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Weekly Update **Friday 25th October 2024**

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school for another busy term. I hope everyone has had a lovely October holiday. The children have settled in well this week and have been enjoying their learning. We had a fantastic time at our pantomime Robin Hood (Oh yes we did!) We have a busy term ahead and school staff have been busy planning lots of enriching learning experiences for our children.

Rights Respecting Schools Award

We are delighted to announce that this week we were awarded our Rights Respecting Schools Silver Award from UNICEF. The assessor was very impressed with our Rights Respecting Schools journey to date and how we have embedded children's rights into our school ethos and curriculum.

New School Update

You will have received communication this week from Scottish Borders Council (SBC) with regards to our new Primary School project. I have been working closely with them on this. They are committed to and have a strong track record in delivering high quality learning environments for our young people, their families, communities, and staff.

SBC have appointed an experienced and expert design team to support this project. They are currently working through the briefing and feasibility design stage. This stage involves testing and refining the project brief, outline spatial planning, review and analysis of constraints, development of procurement strategy, and high-level cost analysis.

SBC and I will continue to keep you updated on progress and public engagement for the project is likely to begin during the first half of 2025 and it may include a period of statutory public consultation.

Halloween Disco

The Friends of Eyemouth Primary are organising a Halloween Disco on Wednesday 30th October £2 entry per child paid at the door. Timings are: ELC - P3 5:30pm – 6:15pm and P4 - P7 6:30 – 7:15pm.

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Staffing Update

Mrs Girrity has decided to retire at the end of this year. Mrs Girrity has been a highly valued member of staff at Eyemouth Primary for over 20 years and will be much missed by all. I am in the process of recruiting a new Class Teacher to start in January and will keep you updated once an appointment has been made.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Wardropper who will be taking early retirement. She will be a huge miss and has been a massive part of Eyemouth Primary for many years.

We will also shortly be saying goodbye to Miss Simpson in our ELC who will be going on maternity leave. We look forward to meeting her new baby soon.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Rachael Cox who will be joining our ELC as an Early Years Practitioner starting on 6th November.

Play is the Way

As part of our ongoing School Improvement Plan, this session we have been developing and embedding our approaches to Play. Playing is an integral part of children's day at School and in the Early Years. Children play before the bell goes in the morning; at playtime and lunchtime; and after school ends. Increasingly, playing is part of class time across Scotland too. At Eyemouth Primary School we recognise the interconnections between playing, learning, growing, developing, being healthy and being happy.

Why we place importance of play in our curriculum

Play empowers children to learn at their pace through active learning, developing;

- independence -emotional intelligence
- critical thinking -self-confidence
- logic -resilience
- cooperation -development of oral language
- participation -conflict resolution

This session we are delighted to announce that we are a pilot school for the Play Scotland, Play Pedagogy Award. We would really appreciate your views around the benefits of play and would ask if you would take the time to complete this short survey.

[Benefits of Play - Questionnaire Oct 24](#)

Further information can also be found on the play section of our website.

[Eyemouth Primary School - Play](#)

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P7 Coffee Morning

Primary 7 would like to invite family members of Primary 7 to our coffee morning on Friday 1st November at 10am in the assembly hall. There will be a chance to enjoy and celebrate their work with an art gallery and gives us an opportunity to thank those in the community for supporting with our Voyage of Discovery.

More Junk Please in P1!

As you know, in Primary 1 we have permanent junk modelling stations available at all times in each classroom. We would love your help to keep these areas well stocked so please can parents and carers in P1 collect your recycling/junk and send it in regularly with your child. We are looking for cardboard boxes and tubes, plastic bottles, yoghurt pots, egg boxes etc. All junk needs to be cleaned please. Also, if you have any old or pre-used wrapping paper we would love to have that too. Thank you!

Mr Bear in P1

Every Friday our class bear will come home with one P1 pupil to spend some time at home with you and your family. Mr Bear will come in a bag with a book for you to record your adventures. This is an opportunity for your child to share a bit about their home life with the rest of the class e.g. reading a book before bed, what we had for tea, going to the park, visiting family etc. Please record your adventures with Mr Bear using words, pictures or photos and please encourage your child to take part in recording what you did, for example by drawing a picture to include in the book (1 or 2 pages is plenty). Mr. Bear will come home on a Friday. Please return the book and bear in their bag to the class teacher on the following Friday. Your child will be asked to share their adventures and the book with the class that Friday morning. Please make sure your child is ready to show and tell what they have been up to. This will begin from Friday 1st November. Any questions please ask Miss Barbour and Miss Tinniswood

December Dates

We are in the process of finalising our dates for December and have a variety of events planned. These will be confirmed and sent out soon.

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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 30th October	FOEPS Halloween Disco
Thursday 21st November	Flu Immunisation Day in school
Thursday 28th November	St Andrews Day Lunch
Monday 2nd December	St Andrews Day Holiday
Tuesday 3rd December	Eyemouth Cluster Holiday

And Finally

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. Don't forget to put your clocks back this weekend!

Kind Regards

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