and organise events for the Events Committee – if this is something you would be interested in please let us know.

The AGM for the new school year will be on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.00pm in the school building.

Staffing/Classes 2022-2023

Over the course of the next month I hope to have staffing arrangements for next year finalised. We have already planned our "Meet the Teacher" event. All pupils will find out their new teacher, class and classmates before the summer holidays.

Spring Fayre Donations

We are very excited to be having a school fayre again – we are accepting donations so please clear out your homes and give us some unwanted items. We are looking for bottles, teddies/soft toys, raffle donations, books, good condition toys, and toiletry sets etc.

It's going to be a fantastic event with the Fire Brigade and Police coming (we get a wee shot inside their vehicles too!), there is a bouncy castle, candy floss, popcorn and a fantastic range of stalls and prizes.

As part of their learning each class has been undertaking an Enterprise project. Each class will have their own stall selling goods that they have made and marketed themselves.



Sports Days 2022

Sports days will be over three days this year.

ELC Sports Day will be on Wednesday 25th May from 1.30pm to 3.00pm

P1-3 will be on Thursday 26th May and P4-7 will be on Friday 27th May in the morning.



Pupils can come to school/ELC that day with sports gear on – no football strips please and bring a water bottle. Don't forget a hat and suncream if the weather is nice.

Families are more than welcome to join us – bring your camping chairs for a comfy seat.

There will be potted sports from 9.30-10.30am, pupils will have an indoor break which means parents can stay in the playground, races will then commence at 10.45am for both days. We can't wait!

Health & Well-Being Focus Week

As a school we have developed a Health & Well-Being Programme in line with NHS Forth Valley Guidelines. We have been following this programme all year but there will be a particular focus on the week beginning 9th May on Growing, Living and Relationships.



Primary 1 – 4 will follow the same programme that we have always taught on life cycles, body parts, friendships and families.

For Primary 5-7 this will mean specific lessons on body changes, puberty, relationships and growing up. We will send more details to those year groups, which will outline the topics covered.

All pupils will cover "The Underpants Rule" which is a child friendly resource that helps pupils to understand personal space and privacy.

If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to speak to the class teachers.

Community Sporting Events

There are a few sporting events being run in the community over the next few weeks which is fantastic as we have not been able to be part of events like this for the last two years.

Antonine PS will be entering a football team to both of the following competitive events.



The Minerva Cup is on Sunday 15th May from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Denny PS. As well as the sporting tournament there will be stalls, food and a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

The Connell Cup is on Sunday 29th May at St Joseph's PS from 1.00pm to 4.00pm – please go along and give them some support.



Antonine Charity Group

The Charity group have planned for one last charity event this year. As part of the Rights Respecting Schools learning the focus across school this term is on Articles 24 & 27. The group have decided to raise some funds for the charity, "Water Aid" which provides fresh water systems for remote villages.



To do this we will have a fun filled afternoon on Monday 16th May. We will have an obstacle course set up outside on the field. Pupils can come dressed for fitness and there may be a small element of water involved too. **Pupils should bring a towel to school and 50p to take part.**

Trip to Five Sisters Zoo



We are very excited to be going on trips again. P1-P7 will be visiting Five Sisters Zoo on Wednesday 15th June. We will be sending out slips for each class to ask for volunteers to come along with us. The school is covering the cost of the transport bill to ensure the cost of the trip is affordable. The cost of the trip is therefore £9.50 each, which is a reduced price from the normal ticket entry. Payment can be sent into the school office or paid directly on lpayment for convenience.

Pupils who are registered with Falkirk Council for Free Schools Meals will have this trip paid for from Pupil Equity Funding.



P1-P6 Celebration of Achievement

It's been a few years since we have been able to celebrate together. Families will receive an invitation letter to join the school for this event if your child has been chosen to receive an award.

P7 End of Term Events

P7s will be going to Denny HS on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June for their transition event. Pupils should make their own way there and back. Mrs Ashcroft will be at the main entrance on the first day (Thursday) to ensure pupils are well supported. Staff are busy beginning the preparations for the P7 Leavers event. This is tailored to the children each year and we have been asking them for ideas and suggestions and hope to share more information on this event very soon.

The P7 leavers assembly will be on Monday 20th June in school in the afternoon. The P7s will present an overview of their year and celebrating their achievements and awards – it will be so nice to do this in person this year and wish our fantastic P7 year group all the best as they head to Denny HS.

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.

Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre May/June Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. It has been lovely starting the term with our families being able to come into the ELC to drop off and collect the children. We would like to thank everyone for their patience as we all get used to some normality again. A few children are so excited to come to ELC that they are running ahead of their parents/carers, coming in the ELC door and then wanting to run back to check where their adults are. For safety reasons, can we please encourage all children to stay with their adult until they have been accompanied into the playroom and signed in with their key worker? Similarly, at home time, all children should be collected from their key worker groups. Staff are encouraging all children to stay within their group until their key worker has seen their adult and can safely sign them out. Thank you again for your co-operation with this.

Learning

All children have settled in well and are becoming confident with our new routines at drop off and pick up time. We have started the new term with exploring our outdoor environment and have been further developing this area in line with our children's interests. After loving discovering some worms in our ELC garden, we have been looking for other mini beasts and insects to learn all about.



P1 Transition

Primary 1 transition is now well underway. Primary 6 buddies have been visiting the ELC twice per week since January 2022 and have now been paired up with their ELC peers. This information will be shared with the children very soon. ELC children are now also visiting the Primary 1 classrooms in small groups on a weekly basis. These visits have been very positive, with ELC children engaging well with their Primary 1 friends and having fun exploring their classrooms. As a whole cluster, we will be using the story, The Colour Monster to further support our ELC children with their transition into Primary 1. We will be using various activities linked to the story to support the children with exploring their feelings about moving onto Primary 1. Please follow our Denny cluster P1 Transition twitter page [@p1_denny](#) where you can keep up to date on all transition preparation.



Transition into and within ELC

Letters for pupils returning to ELC have now been issued. With regards to new children joining our ELC, our transition programme will begin later in the term when we will be making contact with our new families and getting to know them before joining us after the summer holidays.



Spring Fayre

As you are aware we are having a whole school Spring Fayre on the 12th May 2022, 6pm – 7.30pm, to raise money for ELC/school funds. The ELC will be holding a bottle stall tombola at this. We have now started collecting bottles for this, and would be most grateful for any further donations. We are looking for anything that comes in a bottle, including alcohol, juice, shampoo, sauces, vinegar, shower gel etc.

Outdoor Programme

Our outdoor learning programme has started back this week with our weekly visits to the woods within the school grounds. These visits are certainly a highlight of the week for many of our children. This term, we also aim to be back out and about in the community and would love to have some parent helpers to join us. Currently, we are in the process of organising local walks to the library and the park and will share further information soon regarding dates where parent helpers are required.



Sun cream

In the event of the hot weather returning, we have sun cream within the ELC which can be applied to all children if permission has been given in the What Matters to Me document. However, if your child has sensitive skin or any allergies and you would prefer for a specific brand of sun cream to be used, please label this clearly with your child's name and hand it to your child's key worker to be stored within the ELC.

With regards to sun cream, we would also like to bring it to your attention, that Nivea blue sun cream now contains almond oil and may cause a reaction for any child who has a nut allergy.

ELCC Fun day

On Wednesday 15th June 2022, we will be holding an end of term fun day for all of our ELC children. We are currently finalising arrangements for this and will share further information in due course.

Queen's Jubilee

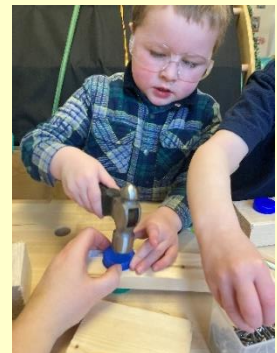
As you are aware the ELC and school are closed on both the 2nd and 3rd of June 2022 for the Queen's Jubilee. As this will have an impact on 1140 hours, we are offering extended hours to compensate for this. From Monday 23rd May 2022 until Wednesday 1st June 2022, the ELC will be open from 8.30am until 3.15pm. As it is not compulsory for your child to attend these hours, children may be dropped off and collected at normal session times if you prefer. If this is the case, please ensure you notify a member of staff when you will be collecting your child so that they can have them ready for you.

Absence Procedure

Can we please ask all parents/carers to inform us if your child will be absent from ELC. This can be done via either email or telephone.

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Antonine Recommends a Read



As an accredited Reading School, we have many opportunities to read for pleasure and would love to share our love of books with all our families and school community. So here are a few Recommended Reads for May from our learners themselves.



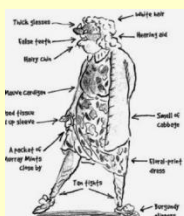
Leia, P6

THERE'S A WEREWOLF IN MY TENT! BY PAMELA BUTCHART

YOU NEED TO READ THIS BOOK BECAUSE IT IS INTENSE AND SCARY BUT FUNNY AT THE SAME TIME! THIS IS MY FAVOURITE PIECE OF THE BOOK... "BUT MAISIE SAID THAT IT WAS BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY" ABOUT CARRYING A BEAR SPRAY... INTERESTED?!

#exciting #cool
#scary #funny
#interesting #sad

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My book review
gansta granny
by the one and only David Walliams

(my fav Author)



my review:

I think this is one of the best books ever. This is about a boy called Ben and he goes to his grans for a sleepover. His granny is a basic granny. But she has a Secret she is a International jewel thief!!! join ben and his granny on an amazing Avenger!
#bestbookever


stars



5/5

Jorja, P6/5


Antonine Recommends a Read

Book Title: <u>An Otter called Pebble</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why?
Author: <u>Helen Peters</u>	P3-P5 quite a short book but a fun adventure too!
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Fiction</u>	
What is the book about?	
A lost baby otter trying to find his way home, on his way a kind loving family help him to survive. Will he find his family again?	
	<p>Book Illustration</p> 
	Rating: ★★★★★
	Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Otter is a baby.</u> 2. <u>Otters live in rivers</u> 3. <u>Male otters can kill the babies.</u>

Leona, P4

Jessica, P5

Book Review

Book Title: <u>The Girl Who Swam</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why?
Author: <u>Gilly James & Chris Smith</u>	#ADVENTUROUS! (6+)
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Fiction</u>	
What is the book about?	
A girl named Maya tries to save her dad from his own dream that she is the bad's boss from taking dreams.	
	<p>Book Illustration</p> 
	Rating: ★★★★★
	Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?
	<p>Maya</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Maya never gives up!</u> 2. <u>Maya was an outsider and never had friends.</u> 3. <u>Maya was happy because she was thought of!</u>

Antonine Recommends a Read

Title: dinosaurs

Author: DAVID LAMBERT

Did you like the book?

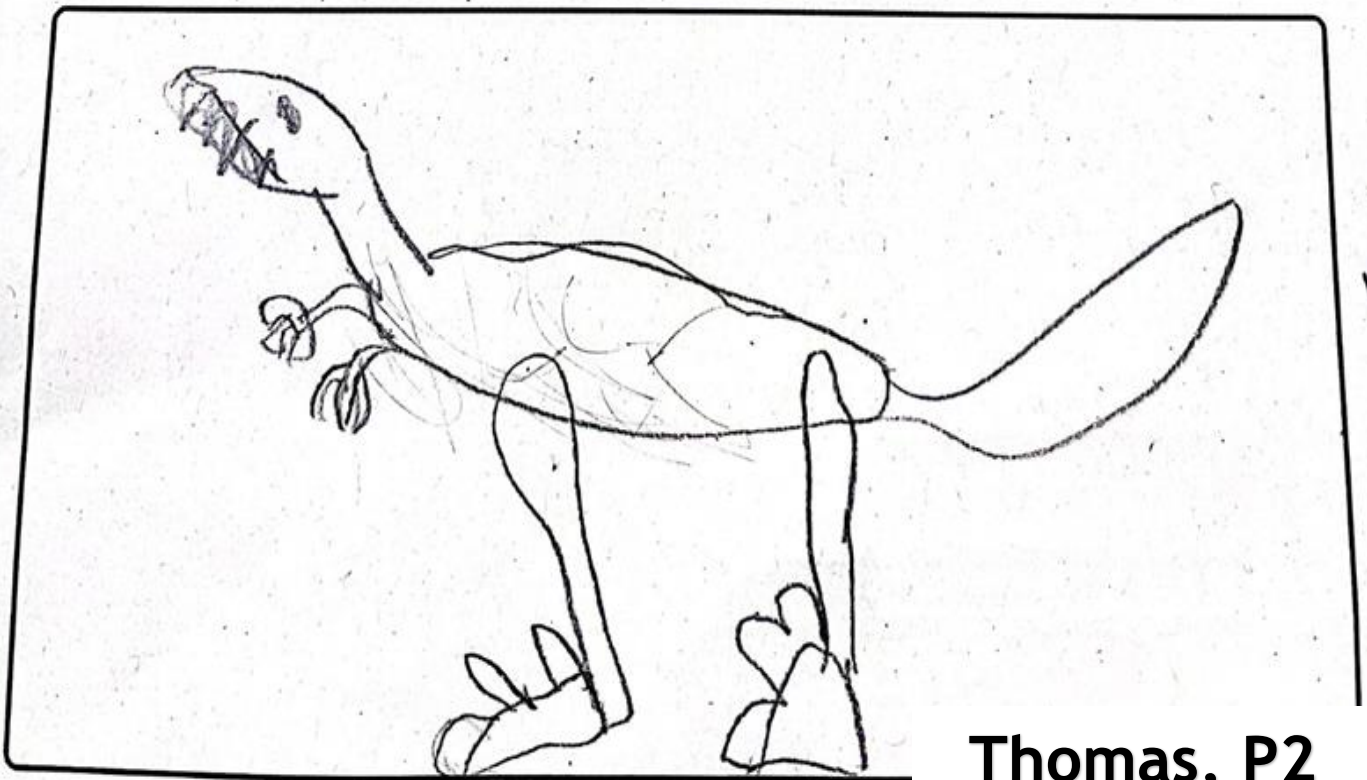
Rate the book by colouring in the stars.



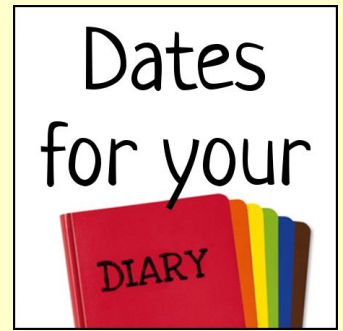
What was your favourite part?

I like the part
about killer
INSTINCT dinosaurs

Draw your favourite scene from the book.



Thomas, P2



Term 4 - 2022

May

Thursday 5 th May	In-service day – School and ELC closed to pupils
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th May	Health Focus Week – Growth and Development
Thursday 12 th May	School Spring Fayre – 6.00-7.30pm. All welcome.
Sunday 15 th May	The Minerva Cup Football Competition at Denny PS – 11-3pm
Monday 16 th May	Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 20 th
	Water Aid Obstacle Course – 50p per child
Wednesday 18 th May	P6 Athletics Festival at Grangemouth – 8.30am to 3.45pm
Wednesday 25 th May	ELC Sports Day – families welcome to watch 1.30pm-3.00pm
Thursday 26 th May	P1-3 Sports Day – families welcome to watch 9.30 to 11.30am
Friday 27 th May	P4-7 Sports Day – families welcome to watch 9.30-11.30am
Sunday 29 th May	The Connell Cup Football Competition at St Joseph's

June

Thursday 2 nd June	Queen's Jubilee Holiday – School and ELC closed
Friday 3 rd June	Queen's Jubilee Holiday – School and ELC closed
Thursday 9 th June	P7 to Denny HS
Friday 10 th June	P7 to Denny HS
Friday 10 th June	Homework and Reading stops
Wednesday 15 th June	P1-P7 Trip to Five Sisters Zoo
	Antonine ELC fun day
Thursday 16 th June	New P1 Induction – 1.30pm – see separate letter
Friday 17 th June	Reports out to ELC and School Pupils
	P7 Leavers Party – more info to follow
Monday 20 th June	P1-6 Celebration of Achievement – AM – Families will be invited by letter to attend if your child is getting an award.
	P7 Leavers Assembly – PM – Families welcome.
Tuesday 21 st June	ELC Celebration AM – Each pupil can bring 2 adults.
	Meet my new teacher – PM
Friday 24 th June	School and ELC close at 1.30pm.