



Twechar Primary School

Term 3 Newsletter –

May to June 2023

Welcome Back

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to our school and early years centre at the beginning of our busy summer term!

I would like to thank each and every family member that joined us for our curriculum Open Days before the Easter break. I'm sure you will agree that the children put on a fantastic display of their learning. I know I personally deepened my knowledge regarding the vast array of topics. There was definitely something for everyone from Toys Old and New in Primary 1, Castles in Primary 2, The Vikings in Primary 3, Glasgow in Primary 4/5, Space in Primary 5/6 and World War II in Primary 6/7. It was lovely to see the children in their element and working together on a task with their family members. It was great to catch up with so many parents for a cup of tea afterwards. Your overwhelming feedback was that you would like to be involved in more opportunities like this. As we move forward, we will continue to look for opportunities to involve our parents and families in school life, ensuring that we live and breathe our school motto of ***All for One***.



Finally, at Twechar Primary School, we continue to operate an open-door policy. Should you have any issues, please contact me through the school office on 0141 955 2331 or email office@twechar.e-dunbarton.sch.uk, where I will be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss any issues.

Kind regards,
Linda Stewart
Depute Head Teacher

Reading for Enjoyment



Following the success of our Monday lunchtime Reading Club, this term we plan to tackle this a little differently. The feedback from the children was to offer this club on more days across the week. Mrs Longstaff has been working hard to get boxes of books and yoga mats ready to take the lunchtime Reading Club outside, not just on Mondays but across all days of the week! Let's just hope the weather is kind to us. This term will see our Library Sessions with our colleagues from William Patrick Library come to an end for the year but Mrs Longstaff is liaising with our library colleagues to develop what this will look like from August next year. Stay tuned!

Rights Respecting Schools

We now have our UNCRC Bubble Boxes in each classroom. We understand that all children have the right to be listened to and taken seriously. Children can write or draw their worries or suggestions and class teachers will be checking these boxes regularly and addressing any concerns.



Autism Acceptance week



We also celebrated Autism Acceptance week last week. Miss Stewart now has a host of wonderful pieces of work to update her eye-catching display in the foyer. This year's theme was 'Let's Learn about Autism' and prompted interesting discussions both in classrooms and at assembly.

Primary 7 Residential Trip to Lendrick Muir

This term got off to a superb start for most of our Primary 7 children who headed off to Lendrick Muir for their outdoor residential trip. Mrs Burns, Mrs McCormick and Primary 7 were exhausted after a fun-filled week. They took part in activities from archery tag to beach volleyball and the king swing for the bravest! It sounded like a wonderful week, epitomising one of school values; **Fun!** I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Burns and Mrs McCormick for their efforts on limited amounts of sleep!

Lunchtime and Afterschool Clubs

Last term, we saw the success of a Games lunchtime club with Miss Wilson and a Construction Club with Mr Reid. This term, we have Netball (P5-7) and Football (P4-7) running as after-school clubs. Reading Club will now not be set to a specific day of the week and will be held outdoors (weather permitting).

Absence and Late coming

As always, we will continue to monitor pupil absence and late coming because we know this has an impact on learning. Where pupil absence or late coming is high, parents will be informed, and the school will work with you to help you improve this.

If your child is going to be absent from school the office should be notified by 9.15am at the latest. The office will follow East Dunbartonshire Council policy where no contact has been made with the school.

Denise McMunn – Family Learning Assistant

Denise McMunn continues to be available to support our families with any issues you may have such as accessing the EDC Parent Portal or applying for any assistance such as free school meals, clothing grant or free bus travel. Her Café sessions continue to run on a Friday morning if you would like to chat and come together with other parents from our school community.



Mrs McMunn also has a gardening project this term and is looking for parent volunteers. If this is something you'd like to work with us on, please contact Denise through the school office on 0141 955 2331 or email office@twechar.e-dunbarton.sch.uk.

Seesaw

Lots of our families are now connected with their child on Seesaw! This is a great way for children to share what they have been working on in class and provides a wonderful link between home and school life. If you have not yet signed up to Seesaw and would like to be involved in your child's learning, please get in touch with the school office on 0141 955 2331 or email office@twechar.e-dunbarton.sch.uk and we can reissue the form.

Garden Party

We will have our annual Garden Party on Thursday 25th May. Due to our ever-increasing school roll, we will have our Garden Party in 2 sittings, as we did last year. This allows us to be mindful of health and safety and keep the quad area from over-capacity. Family members of Primary 1-3 children will be invited to join us from 1.15-2.00pm and family members of Primary 4-7 children will be invited to join us from 2.05-2.50pm. If you have multiple children across the stages, you will of course be invited to join us for the full session. If you would like to help out at the Garden Party, please let the school office know as we welcome all Parent Volunteers – the more the merrier!

Our children will be working hard over the coming weeks to create a piece of artwork or a craft item to sell as part of a small enterprise project. All profits raised will go to school funds.



Summer Trips

With the help of the Parent Council, we have been able to arrange for all children to attend a summer trip again this year. The children will be transported by bus to the following excursions:

- **Primary 1–3 to the Sea Life Centre on Tuesday 6th June**
- **Primary 4–7 to the Science Centre on Monday 12th June**



We will issue more information in due course but these are set to be fantastic days out for the children. Thankfully, they are not too reliant on the ever-changing weather!

Transitions and Reports

We have a considerable amount of transition events this term. Our nursery pre-school children have various opportunities to visit the Primary 1 classroom in transition visits over the coming weeks. Similarly, our Primary 7 children have already begun their transition visits to Kirkintilloch High School and are working towards their 2 induction days at the beginning of June.

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended their child's parents' night appointment last term. This term, your child will receive a progress report. Reports will be issued to parents on Monday 12th June. Each report will have a tear-off slip that confirms the report has been received and has an option for any comments or questions you may have.



Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 25 th May (am)	P7 Teambuilding Event at KHS
Thursday 25 th May (pm)	Garden Party
Friday 26th May	School Closed (HOLIDAY)
Monday 29th May	School Closed (HOLIDAY)
Tuesday 6 th June	P1-3 Summer Trip to the Sea Life Centre
Thursday 8 th and Friday 9 th June	Primary 7 Induction Days at KHS
Friday 9 th June	New Primary 1 Parents Information Session
Friday 9 th June	Parent Council Quiz Night
Monday 12 th June	P4-7 Summer Trip to the Science Centre
Monday 12 th June	Reports Home to Parents
Friday 16 th June	Sports Day – 1.15pm
Tuesday 27 th June	P7 Leavers Assembly – 9.30am
Wednesday 28 th June	School finishes at 1pm (Summer Holidays)
Wednesday 16th August	Pupils Return