



Colgrain Primary School & Nursery

'Inspiring all to Flourish'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the March edition of our Newsletter!

We are now fully returned as a school and have enjoyed welcoming back our P4-7 pupils to Colgrain from the 15th March 2021. All of our children and staff together again properly has come along with a turn in the weather making this week a bright and sunny affair!

We are looking forward to making the best of good weather and school grounds for the remainder of term 3 and into term 4. Each new day brings us closer to moving past current restrictions which will support some school activities towards the end of this session.

As ever, it remains important to continue to pull together as a community to support each other and work in partnership. Thank you to all our Parents who are keeping to the drop-off and pick-up procedures making this a smooth process for everyone.

A reminder of the current guidelines for school drop-off and pick-up:

- Only one adult should attend for drop-off / pick-up reasons
- Nursery, P1, P2/1 and P2 parents only on school grounds
- Face coverings and 2m distance in place at all times
- Parents waiting at the bottom of Redgauntlet Road should continue to follow face coverings and 2m distancing as set out by the Scottish Government

Keep safe everyone,

Mrs P Walsh

Head Teacher

World Book Day

On Thursday 4th March we celebrated World Book Day both in school and online. A big thank you to the children and staff who took part in the dress up competition.

Our winners were:

ELC: Flynn & James

P1-3: Mark, Brodie, Aurora, Mason, Skye, Luke & Eilidh

P4/3 – P7: Levi, Hamish, Sadie, Ellie Mae, Savannah, Ellie B, Jack H, Molly and Stevie

Teacher Winners: Miss Murphy and Miss Caldwell

Everyone enjoyed a sweet-toothed prize for their efforts in taking part!



Mrs Walsh and the Golden Book

In the Head teacher office, sits a small golden book with a small golden pen. Some children have seen this golden book, some even have their names written in this golden book.

Mrs Walsh has decided this term to try and fit as many names as possible in the small golden book.

There are many reasons a name can be added. A staff member, child or parent could mention a pupil's name because of something lovely and kind they have done. Anyone can be added at any time!

To start us off, Mrs Walsh is on the lookout for children who show patience and kindness to others. This can happen anywhere and at any time. Anyone could pass a name on.

If you find a pupil showing patience and kindness, please get in touch so their name can be added and a special golden sticker can be given!



Seesaw Class & Google Classroom

We have now amended our online learning platform to support continued progress in using the most cost effective product for sustained use across the school.

To this end, we will be maintaining Seesaw Family as a tool for share learning in class with families at home.

The functionality of Seesaw Class was extremely supportive during online learning where children could post completed work to staff, as we worked to develop skills in school on the uses of Google Classroom. Now that remote learning has ended, we are using the time to further enhance the use of Google Classroom as the sole area for posting activities for home tasks and sharing completed home tasks with the teacher. Seesaw Class app will now end to ensure all classes are consistently using the one area for posting.

Teachers will work with children in class over the next few weeks in posting through Google Classroom and will continue to share class timetables via Google Classroom weekly for parents to view. This will help parents feel connected to the class learning and maintain the partnership between home and school now that children have returned fully.

A parent help guide will also be sent home with children to assist you in uploading activities for teachers.

All communication between parents and staff should be sent via school email / phone calls to the office.



PTC Uniform Shop

You can now support the school by using our new Facebook page for the PTC Second-hand Uniform Shop, ran by PTC member Nikki Harvey.

Buying second-hand helps the PTC to raise funds and is environmentally friendly as well. Please contact the Facebook page if you wish to donate any items, we accept Colgrain logo items. All items and prices are listed but can be accessed free of charge for low income families.

Many thanks
Colgrain PTC



SPRING TEA PARTY!

We have worked with Mrs Gannon in the school kitchen to create a theme day for our last day of term 3.

On **Thursday the 1st April**, children will have the opportunity to purchase a small afternoon tea themed boxed lunch

Proposed Menu:

A Selection of Sausage Rolls, Chicken Nuggets, Healthy Oat Bites, Jam Tart / Sponge Cake, Salad and Juice

(Dietary needs will be catered for)

Please note that an alternative option of packed lunch with sandwiches will also be available.

Children are welcome to bring blankets for sitting outside on the day – weather permitting.



World Autism Awareness Week

This year, we will be raising awareness of Autism, Asperger's, ADHD and other types of conditions that can go unseen in adults and children in the community.

We will be working on lessons throughout the next few weeks and celebrating our shared knowledge during World Autism Awareness Week -

Monday 29th March - 4th April 2021.

We will seek opportunities for partner agencies and local 3rd sector partners to support the week by providing information and Q&A sessions.

Look out for more ways we will be involving our families through updates!



House Keeping

Colgrain ELC drop-off times are from **8.45am - 9am**. Please avoid attending the school grounds earlier than 8.45am to avoid a build-up at the gates.

Where possible, can we please ask parents and carers to stick to the set drop-off and pick-up times for their child's class.

Some children are now entering school on scooters. This can be a fun way to encourage younger feet to make it to school/nursery and home again without a car. As there is very limited space on Redgauntlet Road, we ask that children walk while pushing scooters from the bottom of the road into the school and walk pushing scooters as they leave to avoid any accidents or bumps.

School Lunch Menu:

<https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/primary-school-meals-menu>

Please find the school menu via the link provided.

Diary Dates...

Tuesday 16th March & Thursday 18th March – P1-6 Parents Evening Phone Call appointments

Tuesday 16th March, Wednesday 17th March & Thursday 18th March – P7 Parent & Pupil Google Meet appointments

Monday 29th March – 4th April 2021 – World Autism Awareness Week

Thursday 1st April – Spring Tea Party & School closes for Spring Holiday @ **2.30pm** (bring a blanket for the picnic)

