

# Antonine Primary School

March/April 2022

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Welcome to our latest newsletter. Since returning from the Christmas holidays we have continued to manage both staff and pupil absence due to Covid, which at times has been challenging.

The positive side of this is that Miss Ross, Mrs McFarlane and I have had lots of opportunities to be with pupils in class. We have been so impressed with the level of work and the pupil commitment to learning. Despite on-going Covid cases, classes are making progress within a wide and varied curriculum. We have always put the children first, ensuring the least amount of disruption to learning when staff are absent.



The latest guidance from Scottish Government for schools states that we are allowed to host assemblies in person from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. This is excellent news. We love assemblies at Antonine and although we have been celebrating these online, we much prefer all being together in the hall. You may hear us this coming Monday, singing our hearts out, as we celebrate our first time together in a few months.

Mrs McLaughlin

## Rights Respecting Schools

Please see the attached letter from Mrs McFarlane and the Rights Respecting Ambassadors. We are working towards going for the "Silver" award and will have an accreditation day in May 2022. Please read about our journey so far.

## Scottish Focus Week

This year we have enjoyed exploring heritage and culture from all over Scotland. The pupils did a fantastic job learning Scots Poetry and sharing this within the classes.



## P7 Burns Celebration

A huge well done to P7 for creating and producing their Scottish Celebration Burns Supper. We hope you enjoyed watching this. We have a very talented bunch.

## Staffing Update

We have welcomed back Mrs McManus from her maternity leave after the February holiday weekend. She will be teaching Primary 4 until the end of the school year in June 2022. We are delighted she is back with us.

## Pupil Consultations

An email has gone out inviting you to book a time for you to discuss your child's most recent progress. Please check your Spam/Junk folder if you have not received this. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – 4-7pm Telephone  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm Online Video Calls

## P7 Transition

Due to updated guidance we are pleased to announce that transition visits to Denny HS will go ahead in Term 4. P7 pupils will get two days to experience the school and follow a timetable. Denny HS will be in contact directly with families with more information.

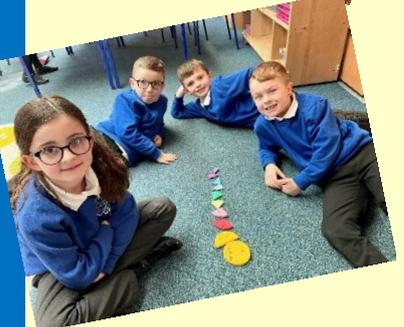
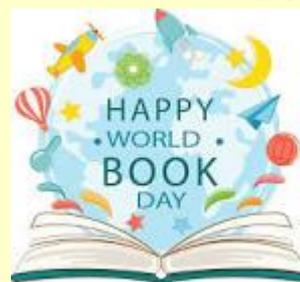
## World Book Day

We have an exciting array of activities planned for World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. We are having a dress down day so no uniform. We have an exciting new family QR code hunt planned – hopefully you will all take the chance to take part.

Can you find the 10 QR codes hidden around Bonnybridge and crack the secret code?

*(QR codes are hidden in windows from the library to the Co-op. Scan these for clues to help you solve the secret code and jot down your answers )*

Please email your answers to Miss Ross [gw09rossclare2@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw09rossclare2@glow.sch.uk) by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022.



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## Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair is coming to school on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and will be in school for one week. Pupils will get the chance to visit the book fair on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. A leaflet with information will also be emailed home.

Pupils can then choose to purchase books on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March or Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm on Zoom.

Please join us to hear the latest from the school. If you haven't been part of these meetings previously please email or phone the school to let them know you want to join and you will be sent a link.

## Mushroom Trust and Conservation Volunteers

The Parent Council team was recently successful in getting a £5000 grant from The Mushroom Trust to enhance and make changes to our outdoor areas. The school has entered a contract with "The Conservation Volunteers" who bring volunteers to do manual labour tasks as well as working alongside classes to teach the pupils about conservation and taking care of and developing the schools grounds.

Volunteers will work alongside pupils in P4 and P5 over the next few weeks.

This is an excellent focus to involve pupils in creating a playground that is both ECO friendly and a home for nature.



## Children's Easter Movie Night P1-P7

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – join us for an Easter treat, a drink and an Easter movie 3-5pm in the school hall. Tear off slips will be sent home in the beginning of March.

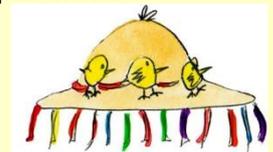
We love a movie night and can't wait to start these again.

Tickets are £2.50 per pupil or £5.00 for families with 3 or more children.

## Fundraising

The next P7 Tuck shop will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – the money raised from the tuck shop pays for the P7 Hoodies.

The charity group have also arranged a fundraising day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This will be "Bring a pound" and dress down/Easter bonnets-hats or crazy Easter hair. Money from fundraising will go towards an end of year trip we are planning. The ELC will also be taking part in this.



## 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 no one answers the phone, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



# Antonine Early Learning and Childcare Centre



## Current Learning

This term, Chinese New year has sparked the children's interest in exploring colour. We have experimented with mixing paints and explored different shades. Our interest also took us to using powder paints, where we developed our knowledge of measure and cause and effect. We explored how to make the right consistency of paint and what happens when we mix different colours.

We have also been developing our math, literacy and science skills through various baking activities. We have enjoyed making soup, flap jacks and banana bread.

Over the last few weeks we have been gradually reintroducing self-service during snack and lunch. The children have adjusted well to this and are developing their self-help skills, serving themselves really well.



## Children's Clothing and Shoes

Within ELC, our children are able to choose where they want to play and learn. This can include visiting the school library, gym hall or going outdoors. With the weather being quite wet recently lots of children are coming to ELC, wearing welly boots which are essential for outdoor play. However, can we please ask that on wet days children also bring a pair of indoor shoes that they can change into when taking their learning and play indoors. Spare shoes and clothes can be stored in a bag on your child's bag if you wish to do so. Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Outdoor Learning

With the relaxation of Covid 19 restrictions we are now updating our outdoor learning programme. This will provide your child with the opportunity to participate in community learning experiences on specific days throughout the week. This includes going on community walks around the local area. Further information regarding this will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.



### **Food from Home**

Over the course of this term, we are finding that more and more children are bringing in snacks from home into the ELC. Can we kindly request that unless previously discussed with ELC staff, we refrain from sending snacks in children's bags or pockets? As we have many children within the ELC who have medical, dietary and allergy requirements, some of these snacks pose a serious risk to their health. All children within the ELC are provided with both a morning and afternoon snack, in addition to their lunch. We always ensure that children do not go hungry so if a child does not like the available snack or lunch options, we always offer an alternative. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this matter.

### **Help needed**

Our children are thoroughly enjoying engaging with junk modeling activities at present. To continue to support their learning and development in this area, we would appreciate any help with sourcing the following materials.

- Cardboard boxes.
- Empty and clean juice or milk cartons / plastic bottles.
- Empty and clean butter and cheese tubs.
- Kitchen roll tubes
- Clean milk carton lids.

If anyone has any of these materials at home, please send these into ELC with your child.

We are also running really low on spare socks for the children. If anyone has spare socks at home, these would also be gratefully received.

### **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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## Dates for your Diary

### Term 3 – 2022

#### March

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Parents Consultations for school – telephone consultations

World Book Day – Dress Down Day

Parents Consultations for school – online video consultations

Scholastic Book Fayre in school – further info to follow

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

P7 Residential Trip to Broomlee until Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

P1-P7 Easter Movie Night 3-5pm Flyer to follow

Easter Assembly for pupils

Bring £1 – Dress down, Easter hats or crazy Easter hair for ELC and School

#### April

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Apr to Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Apr

P7 Tuck Shop

Easter Holidays

### Term 4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Apr

Holiday – Easter Monday School and ELC closed

Back to School and ELC

Homework and Reading starts

#### May

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

In-service day – School and ELC closed to pupils

Home File Week – Home files home to families on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

ELC Sports Day

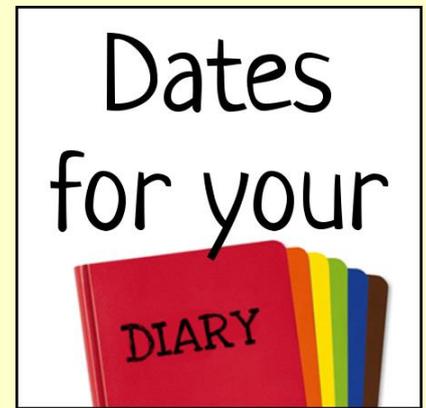
P1-3 Sports Day

P4-7 Sports Day

#### June

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Queen's Jubilee Holiday – School and ELC closed



Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Queen's Jubilee Holiday – School and ELC closed
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Possible whole school trip 😊
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports out to ELC and School Pupils P7 Leavers Party - evening
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P1-6 Celebration of Achievement – AM P7 Leavers Assembly – PM
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	ELC Graduation and Celebration AM Meet my new teacher – PM
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School and ELC close at 1.30pm.