



April Newsletter



Hard to believe this is the final term of the school year already! It is certainly going to be a busy one with trips, academy visits and everyone preparing for the next step in their learning journey! With any luck the weather will improve soon too!

Diary Dates

MAY

- Mon 1st May Day Holiday - **School Closed**
Fri 5th Rag Bag Collection (Room 5)
Fri 5th Rm 3 Trip to Crathes (**8.30am start**)
Fri 12th Parent Council Fundraising Coffee Morning.
Mon 15th Sweatshirts and uniforms available to view and order from school office from today (AM only please)
Tues 16th P4-7 Science Workshop 'Good Vibrations'
Fri 19th **P5 Bike Ckeck**
(**Information home this week**)
Mon 22nd Start of Tak a Beat 2017!

JUNE

- Thurs 1st/ Fri 2nd Big 10th Birthday Boorachie (TBC)
Mon 5th Sports Day (1st Date)
Mon 5th P5 Cycle training starts (2 wks)
Mon 12th Local Holiday - **School Closed**
Tues 13th P7 Academy Potted Sports
Wed 14th P7s visit to Academy (3 Days)
Wed 14th School Theatre Trip - Gangsta Granny
Thurs 15th P1 Induction Parent Session
Thurs 15th Class info issued for 2017/18
Fri 16th Moving on up - Pupils visit new class
Mon 19th Sports Day (2nd Date)
Wed 21st P7 Day out (Instead of theatre)
Thurs 22nd Nursery Induction Parent Session
Thurs 22nd Summer Disco - (Evening)
Wed 28th Walk to St Combs, Teddy bears picnic
Thurs 29th Church Service
Fri 30th Potted Sports, Disco

Tak a Beat 2017

Monday 22nd May - Friday 2nd June

This year our school will be celebrating 10 years of Tak a Beat! We are currently planning the 'Doric' fortnight with staff and pupils. **Please look out for more information in the coming weeks.**

If you, or someone you know would like to be part of Tak a Beat activities please contact the school office. Likewise if you have an idea which you would like to share, please do.

Hopefully this year's Tak a Beat will be the biggest and best yet!

Lunchtime Clubs Reminder

- Flutes - Mon - Beginners
Tues - P6/7
Wed - P5s
(Please remind children to bring their flute to school)
Knitting - Thursday @ 12.45pm (P3 - 7)
LEGO - stopped for summer term due to better weather
Choir - 2nd half of term

Out of School Concerns

Since returning after the holidays there have been numerous concerns raised by some of our pupils about incidents happening in the evenings and weekends. Many of these are happening when the children are out playing with their friends. Obviously as a school we cannot 'police' what happens out of school hours however I felt that parents should be aware that there are alleged 'stories' concerning older academy children who may or may not be trying to influence our youngsters. Our teachers have explained to the children that they must tell their parents if something has happened that they are not comfortable about and I would urge parents to ask where their children have been playing and also who they have been playing with. If these 'stories' continue to I will be making Police Scotland aware in order to ensure our youngsters safety.



Digital News!

PROJECT PADZ

- We have received our latest batch of iPads and we are currently assessing where we are at in this project.
- Our digital leaders group are continuing their project exploring internet safety. They are making a film which they will share with the school once completed.
- Remember to keep an eye on our website for up-dates of events etc.

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App of the month!



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

This month, try out...



Get growing (Early Years)



Growing App

Reach for the Stars!

Please note ... My Parent Achievement board is looking quite blank. ☹️

There may be a small reward for the first people to offer up their achievement.

We all know that we have talented parents so please share it with us!



ECO / RIGHTS RESPECTING WEEK

As you will be aware last week our learning was focused on Eco and Rights Respecting Schools. The school was buzzing with activity and it was great to see the children all back and enthusiastic about their learning from the very start of the new term! The Eco focus was our local environment and how we can help to look after it. The Rights Respecting focus was on Nutrition and making healthy food choices. Some of the activities throughout the week included:

- A whole school litter pick in the village - we were shocked at the volume of litter collected!
- Maintenance in our playground - willow weaving, weeding
- Looking after our local wildlife - making bird feeders



- Painting new items for the playground - planters and cable drums (On-going)
- Using the local beach environment for artwork
- Planting vegetables and plants to learn about growing
- Learning about other countries in the world who do not have the luxury of nutritious foods and how we can help them
- UNICEF Day for Change - by changing some of our school day and bringing in our own 'change' we were able to raise just over £150 which will be doubled to just over £300. Well done everyone!

It really was a super week and the children's enthusiasm is continuing as they watch their various plants grow. In addition to this our school is literally coming **alive with living things!** We currently have a tank of **tadpoles** and **a wormery** in the bottom corridor and the children are enjoying watching their progress daily. Each class also have **caterpillars** in their room which they will be able to look after and observe their transformation into **beautiful butterflies!** It really is all happening at the moment!



More photographs from our Eco week will be put up on the website.





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.

Mrs Edwards