



September Newsletter

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Autumn is coming!

We are certainly beginning to notice a change in the weather. Less sunny days and lots of rain! Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat to school every day - even if it looks fair in the morning. As you know we often get all four seasons in one day! We encourage the children to get out and play and they need to be appropriately ready for the weather.

Diary Dates

October

Fri 13th Last day of term 1
Mon 30th First day of term 2

November

Thurs 2nd Halloween Disco (Organised by P6/7 Dalguise Pupils)
Nur- P3 5 - 6pm
P4 - P7 6.30 - 8pm

Thurs 9th **School Fundraiser Evening - Family Quiz** - Info to follow but save the date!

Mon 13th In Service Day - School closed to pupils

Tues 14th In Service Day - School closed to pupils

Our whole school community was saddened when Demi and Nathan's Mum Tracy lost her long and hard fought battle with cancer at the weekend. Tracy had been unwell for some time and I know that the children and Dad, (Scott) have been with her and supporting her through every step of this hard journey. Our love and thoughts are with them all at this difficult and sad time xx



A sad but fond farewell!

Ann Marie Taylor is moving on into her new Support Worker role in Mintlaw. We think that she will be a great support to many people who have perhaps made the wrong choices in life. Her new role suits her perfectly!

She will be missed greatly by staff, parents and all of our pupils. We wish her every success in her new job and I am sure you will all see her going about in the village and also at GLOW activities too.

Please note...

Due to Ann Marie leaving, the office will be understaffed until Lynsey Gammack (successful candidate from yesterday's interviews) takes up her new post. Please see below when the office will be staffed. Please leave a phone message if your call is not answered or use the school email address out with these times. (Inverallochy.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Mon - Fri 8.45am - 12.40pm

We will check the answer machine each afternoon to ensure there are no messages to be passed on to pupils before home time.

Hopefully this will be rectified shortly and I appreciate your co-operation at this time ☺



Lunchtime Clubs Reminder

Flutes - Mon - Beginners (P4s)
Tues - P6/7
Wed - P5s
(Please remind children to bring their flute to school)
Knitting Thursday @ 1.00pm
(P3 - 7)
Choir will start back after the October holidays

Parent Helpers

Thank you to those people who offered to help as a parent helper this session. If you have volunteered and you have not yet been contacted please let me know ☺

It is really great to have so many parents supporting the school in this way. It is very much appreciated. If you would like to offer help, please contact the school office.

Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting is Wednesday 1st November.

Office bearers for 2017/2018, elected at the recent AGM are as follows

Chair - Donna Pesic
Vice- Chair - Sarah Duthie
Secretary - Alison Tait
Treasurer - Lynsey Gammack

Digital News!

www.inverallochey.aberdeenshire.sch.uk



Some of our children have been trialling a new computer programme focused on reading and decoding words called Reading Wise. Following the trial, we have now purchased this for use throughout the school and class teachers will be selecting children for whom this might be of benefit. We have been able to do this through the use of our Pupil Equity Funding. Please feel free to have a look at their website for more information.

www.readingwise.com



i-Bike Activities

I Bike Breakfast - 14th September

Our I Bike breakfast was a huge success! Huge thank you to Phil and our Bike Crew for organising the event. We had approximately 80 children through for breakfast that morning



and it was great fun! Everyone particularly enjoyed making their smoothie on Phil's special bike!

There was a great variety for the children to choose from including cereal, waffles, croissants, various fruit juices and of course the smoothies! All of these food items were donated by ASDA in Fraserburgh which was extremely generous of them. Our Bike Crew will be thanking them in writing on our behalf.

The event was so much more than a simple breakfast, it was a great learning opportunity! The children really stepped up to the challenge that morning and the Bike Crew set everything up, they were serving, being waiters/waitresses and they even helped with the washing up. Well done to the Bike Crew!

A special thank you for all the staff and parents who stayed behind after their breakfast to help with the tidying up too.



P7 Led Bike Ride - 21st September

On potentially the worst day of weather this term our P7s headed out with Phil on our first Led Bike Ride. They were joined by Jodie an Aberdeenshire Ranger and also Gillian Strachan (Jensen's Mum). Unfortunately Miss Miller was not feeling 100% and rather than miss her Parent Evening Appointments she opted to stay in the warm and dry school. This being the case I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to go.



We cycled to St Combs, going through huge puddles, and spent the morning on the beach rock pooling and learning about seaweed. The children then had the opportunity to



light wood burning kettles using a flint and steel. It was quite difficult, particularly as everything was wet with the weather!

Eventually they were all lit and boiling and we all enjoyed a hot drink.



Despite the weather, the children were absolutely brilliant and had a great time! They were soaked through by the end of the morning (as was I!) but it didn't dampen their spirits one bit!



This learning experience was all about making memories and we certainly did that! Phil was very impressed with the children too and is looking forward to working with our children again soon.

Next month...

We will be sharing all of the exciting learning experiences P2/3 and P3/4 have had through their Coastal Schools Project.



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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