

# Strath of Appin



## Weekly Newsletter

Timetable for Week 21/05/18			
May	Activity	Group/Person involved	Timescale
Monday 21	Bookbug	Pre-5 children, P1 children, local pre-schoolers welcome with carer, Mrs Murphy	11.30-12.00
Tuesday 22	PE Pre-5 Vision Screening Parents' Meetings	All Pupils Pre-5 children with consent All parents/Staff	am am pm
Wednesday 23	Tag Rugby Tournament	Primary 4-7 Pupils, Mrs McAllister & Mrs Murphy	All day
Thursday 24	Sports Day Head Teachers Meeting, Inveraray	Everyone Welcome Ms Thomson	All Day All Day
Friday 25	Head Teachers Meeting, OHS	Ms Thomson	All Day

**Dinner Money:** Please remember to send in any money on Fridays School lunches are £2.20 per day and if milk is taken this is 10 pence per day. Cheques should be made payable to Argyll & Bute Council.

The school lunch menu this week is Menu Week 2

### After School Clubs:

Tuesday Highland Dancers (Competing Dancers) 4.00-5.30pm  
Thursday Highland Dancers (Beginners) 4.15-5.00pm  
Friday Gym Club 3.30-4.45pm  
Friday Football 5.00-5.45pm

These are weekly clubs, individual leaders will inform members if the club is not running any particular week.

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**Horo Gheallaidh Obar Pheallaidh – 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018:** Comunn nam Oarant Obar Pheallaidh gave arranged a family weekend this June in Aberfeldy. It will be packed full of events including circus skills, ceilidh and Menzies Castle, orienteering skills workshop and a screening of Song of the Sea at the cinema – all in Gaelic. For more information please see <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/horo-geallaidh-obar-pheallaidh-family-weekend-tickets-45319108674>

**Friday & Lunchtime Clubs:** New in-school clubs have been arranged for lunchtimes and Fridays, they are as follows:-

## Friday Clubs

Chanter – Marsaili  
Computer – Max  
Hula Hoop – Megan & Campbell

## Lunchtime Clubs

Mondays – Tennis – Jack, Caddell & Arden  
Wednesdays – Art – Eva, Molly & Esme  
Fridays – Football – Roan & Calum

Music Club in June with Mrs Barlow

We would like to plan for some clubs coming back in August. These are the possibilities:-

A science club – we would need some resources.

Knot tying – we would need to get ropes.

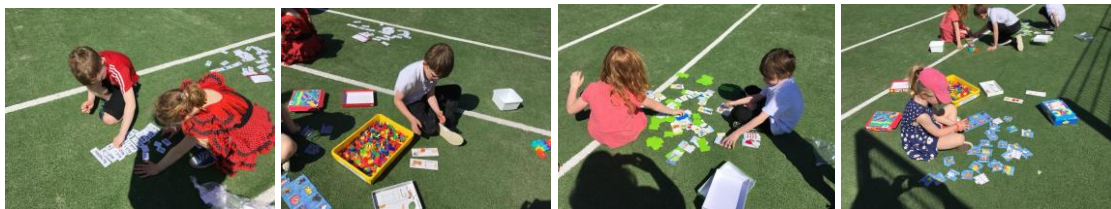
Badminton – we are looking for a volunteer to hold an after school club. Active schools will support this by getting us equipment. It would need to be in the local hall as the school doesn't have high enough ceilings.

With these three clubs it would be great to have a parent or member of the community come in for several weeks to run the club. The commitment would be for 4-6 weeks depending on when it is run during the week. If anyone is interested please let us know at the school. Thank you.

**Primary 1-3 News:** A fantastic writing lesson led by Aimee Leigh Suttie. The focus was to write a message in a bottle linked to our Seashore project. Messages of 'help' requesting various items needed were written. The messages were placed in real bottles with real sand and shells. A very memorable writing lesson. Thank you Miss Suttie!



Primary 1-3 enjoyed the lovely weather with learning out on the shinty pitch.



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**Nursery News:** This week in the Nursery we have been focusing on our topic, transport. We had lots of fun using checklists around Appin to identify different types of transport in the village. We also played transport bingo which we all thoroughly enjoyed.



We were working on patterns this week by using different colours and sizes of the wee teddy bears. We also created our own patterns.



Today we visited Cnoc Lodge Farm and got to feed the lovely little calf, Annie. We also met Tanya and Dora the miniature Shetland ponies and Gloria the stalking pony. We took carrots to feed the ponies which the children enjoyed very much. We would like to say thank you to Iain and Tricia McKay for inviting us.



**Maths Sacks:** Primary 5 pupils have been the first to take home the new maths resource. We hope that they have enjoyed trying out all the different maths activities and games, we look forward to receiving feedback from parents. Next to try out the Maths Sacks will be our Primary 6 pupils. Just a reminder to carefully check and return all the items contained in the sacks. Thank you.

**Primary 4-7 Homework:** Please bring in to school your newspaper/magazine/internet article or report about the problem of plastic. Remember to write down the source of the article and the date that it was published. There is much in the news about this topic at the moment so it should be reasonably easy to find something.

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**Primary 4-7 Art:** We have been looking at the work of Scottish Artist “Jolomo” as part of our “Scottish Landscape” unit. We have discussed the features of his work we like, his expressive style, the mood of his paintings and talked about the key colours he uses. We have also looked at many of his paintings online and chosen one we really like which we are trying to recreate using paints. This is a summary of what we felt about his work....

- The colours were bright/bold/brilliant/strong/dark
- The mood or atmosphere felt warm/happy/positive
- Key colours were blues, orange, yellows, white, contrasts of light and dark colours – with not much green

If you have any ‘Jolomo’ mugs, placemats, prints (not originals!), calendars, coasters etc we would love to see them and put them on display.



**Our Visions and Values:** Thank you to those who have kindly responded and returned the tear-off slip on the yellow form that was sent home last week. It is important that we consult with parents as well as work with the pupils and staff on our visions and values. There is still time to return your form with any comments, we really do appreciate your support with this.

**Tag Rugby Event – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Primary 4-7 pupils will be taking part in the annual tag-rugby event in Oban. Earlier in the year the pupils had several taster-sessions from Lucy Stewart and Allan Wright. Permission slips and information have already been sent home. Make sure pupils have PE kit, suitable footwear and suitable outdoor jacket for the weather. Please return consent form if you have not already done so.

**North Lorn Cluster School Sports Day – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May** (10.35am-2pm with a break for lunch at 12.15pm): All Nursery and Primary pupils are involved in our Sports Day which has been organised and planned by Kilchrenan Primary School. Our Primary 6&7 pupils have been paired up with Kilchrenan pupils to assist with setting up the activities on the day. Children should come to school in their PE kits with suitable footwear and be prepared for any weather! We hope to see lots of family and friends along to support and encourage the children. The theme of the sports day this year is “Australia” as the Commonwealth Games were held there recently. The teams have Aussie animal names: Team Thorny Dragon (white), Team Dingo (white), Team Kangaroo (blue), Team Wombat (blue), Team Koala (green), Team Emu (green), Team Wallaby (yellow) and Team Echidnae (yellow). There will be some tea and coffee available and we would appreciate donations of home baking on the day. Fingers crossed the weather stays dry – you never know you may just need suncream and a sunhat!

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**Staffing:** Christine MacLean has confirmed that she will remain in her seconded post next year, 2018/19. We are very pleased that Mrs Shepton has agreed to remain with us next year.

Joanne Cameron will continue in her acting post as ELC Worker after the Summer holidays.

**Diary Dates – Please remember to read this section as it is updated on a weekly basis.**

Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parents Meetings
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tag Rugby Tournament (Primary 4-7)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	STEM Project at OHS (Primary 4-7)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Oban MOD (Gaelic Class)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	High School Induction Days (Primary 7)
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Feis na h'Apainne
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent Council Summer Fayre 4.30-6.30pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 7 Leavers Concert 1.45pm

**Aileen Thomson**  
**Acting Head Teacher**

**Attachments:** Beach Ceilidh Poster

**School Bags:**