

Tipperty School

Newsletter

June/ July 2016



ELF Week

We had a busy Health Week including a visit to the Sports Village, ABSAFE in Aberdeen a Rugby Tournament and a Garden Party.

Sports Village

All the children had a super day at the Sports Village in Aberdeen. They took part in activities and were joined by children from Foveran for the day. It was a great success and everyone enjoyed their day. Thanks to Julie Emslie for helping out.



Trip to ABSAFE

An interesting day was spent at ABSAFE learning about keeping safe in different circumstances – on the internet, home safety, road safety, railway safety, solvent abuse and a session about anti social behaviour. Thanks to Margaret Yeoman for helping out on the day.

Parent Council -Date for your Diary

The first Parent Council meeting of the new session is on Thursday 8th September at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Rugby Tournament

Primary 4-6 enjoyed their rugby tournament in Ellon. Thanks to Gillian Reid for helping out.



Garden Party



To celebrate the end of our ELF week and also to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday we had a Garden party. We had a morning of singing, dancing and entertainment. In the afternoon we had a street party.

School Photographs

The annual school photographs will be taken on Tuesday 23rd August. A letter will go out at the beginning of term regarding this.

KNEXT Challenge

Primary 1-3



Both classes took part in an Olympics KNEXT challenge when they had to build as tall a tower as possible. A number of schools are taking part in this challenge and the class building the tallest tower wins a box of Knex. The challenge runs until August.



Charlotte and Freya built the tallest tower in primary 4-6

Visiting specialists

Next term we will have the following:

P.E.-Miss K Madigan -Tues pm

Art- Mrs J Connell - Wed pm

French - Miss L McBoyle -Thurs pm

Music – Mrs S Kenyon - Friday am

Next term children will require their P.E. kit in school every day as we will be maintaining 2 hours of physical activity per week. Class teachers will plan P.E. lessons weekly for the children.

Children also require an art overall.

School Dress

As parents will probably be buying new school clothes during the summer holidays below is a reminder of our dress code for school and PE activities.

Everyday Wear

Dress trousers/Skirts/Pinafores- black, grey or navy

Polo shirts/Shirts/T-shirts – black, grey, navy or white

Grey School Sweatshirt.

Shoes (not trainers)

Children should keep an old pair of trainers in school to change into at playtimes if they want to play football.

P.E. Clothes

T-shirts, polo shirts and shorts (no football/rugby strips) – any colour. Children will require a T-shirt or polo shirt to change into and out of for P.E. They also require indoor trainers or plimsoles or slip-on gym shoes.

Please name all children's clothes. Thanks.

Staff

Next term Mrs L Dawson and Mrs T Westmacott will be teaching classes 1-3 and Mrs K Williams will be teaching classes 4-7.

Garden- Thank you

Thanks to Grant Warrender from Connon Coal for collecting and planting flowers we got from Aberdeenshire Council.

Environmental Studies Themes

Next term primary 1-3 we will be studying Water and the Seashore and primary 4-6 will be studying Transport and Communication. It is hoped we will be able to have educational trips to enrich the themes for the children.

100 Club Winners

June

£25 – Virgie Paterson (45)

£15 – Katherine Williams (15)

£10 – Rob Merson (80)

July

£25 – Sarah Reid (30)

£15 – Elma Wood (16)

£10 – George Reid (58)

Sports Day



The weather stayed fine for us on Sports Day. Thanks to all parents who served teas and all who came to cheer on the children. Some of the children who will starting primary 1 in August joined us. All the children received a medal in recognition of taking part on the day. Team Xander were the overall winners.



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Tipperty Joggers



The Tipperty Joggers has been very successful. Thanks to Julie and Cara Emslie for running the sessions. The children had a great last night session. Tipperty Joggers will begin again in August. All welcome to attend.

Working Together for Success and Achievement

Primary 1 Visit

The Primary 1 children who will be starting in August spent time in school with us getting to know their new classmates. They brought their teddies to school and joined us for a Teddy Bear's Picnic. The pupils and staff look forward to the children starting in August.



Litter Pick



We had our annual litter pick at the end of term. One parent joined to help out. Thanks to Margaret Yeoman for coming along with Blair.

School Meals

Primary 1-3 children continue to receive free school meals. Prices have increased for Primary 4-7 to £2.15 per ticket. Children can purchase juice and milk at lunchtime. Juice costs 15p or 20p and milk costs 20p

Mystery Tour



For the mystery tour this year we headed for Loch of Strathbeg where the ranger organized activities. The highlight of the day was pond dipping and the children were very excited finding a range of creatures that live in the pond. Thanks to the two parent helpers, Pauline Buckle and Gillian Reid who came along to help. We were very lucky for the weather for the day as we missed very heavy rain showers.

Induction session -Numeracy



Parents of the new primary 1 children were joined by some of the primary 1-3 parents for a numeracy session led by the children. Parents were able to try out activities and see the resources children use.

Football



Seniors

The two football teams have been working very hard. Many thanks to all the coaches and secondary pupils for helping out at football and matches. The Pupil Council organized a successful football tournament. Meiklemill won the Junior and Senior trophies.



Juniors

The 2 players of the month for June are Harris Park and Ethan Buckle. Well done to the two boys.



The player of the year was announced at the end of term service. Congratulations to Kerrr Mann–Michie for being player of the year.

Update on Improvement Plan 2015-2016

It has been a busy year again. We have been very successful in taking forward developments indicated on our Improvement Plan.

1. **Active Literacy** - A lot of development work has been completed. Staff were involved in training sessions and worked with teachers from the cluster schools sharing ideas. A proforma for planning and tracking reading progress has been developed. The work developed will be embedded into the class routine next session.

2. **Numeracy/Maths** – Staff attended training led by Aberdeenshire Development Officers. Secondary staff worked with Mrs Williams and some of the upper stages children to support transition work. A numeracy workshop was held as part of the Primary 1 induction programme for all parents of children in primary 1-3. Next session we will continue to build on numeracy.

3. **Learning and Teaching Progressions**
Aberdeenshire Education has produced documents to support learning and teaching. The staff have been getting to know these documents and implementing them into their classroom practice.

4. Rights Respecting Schools

This was taken forward by each class when the children made up classroom charters. As a whole school we also developed a school charter. This work will be continued and the new RotaKids group will help to take this forward.

New Term

School restarts for children on Tuesday 16th August at the usual time. Staff commence on Monday 15th August for an In-Service Day.

Smoking Policy

Aberdeenshire Council has a new Smoking policy that will take effect at all Aberdeenshire Council schools from the 15th August 2016.

The policy means that smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time over the entire school premises including outside grounds. The policy applies to school pupils, all staff working within the school, parents/carers and visitors to the school. These restrictions also apply to the use of electronic cigarettes.

The policy will provide a strong message to school pupils, staff and parents that is consistent with our education programmes and with the fact that smoking is the largest preventable cause of disease and death in the UK today. The policy can be found on <http://arcadialite.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/?p=14537>

We support a smoke free school policy because we are committed to improving the health of all our school pupils and staff, as well as that of other members of our school and community. We also recognise the important role that teachers, parents and other adults have in influencing the attitudes and smoking behaviour of children and young people.

Thank You

As another school year comes to an end thank you all very much for all your help and support throughout this session. As usual this has been fantastic. I look forward to your continued support next session. Enjoy the summer break!

Attachments

Middleton Trust
Aberdeenshire Ranger Events July/August
MACBI Kids Activities
Ellon Community Summer Holiday Programme

Xc L Dawson,
Head Teacher.