



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back from our mid-term break!

As we move into the second half of term 3, we hope to see weather improving and more opportunities for the children to use the outdoor space more frequently. We are hoping to work more closely with parents and carers to achieve this goal. Many of you have come to me to put forward your interest in supporting the school by helping to develop the outdoor area, either through maintaining the play equipment or by gardening which has been wonderful! If you are able to commit to this, please contact the school office and provide your name, contact details, availability and some detail of what you are able to help with. We can then work to putting together a committee of parents and helpers for this purpose.

In this newsletter you will find information on staffing changes and some updates on curriculum resources we are using in the school.

As always, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support,

Mrs P Walsh

Head teacher

Clan Points

Loch Fyne: 5034

Loch Lomond: 5123

Loch Etive: 5277

Loch Awe: 5256

Loch Etive our winning clan for term 2 enjoyed a treat of arts and crafts followed by pizza in the hall as their reward!



Class Points

	Class	Points
1	P 7/6	73
2*	P7	64
2*	P 5A	64
3	P 4B	58
4*	P 1B	55
4*	P 1A	55
4*	P 6	55
5*	P 3	53
5*	P 5B	53
6	P 2	50
7	P 4A	50
8	P3/2	44

School Fund Spending:

This session we have looked closely at our available resources across Literacy and Numeracy and focussed some school fund spending on providing the children with updated and more engaging resources to support the learning and teaching in class.

Some resources we have purchased so far are:

Jolly Grammar: This is a whole school resource which provides learners with essential spelling and grammar skills building. You may notice homework within Spelling and literacy tasks will change from this term onwards to allow children to engage in activities that will further benefit their spelling skills building. Seesaw will be used as a means to share spelling lists and a suggested list of both written and interactive tasks will be shared for pupils to have a variety of choices in how they reinforce spelling learning at home. This resource will be available to view during our next parents evening.

Numeracy Resources: Following staff discussions on resources, we have purchased a new Numeracy resource which will provide learners with varying strategies in achieving learning targets. There will be opportunities to take part in family workshops in the next term to see strategies children are learning and to view resources and materials used in class.

iPads and Apple Pencils:

As we move towards a more digital world, the importance of providing children with the most up-to-date devices is essential for them to build the skills required for this. With this in mind, we have sourced and brought in 30 iPads and Apple Pencils for the children. They are fresh out the box this week with P7 setting them up for use in class. More information in the next term will follow on how the children are enjoying the new resources!

Health and Wellbeing in Colgrain Primary

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - 3rd - 9th February

The whole school celebrated Children's Mental Health Week by carrying out a variety of activities in their class each day. This was a rewarding event for the children, and staff saw great support from both them and parents at home. The importance of mental health in our children is a significant topic in education today. Staff used this week to highlight this with their classes and spread awareness of the need to be mentally healthy as well as physically healthy. The end of the week brought all the school together to have a morning sing-along to help celebrate a positive week and encourage laughter and fun for all the children and staff!

LGBT History Month (February)

As this is an awareness raising month for the LGBT community, the school will be covering this topic using the resource The Rainbow Laces which has been produced for primary school children. The resource promotes equality and positive relationships within a community and encourages tolerance and kindness which are key values for Colgrain. The Rainbow Laces resource will be available on the school website for parents and carers to view.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Kelly Mozley our ASN staff member who works with Primary 2 will be leaving us this week on Friday 21st February. She has worked with many children here at Colgrain and will be missed by the team here. I would like to thank her for her work and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Helen Kelly is one of our EECW in the Pre-5 Unit. Mrs Kelly has decided to reduce her hours from this week and will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only from now on.

I would also like to officially welcome Gillian Dougan our newest EECW who started in our Pre-5 unit in January and Alexis Stewart our new clerical staff member in the office.

Scooters and Bikes - Safety First!



A reminder to all pupils travelling to school on a scooter or bike. Please walk and push scooters and bikes from the bottom of Redgauntlet Road into the school grounds and then store them in the area provided. There have been reports that some children are not following this when outside the school gate which has potential to cause an accident during busier times.

Important Dates coming up:

24th February – PTC Meeting in school @ 9.15am

2nd March – Parent's Evening slips out to parents – look out for slips!

5th March – World Book Day – children can dress as their favourite character today

18th March – Parents Evening

31st March – PTC Meeting in school @ 9.15am

3rd April – School closes for Spring Break @ **2.30pm**