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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Spring Break, I wanted to share all that is currently going on in our school and nursery over the coming weeks. It is great to see the sun shining over the last few days and the children enjoying their time outdoors.

As always, our doors are open at the school and nursery, and we welcome any feedback or comments you may have. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Staffing Update

Mrs Frame is currently absent long term due to illness. Mrs Padkin will continue to be responsible for Primary 6 for 4 days per week with Miss Small covering on a Monday until further notice, this is likely to be the case until the end of this session.

Primary 1 Enrolment

As previously intimated, we have had a bumper enrolment this year at Forth Primary with numbers higher than usual. As a result, we will have our Primary 1 children spread over 2 classes as you will see below. No decisions have been taken yet regarding classes and any decisions will be based on what will benefit each child in terms of learning and social and emotional development.

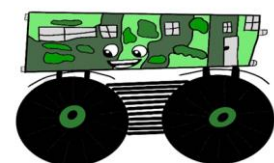
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Community Litter Pick

On Monday 31 March and Tuesday 1 April all pupils from school and nursery will be participating in a community litter pick. Please keep your eye on the app for further information.



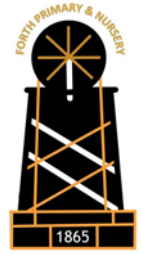
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Ford Castle

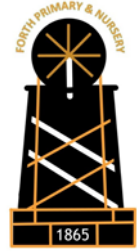
Our Primary 7 returned from a week's residential experience at Ford Castle in Northumberland on Friday. It was fair to say a great time was had by all. The activities and experiences on offer were superb, challenging the children and developing their skills. Regular app posts were provided by staff on the trip and a few of these can be seen below.





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Thank you!

I wish to thank Mrs Whyte, Mrs Andrews and Mrs Crone for their time and dedication. Taking children away on residential is above and beyond their duties and completely voluntary. I am sure you join me in extending heartfelt thanks to all 3 ladies.

Primary 1 Assembly



We look forward to welcoming parents and friends of Primary 1 as they present their learning at their assembly on Friday 28 March at 9:30am in the gym hall. Visitors should enter via the canteen doors which will be open from 9:15am.

Dress Down Days

We will continue to host a dress down day, normally the last Friday of the month. Friday 28th March will be the next dress down day of this year - any donations of up to £1 to support our Gala Entry and Parent Council School Funds would be great.



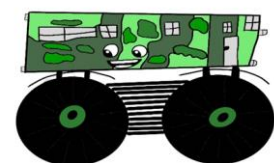
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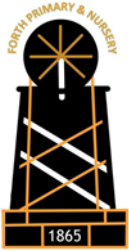


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Dance Festival

We had 2 groups of pupils taking part in the Dance Festival held in Lanark Memorial Hall on Tuesday 25 March. The children were absolutely fantastic – we were all beyond proud of their performances. Special thanks to Miss Smith, Freya and Eva for the dance coaching! I am hoping to receive the official photos from Active Schools shortly. I have a couple of our younger dancers for you to enjoy.





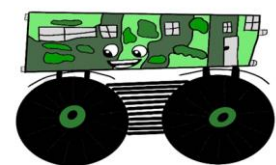
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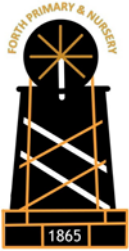
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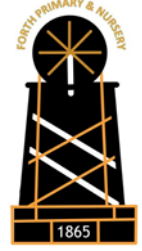
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Parent Consultations

Our final parent consultation evening will take place on Thursday 27 March in the school hall. Any parents or carers who still require an appointment should book via Parents Portal or by phoning the school office. Both Mrs Griffiths and I will be available on the night should you wish to discuss anything out with your parent/teacher appointment time. Please try to arrive on time and adhere to the slots allocated to save times running over, thank you.

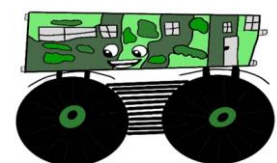
Nursery – Primary 1 Transition Information Session

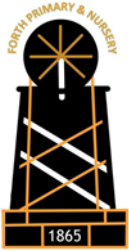
On Thursday 8 May we would like to invite those parents and carers of pupils going into Primary 1 in August to attend an information session on what to expect in Primary 1. This session will take place in the school hall at 10am and will last no longer than 30 minutes. Thereafter there will be an opportunity to see your child in the Primary 1 class as this will be one of their transition visits.



Polytunnel Update

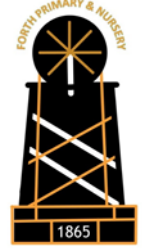
Chrissy Fifield, owner of Artybits based in Braehead has been in school, working with the children on planting and gardening. We have received a grant from Lanark and District Round Table to fund this project linking in with sustainability and Eco agenda which we are working on through our Pupil Leadership Teams. Here are a few pics of some of the work already undertaken. Special thanks to Lanark and District Round Table for making this opportunity possible for the children.





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SPRING FAYRE

£3 Entry
kids FREE

Saturday 29th March
10-2pm
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Stalls	Tombola
Glitter Tattoos	Prizes
Crafts	Games
Tea/Coffee	Fun Activities
Cakes/Biscuits	Sweets

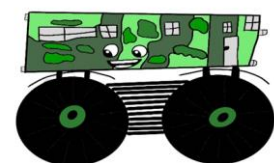
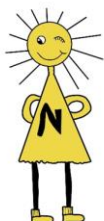
Spring Fayre

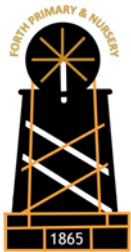
Please join us on Saturday from 10am to 2pm for our Spring Fayre – this was a great event last year and with a bouncy castle it will be a great event for the kids too! We are hoping to have a visit from Lanark Fire and Rescue Team as well as the wonderful stalls and games in the school hall.

Donations of sweets and home baking will be welcomed too!

Correspondence

Finally, should you have any concerns or need to contact the school out with school hours please use the office email address to communicate rather than contacting individual teaching staff. Any information received by the school office will be shared with the necessary staff and dealt with as appropriate. The office email address is office@forth-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk – many thanks for your cooperation.





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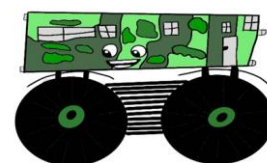


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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
27.3.25	Parent Consultations
28.3.25	Primary 1 Assembly 9:30am
28.3.25	Dress Down Day
31.3.25	Nursery Stay and Play
3.4.25	Nursery Stay and Play
4.4.25	Bounce Day School Closes 2.30pm
22.4.25	School Reopens 9am – Breakfast Club from 8:15am
25.4.25	Dress Down Day
1.5.25	Inservice Day 5 – School Closed for Pupils
2.5.25	Primary 7 at Law Primary - Transition
2.5.25	Primary 5 Assembly 9:30am
5.5.25	HOLIDAY
7.5.25	Primary 7 Parents' Information Session at Carluke High School 6:30pm
8.5.25	Pupils from S1 CHS to visit Primary 7 Nursery Information Session 10am
9.5.25	Primary 7 at Law Primary – Transition Primary 2 Assembly 9:30am
16.5.25	Primary 7 at Law Primary – Transition
21.5.25	Primary 7 Transition Day at Carluke High School
22.5.25	Primary 7 Transition Day at Carluke High School
23.5.25	HOLIDAY
26.5.25	HOLIDAY
28.5.25	Sports Day – 10am Willie Waddell Centre
30.5.25	Dress Down Day
11.6.25	Nursery Graduation 10am and 2pm
20.6.25	P7 Leavers' Assembly 10am
21.6.25	Forth Gala Day
23.6.25	P7 Leavers' Disco 6:30pm-8:00pm
25.6.25	School Closes 1pm Dress Down Day





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Nursery News

Stay and Play

We would like to invite parents/carers to attend our up and coming stay and play sessions. These will run on Monday the 31st of March at 2pm for the orange, purple, blue and silver groups and on Thursday the 3rd of April for the red, pink, gold, green and yellow groups, also at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you there where there will be lots of Easter opportunities to explore with your children. Hope you can make it along.

Primary 1 Parent Information Session

We would like to invite the parents/carers to our primary 1 parent information session on the 8th of May at 10am. Your children will have the opportunity to visit the primary 1 class whilst you receive information at the session regarding your child starting their next chapter at Forth School. We hope you can make it along and look forward to seeing you there.

Toilet Training

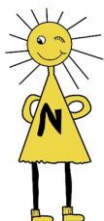
As Spring Break approaches this could be a good time for toilet training. As the warmer weather approaches and the holidays are here supporting your child to become independent and use the toilet could be an ideal opportunity. There are many resources to help support you with strategies to help your child. If you are needing further help or support, please speak to your child's keyworker.

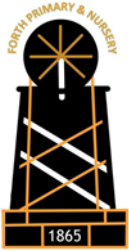
[Potty training: how to start & best age to potty train - ERIC](#)

[Potty Training Children with Additional Needs - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)

Suncream

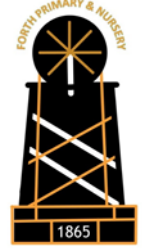
As spring approaches, I would like to refer you again to the importance of suncream even on cloudy cooler days. Your child should arrive at nursery already having suncream applied. This





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not only allows your child to go directly out to play but will help to keep congestion down at morning drop off which is already a very busy period.

On days where it may be cooler and cloudy the UV levels can still be classified as moderate and that means you should still apply sun cream protection. Please be assured in the afternoon staff will reapply sunscreen (this must be provided) in line with met-office guidance.

The nursery cannot subsidise the ongoing cost of providing suncream we therefore ask that you provide suncream for your child. We will provide a box where you can leave the suncream (labels will be provided to put your child’s name on) there will also be another box for sun hats to ensure these are not misplaced over the day - please put your child’s name on the label. The sun cream and sun hats can remain at nursery or taken home daily. Please refer to the met office link to check UV rays anything above 3 throughout the day would recommend using suncream. Suncream should be a new bottle, and the first use should be applied by parents at home in case of any reactions or allergies then staff can date the cream as they have an expiry of 12 months from opening.

Graduation

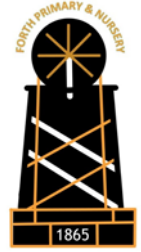
We will be holding our children’s graduation celebration on Wednesday the 11th of June. Children in the green, silver, orange, yellow and pink will have their celebration at 10am and children within the red, purple, gold and blue group will have their celebration at 2pm. We hope you can join us to celebrate your children’s journey at Forth Nursery and wish all the children the best on their journey moving forward into Primary 1.





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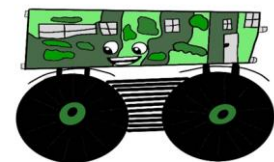
Cooking



The children have continued their big cook little cook with the Primary 6 children. They have been making fruit kebabs and banana muffins. The children have learned a range of skills to prep, chop and measure ingredients. The Primary 6 children supported the nursery children talking and guiding them through the process and afterwards all the children got to enjoy their yummy snack.

Celebrations

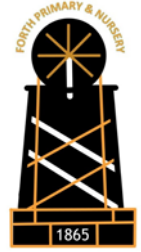
The children have been taking part and celebrating a range of celebrations. They have been learning about different celebrations such as St David's Day, St Patrick's Day and Ramadan. The children have had a variety of opportunities to explore different languages and cultures and shown an interest in designs and patterns, creating their own and copying patterns, and making creations through mark making opportunities.





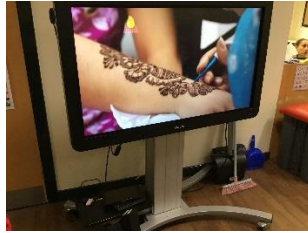
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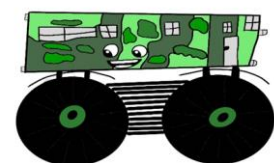
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Staffing Update

Sharon will remain as Acting Team Leader while Kirsty remains absent. Sharon will also continue to support the silver group. Nikki and Katie remain off for the time being and we hope they will return soon. Louise will support the orange group until Katie returns and Lianne has changed to working 4 full days starting after Easter with a working pattern of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Lyndsey will return in August working a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.





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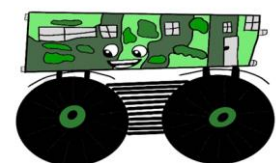
Reminders

If your child rides or scoots to Nursery please do not leave bikes or scooters within the bubble area as there are now too many and they are becoming a trip hazard, and children cannot reach their individual pegs. If you wish to leave your child’s bike or scooter, please take the bike/scooter to the bike shed. Anything left is at your own risk.

Once again please ensure children avoid bringing personal items and toys into the playroom as we have had things going missing or items that are unsuitable to be within the nursery environment. If your child brings toys, please ensure these are placed into their bags before entering the room. This will stop children being upset when things go missing.

Finally

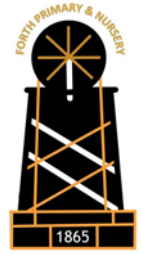
Nursery will close at 2.30pm on the 4th of April for the Easter holidays, Nursery doors will open at 2:15pm to allow Nursery children to be collected for the bell rings for the school children at 2:30pm. We will return on Tuesday the 22nd of April at 9am. We hope you have a lovely holiday.





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