



May Newsletter



This has been a great sunny week and I hope that this spell of weather continues for at least a little while. As always this term is very busy with many activities to fit in, including preparing for the new intake of nursery children and of course our new P1s. Lots of excitement!

Diary Dates

MAY

Fri 19th

P5 Bike Ckeck
(Information home this week)

Mon 22nd

Start of Tak a Beat 2017!

JUNE

Thurs 1st

Coffee 'n' claik (coffee morning)

Thurs 1st

Big 10th Birthday Boorachie- Parent's welcome!

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

Cheerio

We said a fond farewell to Miss Glancy last week. She has completed her placement with us and is now enjoying a few months rest before taking up her probation post, hopefully in the central belt. We wish her every success in the future and thank her for all her efforts.

Welcome Back!

We are very pleased to have Miss Finn back this month from her maternity leave. She is enjoying getting back into the swing of things here at school. It is lovely to hear her Irish accent back in the staffroom. She is very much looking forward to being in Room 1 for the last few weeks of this term.

Baby Excitement!

Some of you may be aware of have noticed Mrs Tait and her husband are expecting their first child very soon. It is great to see Fiona looking so well after the tough time she had in the beginning of her pregnancy. Her final day with us will be the 31st May as she is heading off on her maternity leave. We are looking forward to meeting the new member of the Tait family. 😊



**TAK A BEAT STARTS
ON MONDAY!**
See all the
information about it
below.

Lunchtime Clubs Reminder

Flutes - Mon - Beginners

Tues - P6/7

Wed - P5s

(Please remind children to bring their flute to school)

Knitting - Thursday @ 1.00pm (P3 - 7)

LEGO - stopped for summer term due to better weather

Choir - 2nd half of term



Digital News!

- Our digital leaders have completed their short film all about Internet Safety. They are looking forward to sharing it with the rest of the school.
- Remember to keep an eye on our website for up-dates of events etc.

www.inverallochymaberdeenshire.sch.uk

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...



Fun Folk - Scottish Traditional Music and Culture for age 5 and under.

Not an app but great websites! Particularly during Tak a Beat!

www.buchanheritagesociety.co.uk

www.doricdictionary.com

Tak a Beat 2017 is here!

Our annual two week Doric festival takes place from Monday 22nd May until Friday 2nd June. This year we are celebrating 10 years of Tak a Beat. For those of you new to our school Tak a Beat is the name that we have for our 2 week project which focuses on the history, cultures and traditions of the village and surrounding area. During this time we encourage the children and adults in our school to speak in Doric. We know that not everyone in our school is from this area originally, myself included, so please do not think we expect everyone to be fluent or have to try and understand a foreign language during this time. Hopefully during this festival everyone will pick up new words and phrases that they didn't know before! Everyone is a learner in our school and this fortnight is for all regardless the amount of Doric knowledge our youngsters have to start with.

Fit's happening? (*What's happening?*)

During our two weeks the pupils will take part in various activities, some of which have become regulars over the years. The activities are centred in and around the village and we try to involve as many local people as we can. You can see below some of the different activities.

- Each class will have a visitor from a local person/people to chat to them about life in the village in the past. This is a great opportunity for them to hear genuine Doric speakers 'live' and ask lots of questions too!



- Deborah Leslie, a doric speaker and writer is coming to work with Rm 5,6 and 7
- Every pupil will have their usual opportunity to make a 'catties taillie' - I wonder how long they will get this year?
- Andra Whyte will be teaching Room 7 how to make paper shippies and they will help to teach the rest of the children on Thursday afternoon (25th May)
- Net-making club will run at lunchtime with Andra on Mon -Fri and Mon & Tues @ 1pm
- Whitelink fish are coming out to school to work with Room 7 and Room 5 this year.

NEW for 2017!

Outdoor Day doon i shorie

On Wednesday 31st the whole school will be doon i shorie for the day. We have an outdoor Ranger coming to work with some of the children in the rock pools and our staff have created a range of activities that the classes will work through including a scavenger hunt to learn about the coast and the village, art activities, photography and there will even be time for the children to experience some fun games from the past e.g. skimming stones and sailing paper shippies.

PLEASE NOTE (Wednesday 31st May)

Children should wear weather appropriate clothing for being outside all day - sun cream and a hat (Hopefully)

All children will require a packed lunch on Wednesday 31st as it allows flexibility in timings and location for having lunch.

Tak a Beat Tour

We are taking Tak a Beat on tour! On both of the Friday afternoons of the festival 20 of our P4 - 7) children will be accompanying myself to go to Kynnaid House residential home and Robertson Road Centre respectively to share some Doric songs and stories. We will also play some flute tunes. These sessions will hopefully be entertaining for the audience but also a great opportunity for our youngsters to present their talents outside of school.

Permission slips for those children who volunteered will be coming home in bags on **Monday (22nd)**

Community Coffee 'n' Claik

Thursday 1st June 10am - 12pm - Invercairn Hall

After our recent success in our 'Old Photos' coffee morning the children have decided to have a coffee morning as part of Tak a Beat. Last year some of our pupils went up to have



their tea at the Salvation Army coffee morning and it was great for the children to chat to all the folk there. Hopefully everyone in the community will come along and have a claik! Please spread the word!

Oor Big Boorachie (P1-7)

Thursday 1st June 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Invercairn Hall

We always end our Tak a Beat with a 'boorachie' (get-together) in our school hall. However as this is a special year we have decided to hold it in the Invercairn Hall and invite our parents to attend. This is a chance for our children to share what they have been learning over the fortnight and a chance for us all to sing and enjoy Doric and our heritage together. Our boorachie is a relaxed affair and whilst all classes will have a 'slot' it should not be thought of a concert. We would love our parents to join us for this occasion. Tea and coffee and 'treats' will be served afterwards. **Due to space we request no more than 2 adults per pupil please.**

In addition to all of the above, individual classes will be working on their own activities throughout the week. It certainly is going to be a busy 2 weeks!

Parent Helper Request

If you would like to help over the two weeks please contact the school office. We specifically need extra hands for the activities below

Thursday 25 th from 1.30pm - 3.00pm	Catties taillies and paper shippies in the school hall
Wednesday 31 st - all day from 9.30am	Outdoor day doon i shorie (don't have to be available all day)
Thursday 1 st June 9.30am - 12pm	To help make/serve tea etc, children will be there as waitress/waiters
Thursday 1 st June 12.30pm- 1.00pm	To help tidy away coffee morning and set up seating for afternoon boorachie
Thursday 1 st June 2.30 pm (ish)	To serve tea/coffee to audience after boorachie.



We would also welcome any keen knitters/crochet folks to join us in the afternoon of Thursday 25th and also I am sure Andra Whyte would welcome any keen folks to help with the nets at lunchtimes. Again contact the school office to let us know.

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