



# March Newsletter



It is fast approaching the end of term and I know the children are looking forward to their Easter break. There has been a lot going on in school this past month and it has been great to see our children (and parents) engaged and enjoying the learning taking place.

Great also to see the flowers coming up and the hint of better weather and longer days ☺

## Diary Dates

Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Council
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Room 7 trip - Renewable Energy
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Start of our Health and Wellbeing Week and also THE BIG PEDAL
<u>Mon 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>iBike - Breakfast doors open @8.15 am</u>
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	iBike- P5 Led Cycle to St Combs
<u>Wed 27<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Daffodil Tea 10am - 12pm in community hall - everyone welcome!</u>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Sharing Afternoon - ROOM 3 (2pm-3pm)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Disco - Evening (£2.50 entry) (Nur - p3, 5-6pm, P4-P7 6.30 - 7.30pm)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term - non-uniform - sport clothes please
<b>APRIL</b>	
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>MAY</b>	
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 at Academy - Outdoor day
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Work experience Pupils x 4 in school this week
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Theatre Show in school - Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe
<b>JUNE</b>	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	HOLIDAY - School Closed
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	P7 - Academy
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Academy
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Academy
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Moving on up morning 9.15 - 11.00am (Pre-school - P6)
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Tak a Beat fortnight
<b>JULY</b>	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of School Year

## STAFFING

I am absolutely delighted to let you know that we have filled the vacant teaching post in Room 5. Mrs Patricia Cruickshank will take up the post on a permanent basis following the Easter break. I have no doubt that she will be a great addition and enhance our fabulous team here at Inverallochy!

## Inverallochy Reading challenge

Our reading challenge winners were as follows:

- P1 - Annie
  - P2 - Cora
  - P3 - Maisie
  - P4 - Amaya
  - P5 - Matthew
  - P6 - Bonnie and Ellie (tied)
  - P7 - Lewis
- Adult - Mrs Noble (Lewis and Katie's Mum)

They each received their book token prize on World Book Day. Well done to all!

Here is Lewis (P7) with his chosen books





### Visible Learning

Thank you to all Parents who added their ideas to the pages 'What is a good learner at Inverallochy School' outside the classrooms on Parent's Evening. This is part of our evidence gathering for our visible learning work. We will share the information gathered in the next Newsletter along with pupil views too.

### Family Engagement

Room 5 and Room 1 have had their parent sharing afternoons.

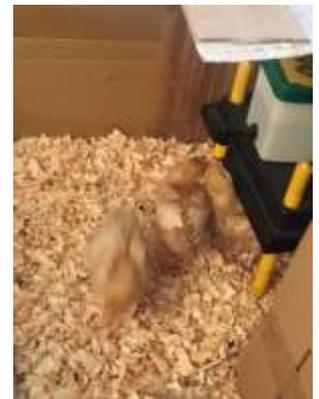


They were very well attended - Thank you!

Room 5 were learning all about electricity and had many different activities to try out with their visitors, including circuits, static electricity and also trying to make their own pylons!



Room 1 had some visitors of their own to share with their parents. Nine beautiful little chicks which they had hatched from eggs and looked after for the fortnight. They were very popular with the children parents and staff! They were taking part in lots of 'chick' themed learning with their parents. The chicks have now left school. The boys were taken back to go to a farm but the 4 girls are doing very well in their new home - Mrs Edwards' house!



**Next up is Room 3 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We are gathering Parents' views on these afternoon too so please let us know what you think.**



### Health and Wellbeing Week - 2019

The school is having a focused week of health and wellbeing learning for the last week of this term. (25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Mar). During the week the classes will take part in the following activities alongside activities planned in their own classes.

- Relax kids session (Serena Wilson) - all children Nur - P7
- Drum-fun - drumming workshop - P1 - P7
- Led bike ride (P5s) to St Combs
- Football Session Rm 1,2 and 3 (Jackie from Kessock Park)
- Whole school aerobics session

This is shaping up to be a great week and one which will highlight the need for children to be thinking about their body (Physical) health but also their mind (Mental) health.

**On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> we will have a non-uniform day - sports clothes please as children will be active throughout the day**



### Red Nose Day

Lots of fun was had on Friday for Red Nose Day - Great effort from some of the children in their t-shirt designs. We loved seeing them all and the imagination they had put into them. The



school raised a total of £251 pounds from sales of noses, snack attack on Friday and also the sale of the red nose cupcakes which the pupil council had baked and decorated. Well done everyone!



### Reading for Enjoyment - World Book Day

World book day was great! We had a morning assembly to let everyone 'walk the catwalk' in their costumes - it was good fun! It was also an opportunity to share our new reading areas with members of the gala committee. We were delighted to have David Buchan and Lorraine Tait visit the school and all the classes to see what had been bought with the much appreciated Gala funds. I think they enjoyed their visit!



Here is a picture of all the different areas - I love how they are all very different and each class has put their own stamp on them.



ROOM 5



ROOM 7



ROOM 6



ROOM 1



ROOM 2

#### Golf Lessons

Last week our P5s had the opportunity to experience golf with Lucy Watt from Inverallochy Golf Club. They will have another session this Friday too. Hopefully some of our youngsters will continue these lessons at the local club.



ROOM 3

#### Science fun!

Room 6 have had the pleasure of Mrs Craighead from NESCOL for the last four Friday afternoons. She has been helping them to learn all about forces and their learning culminated in them creating their own rockets and testing them out on Friday - Great fun for them all and super to have links with our local college.

Mrs Craighead made a point of praising the class, particularly about how enthusiastic they were - excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done Room 6 and Miss Buchan.



## Thank you!

Thank you to our NHS school nurse, Sarah Ritchie for giving up her time to help parents learn about head lice during Parent's Evening. Unfortunately head lice is not something that will just disappear and it is something that we all have to be constantly vigilant about. **Keep checking, treating if necessary and inform the school** confidentially so that we can keep a record of the number of cases we are experiencing.



Sarah highlighted that products, particularly the **bug busting kit** are very effective and **are free of charge under the minor ailments for children** at our local chemists. Please don't feel you have to use expensive over the counter products. Our NHS provides us with free services and I urge you to make use of them 😊

## News from our Nursery

### Learning Opportunities

Over the past 4 weeks the children have been engaged in various learning opportunities relating to Spring and Fairy Gardens which have seen them using their problem solving skills and creativity to find and develop an area within the playground to build our Fairy Garden. They have engaged in some planning and preparation for our upcoming **Daffodil Tea fundraiser** as they had a walk within the local area requesting various businesses and meeting places to display posters and sell raffles. Each session also attended the library for an informal story session which we will carry on each month, from now until the end of the academic year.

Over the coming weeks we would expect to begin looking into Easter along with a variety of other themes directed by the children. We also aim to make greater connections with Invercairn Court in order to attend a play date there, once a month for each session.

The nursery team will also be discussing possible future targets with you in due course, as we work together to support your child's learning and development. If you have their "Share the Learning booklet" at home, please return these, to help us achieve this goal.

### Nursery Improvements

Plans to continue to improve upon literacy development and encouraging the children's love of literature are developing well through the implementation of plans made to visit the library more regularly, purchasing new resources and introducing a story of the week.



Outdoor play is also progressing well and we hope to continue this as the weather improves. Each week we aim to attend an outdoor play session with Primary 1 in order to support in the transition, as this is fast approaching.

We are striving towards continual and ongoing improvement and have established a question of the month. This is located on top of the radiator in the cloak room area to the right of the play room door. Please take a few moments to have a look and contribute towards this during drop off or pick up. We value your opinion and input into your child's learning. The outcome and feedback will be published for these each month and displayed on the Improvements Wall within the Parents Area.



### *Well Done!*

*Huge well done to P7s Christopher, Monique, Kenzie, Lewis and Cameron for representing the school at the annual Rotary Quiz in Fraserburgh on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. They came a very respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a great score of 81 points. Another group of super ambassadors for our school. Very proud of you all ☺*

I hope you all enjoy the holidays when they come and hope that the weather allows the children (and adults) to be out and about, and playing as much as possible!

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*