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Latest news and bulletin updates

Beverly Gairn's writes,

New program launches

The latest updates

Welcome to Creative Crafts, the newest club on the scene and the proud home of this brand-new monthly newspaper. It's exciting to see a group of makers, thinkers, and imaginative souls come together to build something vibrant from day one. Each issue will bring a mix of sections shaped by your ideas, your projects, and your voices - and every month, one standout member of our community will be celebrated as our **HERO OF THE MONTH**, shining a light on the creativity.

You'll also find updates on our weekly sessions, organised in easy month-by-month blocks so you can plan ahead and never miss a chance to get involved. With so much talent gathered in one place, this paper is set to grow into something special.

It's a great moment to be part of Creative Crafts, and the best part is that the story is just beginning.



Meet our Creative Crafts Journalist,

MYCOS

Community Fridge & Freezer

Reduce waste and much more....

One of the most heart-warming parts of our community space is the **free fridge and freezer**, stocked generously with food from **The Co-op** and **Campbells of Islay**. It's there for anyone who would like to reduce food waste. Whether you're picking up a few essentials or grabbing something to make dinner a little easier, you're always welcome.

Alongside the food, we also keep a range of free sanitary products available for anyone to take. These are there to support dignity, comfort, and well-being, and we encourage people to help themselves whenever they need to.

This little corner of the club is all about looking out for one another. It's a reminder that community care isn't complicated - it's practical, it's kind, and it's for everyone.

Our community space is always growing, and the best ideas often come from the people who use it every day. If you have suggestions for what else we could offer - whether it's resources, activities, support, or something completely new - your voice genuinely matters.

Sharing your thoughts helps us shape a space that reflects the needs and creativity of everyone involved. If something would make a difference to you or someone you know, please reach out at info@mycos.org.uk

Together, we can keep building a community that supports, inspires, and looks out for one another.

Our space isn't just for clubs and community projects - it's also available for hall hire. Whether you're planning a birthday party, a meeting, a workshop, or a small gathering, the hall offers a welcoming, flexible setting that can be tailored to your needs. If you'd like to check availability or to find out more, get in touch.



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Creative Crafts

Community Hero of the Month

The latest updates to get you through the day

Every month, we shine a spotlight on someone who brings a little extra warmth, creativity, or kindness into our community. Our **community hero of the month** isn't chosen for grand gestures alone - sometimes it's the quiet contributions, the helping hands, or the spark of enthusiasm that lifts everyone around them.

This feature is our way of celebrating the people who make our space feel welcoming, supportive and full of life. Keep an eye out each month to see who's been nominated and join us in recognising the everyday heroes who help our community thrive.

Without further ado, our first hero is.....Miss S. Khan from Port Ellen Primary School! Our reporter Alice is conducting the following interview with the winner -

Q. What is your name? A. Miss Sehar Khan

Q. What do you do? A. Primary school teacher- (p2/3/4)

Q. What do you like about what you do? A. I like what I do because I get to make a difference every day. I enjoy helping children grow, be confident, learn new things and feel proud of themselves.

Q. Who would win in a fight, a chicken or a chicken nugget? A. I'd have to say the chicken. The nugget is delicious but unfortunately doomed.

Q. What is your favourite food? A. I love tacos (with lots of cheese!)

Q. What is your favourite colour? A. Green, Brown and Black

Here is Miss. Khan's certificate was presented to her at our Creative Crafts Club on Tuesday, 3rd February 2026



Miss Khan & our Creative Journalists.

Beverley writes

January Wrapped Up!

The latest updates to get you through the day

Clubs have only been back for a few short weeks, but we have crammed a lot of activities in that time. We wanted to share with you all what our young people have been busy doing. Breakfast club is back! Everyone knows that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Young people can come and have fun with their friends before school and are offered a nutritional breakfast such as cereals, toast with a range of toppings, fruit, hot filled rolls, pancakes and waffles.

After the children have had their fill, our younger members (P1-P4) are safely escorted to school by staff. Breakfast club is free, and all children from P1 to P7 are welcome. Breakfast club is on from 8 am-9 am Tuesday and Fridays during term time. Our fantastic after-school and outreach clubs are back. We kicked off our clubs with New Year crafts. We celebrated National Winnie the Pooh Day. Children took part in Winnie the Pooh crafts, made sweet treats using Winnie the Pooh's favourite food... Honey, children also brought in their favourite stuffed teddy to join in on the fun.

Beverley G.

January wrapped up cont....

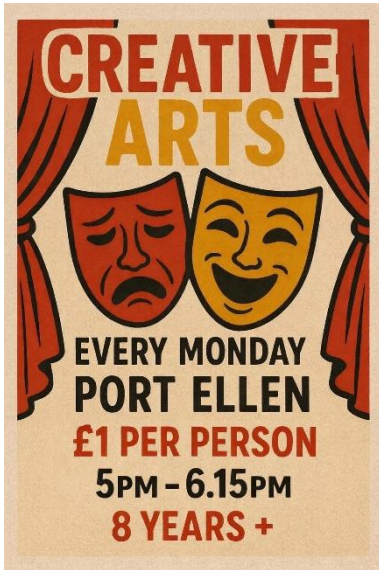
The latest updates

The following week, we recognised National Lego day with the young people taking part in Lego arts and crafts and challenges. We then finished off this term with some Burns Day crafts by painting a picture of a thistle using salt and paint, and trying traditional Scottish food.

Beverley G.

New Clubs!

The latest updates



MYCOS are proud to introduce two new clubs for our young people aged 8+. On a Monday, 5.00 pm - 6.15 pm, our young people have been busy showing off their creative flair with our creative arts club, bringing drama to life using fun improv games and storytelling and have been busy with script writing.

They will also be practising camera work and looking at all aspects of what it takes to produce a play, including props, costume design, dancing and singing... keep your eyes peeled for the final.

production. Tuesdays are for creative crafts 5.30 pm -7.00 pm. The children started January by creating their own scrapbook album, a keepsake for all their favourite memories throughout the year. They then 'dipped their toes' into designing their own trainers (we definitely have some budding fashion designers in the making).

We have made snazzy keyrings to accessorise our bags; our youngsters then took on some culinary creativity by making haggis bonbons. Alongside doing all that, they have been busy creating this awesome newspaper, writing about the things that matter to them.

Beverley G.

P6-7 / S1 Drop In!

The latest updates

P6/7 S1 drop-in session is also back every Friday 6.30 pm - 8 pm. Young people can come play some pool/table football/air hockey, arts and crafts, play Xbox or just sit and chill with friends (and make new friends) with plenty of snacks on offer. We are excited to announce that we are now running a taxi for P6/7 S1's (taxi will be doing pick-ups and drop-offs from Keills and Bowmore). Spaces are limited, so please contact the MYCOS Facebook page to book your space.



Harriet W.

Goat Simulator 3!

The latest updates to get you through the day

Goat Simulator 3 is a game you can get on PS4, PS5 and Nintendo Switch. It was released in November 2022. I think it's a fun game because you can run around and do loads of other stuff. You can buy packs for the game, and you can get the hocus-pocus pack, superhero pack. There are also packs where you can get different worlds, you can get the multiverse of nonsense and the goat simulator Baad land. There are full goat appearances you unlock and select from the wardrobe. Some require quests or unlocking events.

My fav places on the map • Music festival, city, farm

Outfits • Tasty goat • Tall goat • Tony shark • Scarecrow • Steve • Angry goat • Capra erectus • Abominana • The farmer.

DLC & extra skins (multiverse of Nonsense or other updates • Reinfus • Toon goat • Kid (baby goat) • Missing link • Hotdogian • capybara

Why I would recommend it • Fun • Lots of places to go on the map • Hilarious physics and chaos • Big open world with secrets • Play with friends (up to 4 players)



The latest baking news of the day!

The latest updates to get you through the day

Ingredients

135g/4³/₄oz plain flour

1 tsp baking powder

½ tsp salt

2 tbsp caster sugar

130ml/4½fl oz milk

1 large egg, lightly beaten

2 tbsp melted butter (allowed to cool slightly), plus extra for cooking

Pancakes are best warm with Nutella!

- Holly C.

Method: 1. Sift the flour, baking powder, salt and caster sugar into a large bowl. In a separate bowl or jug, lightly whisk together the milk and egg, then whisk in the melted butter. 2. Pour the milk mixture into the flour mixture and, using a fork, beat until you have a smooth batter. Any lumps will soon disappear with a little mixing. Let the batter stand for a few minutes. 3. Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and add a knob of butter. When it's melted, add a ladle of batter (or two if your frying pan is big enough to cook two pancakes at the same time). It will seem very thick, but this is how it should be. 4. Wait for about 3 minutes until the top of the pancake begins to bubble, and the edges begin to set. Flip it over and cook for another two minutes until both sides are golden brown and the pancake has risen to about 1cm/½in thick. If the pancake is too dark, reduce the heat slightly for the next round. 5. Repeat until all the batter is used up. You can keep the pancakes warm in a low oven, but they taste best fresh out of the pan. 6. Serve with lashings of real maple syrup and extra butter, if you like.

Lucy N.

Kindness is key!

The latest updates



I think kindness is about helping your friends and others, maybe by letting them play a game. Or you could invite your friends over. I have helped people who have fallen over at school to make them feel better.

I have made a kindness wordsearch for everyone to do. Please see it below, and if you can be anything this week.....be kind!

Kindness Word Search

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Helpful
Playing
Inviting

Creative Crafts
Friendship

Kindness
Kind

Friends
Giving