



# NEWSLETTER



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## End of Session Round Up

Thank you for a very productive school session. We couldn't achieve our successes without the support of all our parents, staff and local community. Interviews are being held next Tuesday for the full time class teacher post and we will let you know the outcome at the earliest opportunity. All our pupils are currently reflecting on their year and recording their learning journey in their profile which will come home soon for you to discuss and celebrate with your child.

## Techfest Chemistry at Work Event

Pupils in P4 – 7 today attended an event at Fraserburgh Campus of N.E. Scotland College which provided them with a wonderful opportunity to gain first-hand experience of chemistry in the "real-world" from people who are actually involved, which will help them to understand the importance of chemistry and how it influences their everyday life. It may even encourage them to consider a job within the field of chemistry as a possible career.

## School Trips



We are celebrating Empty Classroom Day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June as part of our Eco Schools journey. Please note that there will be **no spending money** and **no electronic equipment of any kind permitted** for either of the school trips. Your child will enjoy the time spent travelling singing, talking and playing games together with their friends, enriching their health and wellbeing. The P4-7 pupils will only require a snack, a bottle of water and a packed meal for the journey home. Both classes will have a hot lunch provided as part of their trip. P1 – 3 will only require a snack and a bottle of water.

## Rights Respecting Schools

The Pupil Council Global Citizenship Leadership Group are nearing the end of their agreed action to create their 3D sculpture which represents the pupil voice of Fordyce Primary School and its relationship with the local community. This is proving to be a very successful enterprise. All the pupils in this group have developed their skills for life building their confidence to interact with local businesses and help them identify possible future career pathways. The group have thoroughly enjoyed working in the Joiner's Workshop with Ewan Hay, workshop volunteer who has shared his technical teacher expertise with the children. On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June this group will be painting the final elements of the structure with the support of Mr Anderson, our local artist, who has been truly invaluable to this project! Day One of the planting of the structure will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June where the group will be working closely with Aberdeenshire Council's Landscape Services. Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> will see the Sculpture being placed into the ground, and the children will only be involved in the filming at this point.

**Please note this group will require old clothes and shoes for the next two weeks to allow them to complete these tasks.**

On the morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June we will welcome Maxine Jolly, Rights Respecting School's Strategic Lead, UNICEF and her colleague to Fordyce Primary School for our Level 2 Inspection. As mentioned at the recent Parent Council meeting, two parents will be invited to attend a meeting to reflect on our Rights Respecting journey.

## Eco Schools

The Pupil Council Eco Schools Leadership Group have been hard at work with the marvellous support of Mrs Wilson. Thanks to her expertise and green fingers, our greenhouse and raised beds are thriving with sweet pea, marigold, nasturtiums and sunflowers as well as a variety of vegetables. Fruit Friday this week is 'home grown' rainbow radishes straight from our raised beds!

### **End of Session Awards**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30 pm we will have our End of Session Awards event with a parental engagement session where the children will share their home-school partnership projects and other successes, along with freshly baked cake and tea. The Parent Council AGM will also be held during this afternoon.

### **Cinema Fun Day**

On our last day of the session we will celebrate by coming together with our traditional Cinema Fun Day. Pupils may dress as they please and bring DVDs to be voted on to view (must be universal or PG rated). Pupils can bring their sleeping bags, cushions and teddies with them and popcorn and juice will be provided.

Lesley Mair  
Head Teacher



Pupil Council Global Citizenship Leadership Group at Fordyce Joiner's Workshop



### **Dates for your diary**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**  
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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**School Trips**  
**P7 Transition Day 1 at Banff Academy**  
**P7 Transition Day 2 at Banff Academy**  
**Nursery to P1 Transition Day (with trial lunch)**  
**And whole school step up day**  
**P7 Transition Day 3 at Banff Academy**  
**Rights Respecting Schools Level 2 Inspection**  
**End of Session Awards from 1.30 pm**  
**School closes at 3 pm for the Summer Holidays**  
**In Service Day**  
**Pupils return to school at 9 am**