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Newsletter 27

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Headteacher's Message

Welcome back after the Easter break. I hope that you enjoyed a bank holiday weekend full of sunshine... for a change!

This half term's values are truth and honesty. Pupils will be taking part in activities and circle time sessions focusing on the importance of these values and staff will be looking out for role-models who display them in their work, play and friendships.

Next week, we move into the month of May which is one of the busiest months in the school calendar! Key Stage 2 SATS take place during the week beginning May 13th. Our Y6 pupils are busy working hard with their revision and are doing themselves and their teachers proud. Keep up the great work Y6 - not long to go now!

May is also the month for Walk to School Week (May 20th - May 24th). We hope to see as many families as possible leave the car at home to support this campaign. It is a great way to increase your family's physical activity as well as reduce the congestion and pollution around the school gates. As in previous years, we will be organising a walking bus to support your child having a fun, safe journey to school on foot. Follow the link below to find out more about this campaign and the important issues and messages behind the fun. <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/parents>

Please can parents ensure that pupils do not bring mobile phones to school. The only exception to this is for independent travellers in Years 5 and 6 who, on arrival at school, must leave their phones in the school office. Pupils from other year groups who bring their phones in to school will have them confiscated and parents will be asked to collect them from the office.

Children being 'addicted to technology' is a recurring theme that is hitting the headlines more and more often. Staff have had more than a few conversations this year with parents who are very worried about the amount of time their child spends (or wants to spend!) on their device. Unfortunately, we also see more pupils than we would like, who are not getting enough sleep or physical exercise because of the amount of time they spend on-line. It is a real and growing problem that can affect a child's ability to learn and behave well at school. Please follow the links to read tips and advice about setting digital boundaries and information about parental controls.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/setting-boundaries-that-work>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

Please be reminded that absence for family holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Next Friday, we will be holding our next Book Swap and uniform sale events. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Enjoy your weekend.

Word of the Week

Rec minibeast	Year 1 nutrients	Year 2 explain	3C sly	3S attract	Year 4 present	Year 5 ancient
6G abyss	6HW acknowledge					

This Week's Author, Reader & Mathematician of the Week

Congratulations to:

Author KS1 Lexi 2BC
KS2 Alex 4CG

Reader KS1 Mason 10
KS2 Alex 6G

Mathematician KS1 Zachary Rec
KS2 Sunny 3S



Best Class Attendance

EY/KS1 - Rec EK

KS2 - 4H



Sports News

Year 5 s-x-a-side

The boys narrowly missed out on qualifying for Saturday finals as they lost out on goal difference. After winning the first game v St Peters 2-1, with the goals coming from Lennon and Brendan, the next game was a carbon copy of the recent league game v St Columba's, with Bowmansgreen losing 1-0 to the same free kick on the same part of the pitch.

This meant that the boys had to win the final game v Alban City. Unfortunately, the game ended in stalemate as neither team could break the deadlock. Although dominating possession, it was not enough for the boys in green as the game ended 0-0.

It was a good performance from the boys and unlucky that they came up against two strong schools so early on. St Columba's are amongst the favourites to win the whole tournament.

Squad - Archie, Luca (c), Jason, Fraser, Lennon, Ollie, Jed and Brendan.

Early Years News from Miss Minardi

This week

It has been an exciting first week back! Our topic this term is Minibeasts; we cannot wait to find out all about what creepy crawlies are around us.

We had an amazing time at the theatre and thoroughly enjoyed the show. Parents, your children behaved impeccably and are a credit to the school!



This week, in phonics, we have been practising the *ure*, *er* and *air* sounds. Help your child to find words with these sounds and practise sounding them out using their metal mike arms.

Next week

We will be learning some facts about minibeasts.

Parent Notice

Please remember, home learning is due in on Tuesday. Any lost reading books will need to be replaced.

Can you also please continue to complete the lunch choices at home. Thank you!