

Kilchattan School & ELC's Vision, Values and Aims

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Kilchattan School Newsletter September 2019

Learning Zone

- **Literacy:** Promotional Texts; Poetry Criticism
- **Numeracy:** Calculations Policy; Fractions, Decimals & Percentages
- **Health & Wellbeing:** Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP); PATHS
- **RME:** Islam
- **Expressive Arts:** Colonsay Show - Art/Crafts; Expressive Dance in PE; Music Festival
- **Technologies:** ICT; Construction
- **Languages:** Gaelic; Lit



Lots of Goodbyes...

We were very sad to wave goodbye to two of our children at the end of the summer holidays. Although sad to see them go, they are off on another island adventure where hopefully they will enjoy themselves as much as here and have far more warm sunshine!



We are also saying goodbye to Cecilia on 18th September, one of our super duo of catering managers. Cecilia has done a great job, keeping us well fed over the past few months. Thank you and good luck back down south of the border! We will be welcoming Fiona Grieve as her replacement.



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...And last but by no means least, we will be losing our fabulous Head Teacher at the end of this term. Mrs Mackenzie-Ashcroft has put in 7 years of dedicated work and is a much loved and well respected leader of our school. The Parent Council have made a great effort in initiating a media campaign to advertise the role to ensure that we get as much interest as possible. They have put it in the national newspapers and have even been interviewed on Live Local Radio.



Still, for all their efforts, she will be very hard to replace.

Root and Grain Show

It's the annual Colonsay Root & Grain Show this weekend. The children are busy creating miniature gardens and men to put in the show. Make sure you get down to see all their exhibits.



weekend. The baking gingerbread to the Village Hall to



Ceol Cholasa Music Festival

The children are preparing, with the help of Shonagh, for their part in the music festival. They will be singing and playing for the festival opening on Thursday afternoon and the school will be going down on Friday to watch the afternoon performance.



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Sponsored Bike Ride

The children have volunteered to do a sponsored bike ride around the island in order to raise money for the school fund. We're planning to do this on Tuesday 24th September. Please can you make sure your child's bike is roadworthy in time for this. Sponsorship forms will be made available nearer the time.



ELC

The ELC Inspection which we were expecting this month has now been postponed until possibly spring next year. This is to give the new Head Teacher a chance to settle in.

Jodi is going on unpaid leave to attend her sister's wedding in Cambodia. She is also taking in a trip to Australia and will be taking the opportunity to visit an outdoor learning facility and see how they do things down under. She will be away from 25th September returning on the 12th November. Shonagh will be covering her ELC duties while she is away, whilst continuing her Catering Manager role.



There will be an Early Years trip down to Colonsay House gardens to go on a bug hunt as part of the Minibeasts IDL project.



Family Learning

The key message from Education Scotland and the Scottish Government's review of family learning is that family learning, as an early intervention and prevention approach, works in reaching disadvantaged families and communities to improve their life chances and also identifies family learning as a key driver for change.



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As part of Kilchattan School improvement planning for 2019/2020 we will be developing a strategic plan for family learning in line with the 2018 National Improvement Framework and Improvement Plan for Scottish Education: Achieving Excellence and Equity. With this in mind we will be developing our outdoor learning which will include Loose Parts Learning Through Play.

We would like to invite all parents to attend a family learning day on **Tuesday 1st October** to assist the pupils in delivering this. There will be an explanation about Loose Parts and how this can develop skills for lifelong learning. Construction, gardening and painting tools will be needed on the day, so please bring any of these you may have along with you. Lunch will be provided.



Dates for your Diary

- The Childsmile visit has now moved to **Wednesday 18th September**. It is also, Cecilia's last day.
- Kathryn Wilkie our Education Officer will be visiting on **Thursday 19th September**. We will also be having a visit from Scott McClure a NSPCC representative on the same day to present "Speak Out, Stay Safe" a talk on online safety and abuse.
- Sponsored cycle ride **Tuesday 24th September**.
- Alistair Hall, Educational Psychologist, will be in school **Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th September**.
- Family Learning day **Tuesday 1st October**.
- The school closes for the end of term on **Friday 4th October** for 2 weeks. This is also Mrs Mackenzie-Ashcroft's last day. The children return to school on **Monday 21st October**.

