

Isla Primary School Newsletter

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Honesty, respect, responsibility, kindness, perseverance and teamwork

Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to our September newsletter. Thank you to all families who were able to attend our "Meet the Headteacher and Teacher" afternoon and for providing your feedback, this is really helpful for self-evaluation and school improvement. This is an exciting new period for the school and I very pleased with how well the new staffing team are forging good relationships and a commonality which is to the benefit of all learners.

There has been a lot of change over the last few years and it is important that the school has some stability and focus in the years ahead and I am determined to provide that.

At the recent Parent Council meeting we discussed the existing communication channels. I appreciate that the email system is rather awkward for families in finding important information at times. We have looked at options to support a better platform for families and also something which is far smoother operationally for staff. I am pleased to inform you of a new platform called "**School app for parents**". This will provide a central point and focus for all communication from school. This will provide messages, newsletters, calendar dates, reminders, photos and links to Twitter, ParentPay and uniform will be available shortly.

This will also support communication from the Parent Council. The app is free and available to download on Play or Apple platform devices. Details surrounding the app will be provided this week.

We look forward to seeing many of you again this term ahead of the October holiday.

On the **29th September from 1430-1520** we will be holding an open afternoon when you can come into school and see learning from P1-7. We have already had our Nursery open afternoon this term, thanks to all those who were able to attend.

On the **30th September from 0915-1000** we will be holding a reading breakfast. Please come into the sports hall from the community entrance after children have come into school. There will be tea, coffee, rolls and croissants ahead of an opportunity to read with your child/children.

With best wishes,

Simon McKell
Head Teacher

Open afternoon and reading breakfast

We love reading at Isla Primary! If you can please bring a childrens book to read with your child on the 30th September. Please do not worry if you forget, there are plenty of good texts in our library.



Meet the Headteacher and teacher

Thank you to everyone who came and gave feedback. This is really valuable as part of ongoing school evaluation.

Visits

We have had some wonderful visits to the school this term. We had "M and M productions" perform Oliver Twist to the school. This was an excellent performance which the children really enjoyed. Thanks to the Parent Council for financing this. The Scottish SPCA came in to talk to the whole school about their important role. We also had two wonderful author visits. Stuart Reid provided a whole school reading assembly on Monday 12th September and on 15th September P5-7 had a special visit from author John Connolly. John spoke about the importance of writing, techniques and what inspired him. He very kindly provided gifts, signed books and donated books to our library. The afternoon was enjoyed by all and supported by home made tattie and carrot soup made from ingredients from the garden. Thanks to Lochy, Calvin and Struan for making such a wonderful pot of soup.



M and M visit to perform Oliver Twist

Maths Week Scotland

The final week of term provides a national focus on maths and numeracy. Staff have been busy developing lessons and ideas to support the focus of mathematical patterns and the importance of maths and numeracy on a daily basis. There will be baking, cooking, art and many other activities.

Parent Council AGM

The date for the AGM is Tuesday 25th October at 7pm in the school. All welcome.

Sports

P1-4 will be having football training from Kirriemuir Thistle on the 22nd September. We will also have rugby sessions for P1-4 also after the holidays. In addition to this we have secured some basketball training sessions in school in November. These will be provided by coaches from Tayside Musketeers.

House and Vice Captains

Children voted for their House and Vice Captains this term. This academic session we have:

Peel	Gilbert (C)	Lottie (VC)
Balintore	Magnus (C)	Lochy (VC)
Reekie Linn	Roby (C)	Eleri (VC)

SeeSaw

Thank you to everyone for signing up to SeeSaw. You will notice some differences to the free version last year. One significant difference is that you only have one app for the product rather than two (parent/carer and child). You simply log between both if using the same device. You can also access SeeSaw via the website, it is not purely an app platform. SeeSaw will share learning in school, provide photos, voice notes and share home learning tasks.

Home learning will be issued on Tuesdays for returns on Mondays. This is the same across both classes. On weeks that are short, there will be no home learning issued, this will also be the case on the last week of any term. Thank you.

Football pitch

The pitch has stood up remarkably well all term in spite of significant rain at times, meaning that it was not playable on only one occasion. Moving into the new term, please can all children come to school with a jacket and a change of socks/tights each day in case feet become wet. Thank you.

P7 Dalguise

We are hoping to have a P7 residential experience with other rural schools who will be attending Webster's High School in 2023. This has provisionally been booked for 9-12th June 2023 for our current P7. We anticipate costs of approximately £200 per child. If you are interested in this and your child is currently in P7, please email the school before the 28th September to note your interest. Thank you.

Dates for the diary

26 th September	Maths Week Scotland
29 th September	Family open afternoon from 14:30
30 th September	Family Reading breakfast 09:05

End of term at 15:20 on 30th September until 09:00 on 17th October.

17 th October	After school running club
21 st October	Show Racism the red card action day
24 th October	After school running club
25 th October	Parent Council AGM at 19:00
28 th October	P1-4 rugby sessions P5-7 rugby sessions
28 th October	Parent Council Halloween party 18:00-20:00
4 th November	Rugby sessions
8th November	Parent/carer meeting afternoon/evening 1530-1930
10 th November	Remembrance small group visit
11 th November	Remembrance. Rugby sessions and basketball sessions
14 th November	Book Week Scotland. P1-3 parents/ carers session from 1530-1600
17 th November	Football team trip to Kirriemuir