

Come along and have a nosey around our school!

Wednesday 4th of March at 6:45pm

Every year we have an informal evening where families can come along to school and share some of the things we have been doing. This is a good time to find out about some of the activities that go on in classrooms and how you can help your child at home. We had planned to run our evening about health and wellbeing but we have had lots of requests for information about reading and maths so we have changed our plans and will put these activities on instead.

The evening will begin in the hall at 6:45 where Mrs Gardyne will have a brief talk about some of the things you will find in your child's Learning Story and after that there will be a variety of information sessions taking place that you can pop along to. Each one will last around about 15 minutes and you'll be able to go to two of them.

These sessions are to allow you to ask questions and find out how things work but I would stress this is not the time to speak to individual teachers about your own child and their progress. If you would like to arrange a time to speak to a teacher directly then please do not hesitate to contact us in school and we can get something arranged outside this time.

Mathletics led by Mrs Gaffney at 7:15 and 7:30 in P3 classroom

Mathletics is a computer programme that we have started to use that gives the children an opportunity to compete against worldwide competitors. It goes from primary one to primary seven and children can access it at home. It aims to improve speed and confidence in maths.

Read, Write, Inc. led by Miss Brannan at 7:15 and 7:30 in Primary 2

What should you be doing with the book when it comes home? What do you do if your child is finding it tricky to work out what the words are? How can you extend your child if they are managing everything really well? Miss Brannan will share some ideas with you.

Read, Write, Inc. led by Miss Knox at 7:15 and 7:30 in the cloakroom area of the Nursery.

We have started to introduce this with some pre-school children in the nursery and your child may be chatting about this. If you would like to find out about how you can support your pre-school nursery child to learn letters and sounds then come along to this session.

Reciprocal Reading led by Mrs Mackie and Miss Harley at 7:15 and 7:30 in the Primary 5/6 classroom

Mrs Mackie and Miss Harley will chat through the different jobs the children have for Reciprocal Reading, how it works in the classroom and what they should be doing at home. Mrs Gardyne will be free to answer any Accelerated Reading questions in the hall at any point of the evening.

Chrome Books with Miss Dunn at 7:15 and 7:30 in Primary 7

Children in primary 4 to 7 are using Chrome Books to help them to share documents using Google Docs. This helps them to give each other instant feedback and it is useful for allowing children to work on a particular piece either at home or at school. This is something that may be used by class teachers to set homework.

Early Maths with Mrs Powlett at 7:15 and 7:30 in Primary 1

Mrs Powlett will be talking about some tips and games you can play with your child to help develop their interest in numbers. This session will mainly be relevant for Nursery, P1 and P2.

QR Codes with Mrs Bennion at 7:15 and 7:30 in Primary 6

You will hopefully have noticed a few QR codes in your child's Learning Story. Mrs Bennion will be on hand to show you how to get them to work on your smart phone or tablet.

French with Mrs Ross at 7:15 and 7:30 in Primary 4

We have started to teach children French throughout the school. Mrs Ross will explain how we are going to do this and also will show you an excellent App she has been using with the children in P4 to 7 to help to develop their French vocabulary

Learning Stories with Miss Cowan in the hall

At this table there will be examples of the types of things people put into the green section and the teachers will be there to answer any questions about how the Learning Story works and how you can find out how your child is doing in school from it.

Shooting Star Awards led by Miss Kinghorn in the school hall

We run a challenge award for children in primary one to seven to encourage them to complete jobs for other people and to challenge them to learn new skills. We have an awards ceremony at the end of the year to celebrate the achievements of the children and they get to wear a lovely metal badge on their uniform when they have completed each level.

Basic Moves led by Mrs McEwan, Mrs Keyte and Mrs McVay at 7:00 and 7:15 in the Nursery

Basic moves is a physical motor programme for young children to help with co-ordination, balance and other aspects of movement development. Come along to find out what we do and how you can support your child at home.

Dyslexia with Mrs Wightman at 7:00 and 7:15 in her room

Come and find out how we help to support children with Dyslexic type difficulties in school.

We will be running two sessions of each talk throughout the evening so you will be able to choose where you would like to go on the night. You are also welcome to have a wander around the school building while you are in. We look forward to seeing you on the 4th.



Helen Gardyne