



Lairhillock School Newsletter

29 April 2016



“The Disappearance of Top Hat” by Carl Saunders is through to the next stage of the BBC Radio 2 500 Words competition! They received over 123,400 entries and Carl’s story has been picked - as one of just 4,500 - to go to the Reading Agency for the second round of judging.

We will find out in early May if “The Disappearance of Top Hat” has been shortlisted for the final 50. We all have our fingers crossed for Carl!

This is the photo of our A team that won the football tournament at Banchory back in February. We didn’t have a photo until Keon’s mum kindly emailed it to me.

If you have photos or news that you feel would be appropriate for the school newsletter please let me know and I will endeavour to include them. (I am not making any promises!)

We are grateful to Don Valley for their donation of artificial turf for our nursery and P2/3. This will be used inside as part of our imaginative play.



ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVE APRIL 2016

Police Scotland have launched a road safety initiative looking at safety around schools. This initiative is designed to remind drivers not to park vehicles on zig-zag markings, in any restricted area or in a manner likely to cause danger to others. Similarly, drivers are reminded to observe the speed limits outside the schools. These parking restrictions, speed limits and other measures are in place to ensure the safety of pupils, staff, parents and wider public.

This is an ideal opportunity to remind drivers using the school grounds that they should not park in the bus bay and should reverse park in parking bays.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

A group of our Primary 6 boys will be holding a ‘**bake sale**’ on Thursday 05 May to help raise funds for their forthcoming trip to Belgium. If you would like to support this initiative you child can purchase items from the stall for 20p -30p. Any items not sold in school to P1-7 will be on sale to the nursery parents at the end of the morning session.

For the week beginning 23 May we will have two ex-pupils returning for their **work experience**, Rebecca Ricci and Emma Thomson. They will work with a range of classes over the week they are in school.



This term's **parents' meetings** will be on 25 and 26 May. The Wednesday times will be from 18.00 to 20.00 and the Thursday slots will be allocated between 16.00 and 18.00. Further information will be issued in due course.

Nursery will host three open days, one for each colour group, to allow parents to come in to the nursery and spend time with their child and to have the opportunity to speak to the key Early Years Practitioner (Nursery Nurse) for that group:

- Yellow Friday 17 June 08.45-10.00 & 12.20-13.45
- Blue Monday 20 June 08.45-10.00 & 12.20-13.45
- Red Friday 24 June 08.45-10.00 & 12.20-13.45

As has become tradition, the **book fair** will be in school to coincide with the parents' meetings. It is expected to arrive on Tuesday 24 May and will leave again on Monday 30 May.

The annual **Crynoch Cup** football tournament and family barbeque is provisionally booked for Saturday 25 June, 12.00-16.00. Anyone interested in helping with the organisation or running of the supporting events should contact the Parent Council.

Article 31

Children have the right to relax and play, and to join in a wide range of cultural, artistic and other recreational activities.



STAFFING

There will be a minor change to the working patterns for Mrs Hayati and Miss May in the nursery. From Monday 09 May Miss May will work every morning and Mrs Hayati will work all day Thursday and Friday and every afternoon.

STAFF TRAINING

This term the staff will continue to attend a range of training sessions including Crisis, Aggression Limitation & Management, ELKLAN, and SEEMIS Tracking, Monitoring & Reporting.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held on **Wednesday 31 August 2016 at 7.30 p.m.** All parents of children from Nursery to P7 are invited. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the secretary, Mrs Joanne Owen.

Mr Phil Home will be standing down as Treasurer. For additional information about the duties of the Treasurer, or to express an interest in taking up the position, please contact any of the Parent Council committee members.

Christeen Saward
Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary (Dates may have to change but you will be kept informed)

TERM 4			
04 05 16	WEDNESDAY	ALL DAY	SSPCA WORKSHOPS & ASSEMBLY
05 05 16	THURSDAY	P.M	CULTS P7S VISIT ACADEMY
09 05 16	MONDAY	09.30	P7S LEAVE FOR DALGUISE
		09.30	P6 BIKEABILITY STARTS
		09.30	P2/3 GENERATION SCIENCE WORKSHOP
		11.00	P1/2 GENERATION SCIENCE WORKSHOP
13 05 16	FRIDAY	15.00	P7S RETURN FROM DALGUISE
16 05 16	MONDAY	09.30	P4-7 GENERATION SCIENCE EVENT
18 05 16	WEDNESDAY	09.00-15.00	P1-4 VISIT TO ABSAFE – ABERDEEN
23 05 16	MONDAY	TBC	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES
25 05 16	WEDNESDAY	18.00	PARENTS' NIGHT
26 05 16	THURSDAY	16.00	PARENTS' NIGHT
31 05 16	TUESDAY	09.00-15.00	P5-7 VISIT TO ABSAFE – ABERDEEN
03 06 16	FRIDAY	ALL DAY	MACKIE P7S AT TRANSITION DAY
07 06 16	TUESDAY	ALL DAY	MACKIE P7S AT ENGINEERING DAY
15 06 16	WEDNESDAY	ALL DAY	MACKIE P7S AT MACKIE ACADEMY
16 06 16	THURSDAY	ALL DAY	MACKIE P7S AT MACKIE ACADEMY
17 06 16	FRIDAY	ALL DAY	MACKIE P7S AT MACKIE ACADEMY
20 06 16	MONDAY	ALL DAY	HEALTH WEEK BEGINS
22 06 16	WEDNESDAY	TBC	SPORTS DAY
23 06 16	THURSDAY	A.M.	SPONSORED WALK
25 06 16	SATURDAY	TBC	CRYNOCH CUP & FAMILY BBQ (TBC)
30 06 16	THURSDAY	TBC	P7 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY
SESSION 2016-2017			
31 08 16	WEDNESDAY	19.30	PARENT COUNCIL AGM



SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES

SESSION 2015 – 2016

Term 3 06/01/16 - 01/04/16
Term 4 18/04/16 - 01/07/16

Public Holidays

02 May 2016

SESSION 2016 – 2017

Term 1 16/08/16 - 07/10/16
Term 2 24/10/16 – 23/12/16
Term 3 09/01/17 - 31/03/17
Term 4 18/04/17 – 30/06/16

In-service Days

15 August 2016
14 November 2016
15 November 2016
14 February 2017
15 February 2017

Public Holidays

13 February 2017
01 May 2017

Occasional Days

To be determined



COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND COMPLIMENTS

We welcome feedback on how we are doing and will use this to plan for improvements. Please note any points in the space below and return to the school office. Please sign your name if you wish someone to respond to your comments.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____