



NEWSLETTER



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What an amazing start to the school session we have had! Our Primary 1 pupils have settled in to school life with gusto. All the children have shown their commitment to continuing on their rights respecting schools journey and embracing all the learning opportunities throughout the term. Primary 4 – 7 have demonstrated the impact of their Health & Wellbeing experiences and outcomes as they prepare for their Enhanced Reporting to Parents session today. Not only have they created their menu, but they have prepared it and served it to their guests. Hopefully they have raised adequate funds to purchase the identified materials required for their 'Raspberry Pi' Project, which was kindly donated by Mr Clements.

Macmillan Big Coffee Afternoon

Our Pupil Council organised Macmillan Coffee Afternoon was a huge success. Thank you so much to all who contributed baked goods and those who attended and donated so generously. A massive £337.84 was raised!

Cross Curricular Learning in Term 2

Primary 1 – 3 will be discovering 'Granny's attic' to develop their Time Travel knowledge and understanding further. Primary 4 – 7 are looking at the impact on Scotland of William Wallace and Robert Bruce. They will be working with Aberdeenshire Council's Media Unit to develop their digital literacy skills to create a short movie, which will demonstrate their Rights Respecting School's journey.

Enhanced Reporting to Parents

As discussed at the Parent Council meeting the way in which we are reporting your child's progress through the Curriculum for Excellence from this year is moving towards a continuous picture of where your child is on their learning journey. Therefore you will receive a Pupil Profile of progress in term 2, which your child will create with the support of his/her class teacher, a class teacher profile of progress with pupil attainment levels in Numeracy & Maths, Literacy, and Health & Wellbeing in term 4. In addition there will be a number of engagement sessions for parents to come along to see the progress their child is making throughout the session across different curricular areas.

School Photographs

School photographs by Anne Smith, photographer on Tuesday 25th October from 9.30am

Individual Pupil

Family Groups

Class Photos

Individual/Family Group Photos

Anne proposes to provide a mixed pack of individual photos for £15 This would include either ten 5" x 7" photos or ten of various sizes (e.g. 2 @ 8"x10", 4 @ 5" x 7" and 4 @ 4"x6")

The individual packs can contain a mixture of pupil photos from the same family if preferred, e.g. a few of each child and a family group picture

Each pack would contain one picture in a wallet

Class Photos

Anne proposes to provide an 8"x10" picture of each class at either

£4 without a mount

£6 with a mount

Please let the office know if you need any further info.

These costs do not provide a profit to either the school or the photographer

Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Marlene Bauwens our new Admin Support Assistant to Fordyce Primary, who will be working in the office on Thursday and Friday mornings. We hope to see Mrs Riddell return to work following her accident in the new term. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Norsk Klubb

Mrs Stewart will be running Norsk Klubb on Wednesdays during term 2, to further develop their 1 + 2 Languages skills in Norwegian. Primary 4 – 7 will have a block of 4 weeks, followed by P1-3. Permission slips for P4-7 will be sent home today. I would like to take this opportunity that the P5-7 pupils continue to have access to Duolingo to practice their Norwegian and the primary 4 pupils will be given log-in details at the club.

Children in Need Day

Friday 18th November is the annual Children in Need Day. The Pupil Council have registered to take part in the 'Spottacular' event. Further information will follow once the Pupil Council have decided on their 'Spottacular' approach.

Shoebox appeal

The Pupil Council 4rights co-ordinators have registered to take part in Blythwood Care's Shoe Box Appeal 2016. In order for the boxes to be delivered can we have your donations, if you wish to take part, in to the school by Monday 31st October. Each family have a leaflet attached.

In Service Days

Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th November are In-Service days and therefore the school will be closed from 3 pm on Friday 11th to 9 am on Wednesday 16th November to pupils.



Primary 1-3 creating their farms so they can demonstrate the Farm to Fork journey their food makes.

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