## December Newsletter

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Hard to believe we are at the final full week of the term. It has been a very busy time in the school and everyone is getting very excited about the Christmas holidays!

Our new webpage is now live! Please visit at inverallochy.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

As always this is an on-going project and hope to get the children more involved in the updating of this site in the new year.

# School Christmas lunch Church Service (1.45 pm) CHRISTMAS DISCO!

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DISCO!

Nur - P3 5pm - 6pm

P4 - 7 6.30 pm - 8.00pm
£2.50 payable at the door

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas Party
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> P1,2,3 Christmas Party
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> P4/5 Christmas Party
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> P6/7 Christmas Party
Last day of Term 2

**JANUARY** 

DECEMBER
Thurs 15<sup>th</sup>

Thurs  $5^{th}$  First Day of Term 3 Mon  $9^{th}$  -  $13^{th}$  P1 enrolment week

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Nursery enrolment fortnight

**FEBRUARY** 

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday - School closed

Tues 14<sup>th</sup> In-service day - closed to pupils Wed 15<sup>th</sup> In-service day - closed to pupils

MARCH

Thurs  $9^{th}$  Parent's Evening Fri  $31^{st}$  Last day of Term 3

### Reminders ...

Parents can come to see their child with Santa at their Christmas Party. Please gather at the main office at 3.00pm (Nursery Session B at 11.25 am)
Please make sure your child takes all clothing home from disco/ Christmas parties - often items left with no names on them to return.

## Huge

## THANK YOU!

To Invercairn Community Support Group

We have been awarded £2000 towards our iPad project. This sum of money will make a huge difference to our school and allow the children more access to digital technology. All new devices purchased using this money will be clearly marked to show the village support in this project.

Our continued support during the Gala week in August is expected in return.

#### Lunchtime Clubs Reminder

## These will continue after the Christmas

<u>Break</u>

Flutes - Mon - Beginners

Tues - P6/7 Wed - P5s

Knitting - Thursday @ 12.45pm (P3 - 7)
 LEGO - Thursday @12.45 pm (P1-4)
 Choir - Friday @ 12.45 pm (P4 - 7)

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I was one of many, I'm sure, proud adults in the school hall last Thursday after our annual Christmas Concert. The children were excellent from start to finish and a credit to their teachers and their parents! Their hard work and effort in rehearsals was clear to see from the youngest pupils in nursery up to our P7s. We hope that you all enjoyed watching as much as the children enjoyed taking part. I am sure that funky camels and disco stars will remain in our heads for a while to come!





Our concert also raised an excellent sum of money totalling £931. After expenses have been taken off we will split evenly between our Project Padz fund and our chosen charity of 'Maggies' cancer care centre in Aberdeen. The staff Christmas card collection money is also going to be going to this charity too.

I hope to contact Maggie's to make a presentation to them in the New Year.

DVD order has been sent away so we are hopeful of these arriving before the end of term. Thank you to Calum (Mackenzie's Dad) for filming it for us.

Thank you also to Andra Whyte who was on hand to take photos during the dress rehearsal and the afternoon performance. I will upload some of his pictures onto the school webpage as soon as I can.

Nursery - Sharing the Learning

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December was an extremely busy day in Nursery as all the children brought a parent along with them! Lots of fun was had by all and it was a very productive day with many activities going on including making cards, decorations and even snowmen with snow! It was great to see so many parents in with their child. Look out for pictures appearing on our web page soon.





I had a few visitors from Room 3 whilst working on this newsletter so I said I would share their work with you all. Their class have all been working with Mrs Buchan on a Health and Wellbeing Project all about the body, the different organs within it and the special jobs that they do.

They had to make up a cartoon character of their chosen organ. There was 'Ben Brain', 'Bonnie Bladder', 'Libby Lung' and 'Sally Small Intestine' to name just a few - they look super. Obviously lots of effort here. Well done to Room 3!

# Digital News!

#### PROJECT PADZ

- Due to our very generous donation from the GALA Committee, we will be able to purchase 6 additional pupil iPads and 2 additional teacher iPads. These will be ordered in January. We are well on our way to our target!
- New website up and running!

App of the month!

Remember we would welcome parent/pupil s \_\_\_\_\_\_ for this too. Let us know if you use one that you feel is worth sharing.

This month, try out...



Christmas Piano

(It may keep the children busy for a short time whilst waiting for the big day!)

As always if you have any suggestions or information which you would like to share through this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact myself at the school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a...

Very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

Mrs Edwards