

Strath of Appin



Weekly Newsletter

Timetable for Week 23/04/18			
April	Activity	Group/Person involved	Timescale
Monday 23	BIG PEDAL WEEK Bookbug	Pre-5 children, P1 children, local pre-schoolers welcome with carer, Mrs Murphy	11.30-12.00
Tuesday 24	Head Teachers Meeting, Inveraray PE	Ms Thomson, Ms Hunter covering All Pupils	All Day am
Wednesday 25	Coaching Session, Inveraray	Ms Thomson	All Day
Thursday 26	Primary 7 Residential Trip PE	Primary 7 pupils, Ms Thomson, Mrs McAllister covering Primary 4-6 Pupils	All Day pm
Friday 27	Primary 7 Residential Trip	Primary 7 pupils, Ms Thomson	All Day
Saturday 28	Feis na h'Apainne	Everyone welcome	10.00am – 1.00pm

Dinner Money: Please remember to send in any money on Fridays. **School lunches are now £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

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Big Pedal: Each year the whole school, including nursery, get on our bikes, trikes and scooters. Please check out those brakes, pump up those tyres and give your bike/trike/scooter a spring clean ready for action next week. We are planning on being out on the cycle track on Tuesday so bikes etc can be dropped off at school on Monday afternoon or Tuesday first thing (please remember helmets). We are also encouraging children to cycle to school, where possible.



Highland & Islands Music & Dance Festival, Oban 4th – 6th May: Our Nursery and Primary 1-3 children have been learning their action song and are looking forward to the performance on Friday 4th May in the Corran Halls. Primary 4-7 pupils have been working hard with Mrs Barlow to perfect their piece for the Non-competitive Instrumental Ensemble class. Please come along and encourage and support the youngsters on the day. Many of our pupils will be taking part in highland dancing classes and solo instrumental and vocal classes over the weekend, so we wish them all well.

Action Song (P1-3, Nursery) – Corran Halls – 10.45am
Instrumental Ensemble (P4-7) – Corran Halls – 1.00pm



Primary 4 -7 instrumental ensemble rehearsing for their performance at the Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival. It is all coming together nicely – great progress everyone.

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Argyll & Bute Participatory Budgeting Vote: This year the council is trialling an exciting new way of giving out funds to community groups, where people living in Argyll and Bute make the decision, everyone should know about this and anyone aged 16 and over is able to vote. To find out more and to vote for the projects you would like to be funded please go to www.abpb.argyll-bute.gov.uk Voting is open until 30th April and winning projects will be announced on 3rd May.

Mrs Shepton's Class News: Primary 1-3 have settled back into school life very well after the Easter break with lots of recalling of good adventures they have been on. They have been practising the song "Drip Drop" for the Oban Music Festival on Friday 4th May. Please encourage singing of this song at home, words were issued in their homework bag or school bag.

We are looking forward to "The Big Pedal" this Tuesday.

Our literacy focus this week has been using persuasive language in letter writing with excellent help and guidance from the P6 pupils in this task.

Our maths focus for the next few weeks will be "shape, position and movement." We have been practising number work (addition and subtraction) through active games and playing the card game "21".

Polar Explorers – Design Technology: Mr Champion from Oban High School visited us last term and set our engineering groups a challenge. They have been working hard improving and developing design skills to construct model boats. Their design challenge was to use tools and equipment to make a model boat that could break through ice and be stable in Antarctic seas. The groups then devised several experiments to test their designs. They used sand and a string with weight to assess hull strength and shape and yesterday, did three tests using a water bath to test stability and floatability.



Mr Champion will be returning to look at the models, assessments and reports of the groups and help pupils draw conclusions from the experiences and group work.

It has been a fantastic learning experience for all involved and great fun.



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Use of ELC After School: It is a cause for concern that during after school clubs there has been a lot of mess and disruption to the nursery area in school. I have come some mornings to find sand all over the floor, art materials being used and having to be thrown out, the loss of pictures on the camera among other things. This means staff have to clean up before preparing for the day. It also may put the safety of our children at risk. I have to ask anyone in school after hours not to use this area. If you wish to remain while there is an after school club or meeting please use the senior desks and chairs. Thank you.

Nursery News: We have had a great first week back in nursery and have welcomed two new pupils Georgia and Rosie.

We have started our new topic on transport and have been looking at some of the different types of transport to decide which ones we would like to learn more about. We have chosen train, tractor, car, bus and aeroplane.

We enjoyed some lovely walks along the cycle track looking for signs of Spring, we saw some lovely daffodils.

“There is frog spawn at my grannies.” – Emma

The nursery are taking part in the Big Pedal on Tuesday so if possible could they bring in their bikes or scooters on Monday for a practice run.



As part of our language development in nursery we will be having Sarah-Jane in on a Friday morning to do some group Gaelic with the whole nursery, today we had a Gaelic story about Old MacDonald who had a farm along with counting the animals in Gaelic.

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

Thursday 26 th & Friday 27 th April	Primary 7 Residential Trip
Saturday 28 th April	Feis na h'Apainne
Friday 4 th May	Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival
Thursday 17 th May	Christian Aid Breakfast Club (08.45)
Saturday 19 th May	Feis na h'Apainne
Thursday 24 th May	Sports Day (Provisional)
Monday 11 th – Wednesday 13 th June	High School Induction Days
Saturday 16 th June	Feis na h'Apainne
Tuesday 26 th June	Primary 7 Leavers Concert 1.45pm

Aileen Thomson
Acting Head Teacher

Attachments: Big Pedal Poster
Feis Booking form for May
School Holidays for 2018-2020

School Bags: Future Friday information & enrolment form (Primary 7 only)
Oban Bowling Club flyer (one per family)