



STRATHBLANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

May 2010

NEWSLETTER



Active Schools Activities

Cross Country Running Club

Pupils in primary 5, 6 and 7 meet at lunchtimes every Thursday. Pupils need a permission slip to participate. Please note that for this term the club is now full.

Strathendrick Football Club

If you are in Primary 6 or Primary 7 and you would be interested in playing for Strathendrick. Our training nights are Thursdays 1900-2000 hrs outdoors at Balfron High School. We play our matches on Saturdays in the Forth Valley League. We have age groups from under 7,s to under 15,s and generally 2 coaches per age group. More information is on the site <http://www.strathendrickfc.co.uk/>

Any parent wishing to send their child along, even for a night to see if they enjoy it, can email me at jsemple@sempletravel.co.uk

Thanks very much,
John Semple.

School Holiday Consultation 2011 - 2012

Stirling Council is consulting on two options for the school holidays in June 2011 - 2012.

Please visit the website at

<http://www.stirling.gov.uk/currentconsultations.htm>

Parents, pupils, staff and other interested parties are asked to indicate their preference of the two available options by completing the survey online. Numbers will be collated and a decision taken as to the confirmed school holidays.

Please note that this survey closes on Friday 4 June 2010.

Working in Partnership with Parents

Parents and carers are invited to join Ms Logan and Miss Spencer on Friday 4th June at 2:15p.m. for our "Let's Talk about Learning" Workshop. This month we will be talking about the Learning Experiences and Outcomes for Literacy and Numeracy for Curriculum for Excellence.

School Uniform and P.E. kit

Parents are reminded that all school uniform orders should have been handed in by now (Tuesday 18th May).

All pupils need to come prepared for P.E. lessons. Pupils should have shorts, a t-shirt (preferably in their House Colours), indoor gym shoes (and outdoor training shoes). For Health and Safety all pupils with long hair **MUST** have it tied back, jewellery needs to be removed including pierced ear-rings (if a child can't remove their own ear-rings then it is advisable that they do not wear ear-rings to school on the days that they have P.E.)



It has been drawn to my attention that the draw string bags that many pupils use for their P.E. kit can pose a danger to pupils due to the length of the trailing cords from some of these bags. In order to minimise the risks

to pupils it is suggested that alternative bags are used for P.E. It is hoped that this will be helpful information to parents and carers as they plan to buy new school equipment for the next school session.

Short handled cotton bags can be purchased from this website for 81p in a variety of colours. There is a discount for larger quantities ordered so perhaps some friends can get together and order a few at a time!

<http://shop.thecleverbaggers.co.uk/>

National School Sports Week Week beginning 7th June 2010

We have an exciting programme of sporting events planned for all pupils. This includes:

- Primary 7 pupils will go to Balfron High School for a day of sports organised by Active Stirling on Monday 7th June.
- Primary 3 and 4 will visit Kelburn Country Park on Thursday 10th June.
- At Strathblane Primary School we have Golf Taster sessions for all pupils on Wednesday 9th June.
- Primary 1,2,5,6 and 7 will experience Tae Kwon Do on Thursday 10th June.
- There's after school sports tournaments running all week.
- We have a special guest appearance by Mark Hatley (Rangers Football Club) on Wednesday 9th June
- **School Sports Day will be on Friday 11th June**

Sexual Health & Relationships Programme Information for Parents

The sexual health and relationships programme gives children the information necessary to make appropriate and safe decisions and choices at a suitable age. Within the programme, there is the opportunity for each child to learn about positive relationships and to develop healthy and responsible attitude. This programme is progressive throughout the whole primary school and includes the physical, social and psychological aspects of health.

Pupils work on this aspect of the Health Curriculum this term. Each class will get three lessons on this area of Health Education.

In **Primary 1**, pupils will investigate the theme of *Life Cycles* – butterflies and frogs.

Resources

The children will learn about these topics through stories, picture books and discussion.

In **Primary 2**, pupils will investigate the theme of *Life Cycles*.

- Identifying the fact that all living creatures are part of a cycle
- Identifying the features of the Life Cycle of a butterfly or a frog
- Watch a video about the birth of kittens

Resources

- Story books
- Picture books
- Discussion time
- Worksheets
- Living and Growing Video Unit 1

In **Primary 3**, pupils will investigate the theme of *Being Special*

- Birthdays and their significance
- What makes me special and unique
- Celebrating all that I can do, whether I am a boy or a girl

Resources

- Story books
- Picture books
- Discussion time
- Worksheets
- Living & Growing Video Unit 1 – I'm Special

In **Primary 4** the theme of *Changes* will be explored.

- Comparing life as a P4 pupil and a younger child
- Different activities and pursuits older children can enjoy e.g. Sports
- Changes e.g. school, house, friends and things that stay the same

Resources

- Story books
- Discussion time
- Worksheets
- Living & Growing Video Unit 2
Jamal Moves house
Kodine Gets her Hair Cut

In **Primary 5** the theme of *Changes* will be explored

- Changing bodies – introduce key vocabulary to name body parts
- Exploring friendships
- Changing bodies – menstruation

Resources

- Books
- Worksheets
- Living & Growing Video Unit 2
Changes

In **Primary 6** the theme of *How Babies are Born* will be explored

- How babies are made
- How babies are born
- Relationships

Resources

- Living & Growing Video 2

In **Primary 7** the theme of Boy Talk, Girl Talk will be explored

- Considering the changes both physical and emotional that take place as boys and girls go through puberty
- Consider the influence of the Media on decisions
- Reassurance that Puberty is a normal process

Resources

- Living & Growing Video 3

You may want to take this opportunity to talk to your child about the issues raised.

Arrangements can be made for you to view any materials, if you wish. Please contact the class teacher to ask to see the resources used.

Staffing News and Classes 2010/2011

The school has been allocated some additional teaching staff for session 2010/2011. We have been allocated a Probationer teacher for this school session. If all probationers allocated to Stirling schools take their placement for their induction year then this will mean that the classes for 2010/2011 will be as follows:

Primary 1
Primary 2
Primary 3
Primary 4
Primary 5
Primary 6
Primary 7

It is unlikely that this arrangement will change for this school year.

Miss Allen has been granted one year's career break. This means that she will work in the U.S.A. for 2010/2011. Class teachers will be confirmed when the school knows who the probationer teacher is, and we have more information with regards to Miss Allen's replacement for 2010/2011.

Summer Fair

Please remember to bring your family and friends along to the School Grounds on Saturday 5th May to enjoy the fun of the fair.

Bug Busting/ Headlice

As we are all no doubt aware, head lice continue to be a recurrent problem in schools. According to the latest figures from the Scottish Executive it is estimated that 0.5% - 5% of pupils are infected with head lice at any one time. While it is distressing for both children and parents, it is not harmful and is nothing to be ashamed of. It can however be time-consuming to treat and can be passed on to other family members, including adults, by direct head-to-head contact. It is therefore essential that all parents /carers are aware of the correct way to check their child's hair and carry out the appropriate treatment if necessary. The following are the current recommendations for the detection and treatment of head lice.

How do I check my child's hair?

Firstly, checking a child's dry hair **does not** detect lice as the lice move quickly away from the parted hair and are not visible. The only effective way to detect head lice is by **wet combing** the hair and to be most effective this should be done on a weekly basis.

Wet combing

1. Wash the hair and apply a generous amount of conditioner (a big bottle of own-brand conditioner does the job as head lice aren't fussy!). The conditioner slows down the lice, causes them to swell and lose their grip on the hair.
2. With the conditioner in the hair, comb the hair to get rid of any tangles.
3. Using a fine tooth comb (also known as a 'bone' comb) take a section of the hair and pull the comb downwards, keeping it close to the scalp where the lice are usually found.
4. Check the comb for lice after each stroke
5. Continue to comb the hair in this way until all the hair has been combed.
6. Repeat this process once a week.

What do I do if I find any lice?

Don't panic! If any head lice are found, check the rest of the family's hair (including your own) in the way outlined above. An infection of head lice is diagnosed if you have found any **live** (wriggling or moving) lice. Insecticide lotions are available on prescription from your GP or Health Visitor, or over the counter from the chemist. They may wish to see evidence of a head lice infection so it is a good idea to stick one with sellotape onto a piece of paper to take with you. It is essential that **ONLY** people who have had **LIVE** head lice detected are treated with the lotion. Lotions do not prevent an infection from occurring but only kill live lice.

School Gardening Club

At Strathblane Primary School we have started a gardening club called the Wellington Boots. We meet most Wednesdays after school for 1 hour. First we painted the benches in the nursery garden, they look really good now. Next we weeded the flower beds and planted more flowers.

The village gardening club let us have a table at their plant sale in the Kirk Rooms car park, so we started to grow plants to sell. We made paper potters to sell the plants in. They are good because you can just plant them in the ground with the newspaper still on.

On the day of the sale some of us went along and sold our plants. We sold nearly all of them! A few of us priced the plants; others talked to the customers while the rest counted the money. Our rocket lettuce was very popular, and we sold all of our tomato plants! Altogether we managed to raise £27 for Water Aid.

We really enjoyed the sale and were very proud of how much we managed to raise. It was good to talk to the people coming to our stall. Perhaps next year we can do it again.

Wellington Boots

School Grounds

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who continue to help and support us with the developments and maintenance of the school grounds; including the Nursery Garden. If you are in the school grounds you may have noticed that we have beautiful new plants in barrels in front of the building, and at the flower bed at the front entrance to the school building has been rejuvenated. There are raised beds in the Nursery garden and some barrels have been sunk into the ground to be used by children to play in. Please look out for further developments. Volunteers are always welcome- we can provide chocolate as an incentive!!!!

Rotary Primary Schools Quiz District Final

The District Final of this years' Primary School Quiz will be held on Thursday 3rd June 2010 at Clydebank Town Hall. We have a team from primary 7 who have qualified to go through to this event. Isobel Gray, Jason Cowan, Aidan Wardle and Anne McCallum will represent Strathblane Primary School. This team performed exceptionally well in the Balfron Heats and returned to school as the triumphant winners. We would like the school community to join with us in wishing them well as they participate in the District Finals.

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PUPIL Events - May 2010

Date	Activity	Who is involved?	Comments
Monday 17 th May	Football taster 9:30-10:30a.m.	Primary 4	Please ensure that pupils have P.E. kit
Tuesday 18 th May	Drumming workshop	Primary 7	
Wednesday 19 th May	Drumming Workshop	Primary 7	
Wednesday 19 th May	After school Book Club	Primary 4 - 7	Only pupils who have completed a consent form can attend
Thursday 20 th May	Assembly	All	House assembly
Thursday 20 th May	Lunch club – Cross Country	Primary 5 - 7	Only pupils who have completed a consent form can attend
Monday 24 th May	Football taster 9:30-10:30a.m.	Primary 4	Please ensure that pupils have P.E. kit
Monday 24 th May	Visit from Environmental Health (Topic work)	Primary 6	1:15p.m.
Tuesday 25 th May	Cheerleading after school club	Primary 6 and 7	Only pupils who have completed a consent form can attend
Wednesday 26 th May	Julia Donaldson – Authors Live Event	Primary 1 - 4	This event will happen during class contact time
Thursday 27 th May	Transport police visit (topic work)	Primary 6	1:15p.m.
Thursday 27 th May	Safari Park Outing	Primary 1 and 2	Bus leaves at 9a.m. and returns at 3:15p.m. Pupils in these classes need to bring a packed lunch with them. No fizzy drinks please.
Thursday 28 th May	Lunch club – Cross Country	Primary 5 - 7	Only pupils who have completed a consent form can attend
Monday 31 st May	Football taster 9:30-10:30a.m.	Primary 4	Gym Hall in use

Annual Update Forms

All update forms MUST be returned to the school office by Thursday 20th June at the latest please.

Summer Fair

Please remember that the theme for the Summer Fair is Europe. On Saturday 5th May we look forward to seeing lots of people dressed up either in traditional dress for European countries, fancy dress on this theme or wearing European sports tops.