



Lairhillock School Newsletter

April 2017

What a fabulous start to the term we had with our 10th Birthday celebrations organised by Primary 5/6. It was great to have so many people turn out to support us. The main events were:

- Newtonhill Pipe Band playing as the guests arrived.



- Coffee morning for invited guests, including the Lord Lieutenant for Kincardineshire, Mrs Kinghorn.





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- Mrs Youngson, Lairhillock School's first Head Teacher, announced the winner of the competition to design a glass panel. This fabulous design was by William Irvine-Fortescue's and made into a stunning panel by Fiona Paterson of Mearns Art House.



- Tara and Harry christened the magnificent charity wishing well made by Victoria Keith, Lairhillock Breakfast Club, from individual bricks designed by everyone in Lairhillock School. The first charity is Cancer Research UK.



- Every child dropped a token into the wishing well, courtesy of Sport Alpha UK
- We had a bouncy castle throughout the day for Nursery to P7
- The final event was an afternoon party for P1-P7
- We were all treated to delicious birthday made by Anita Collin, Teacake





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Yet again this year we are fortunate enough to have a group of **North East of Scotland College (NESCOL) sport science students** coming in on a Monday afternoon to work with our P1 and P2 classes. We are most grateful to Mrs Begg's husband for arranging this for us.

Primary 5/6 took part in the **rugby** festival in Stonehaven and put on a good performance. The children were on their best behaviour and were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Yarnold for coming along to help.

Our nursery children visited **Aberdeen Science Centre** on Wednesday and had a super time at the workshop, having snack and looking at the exhibits. Lots of sleepy children on the return journey!

ARTICLE 31

All children have a right to relax and play, and join in a wide range of activities.



Yesterday Mrs Kirk took a small group of upper stages children to the Invercarron Resource Centre in Stonehaven for an afternoon of reminiscence with the **Alzheimer's** group. The feedback from the group was "*the Lairhillock children were fantastic! A resounding success.*" What a great compliment.

ARTICLE 29

Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full. It should encourage children to respect their parents, and their own and other cultures.



BAKING GROUP

You will all be aware of the fantastic job the **baking group** do with the children on a Monday morning. For next session we are looking for more volunteers to come along and help. Currently baking is on a Monday but this can be flexible if it suits more parents. From what I see and hear as I pass the GP room the ladies are having a good time (men are more than welcome too!) Please let us know if you would like to be one of this merry band of helpers.

MEDICATION

Starting at the end of this term we will be sending all pupil medication home on the last day of every term for parents to check. If your child still requires the medication after a holiday period we would like you to complete a new medical form for the new term. This will ensure our medical records are updated every term.

UNIFORM

Due to a price increase from our uniform supplier the price of a school sweatshirt will go up by 50p to £8.50, with immediate effect.

SECURITY & SAFETY

- When your child is to be absent please contact the school office. If you have not made contact by 09.30 we will try to contact parents. If you are emailing me directly



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please copy in the school email address as I am not always available to access emails.

- Only school staff should allow anyone to access the school building.
- All visitors should report to the school office, including during break and lunchtime.
- Parking should be restricted to the parking bays and not the bus bay.
- When dropping off or collecting children please use the zebra crossings and not cross between the buses in the bus bay.
- If collecting a child early from school please sign them out in the appropriate register at reception.

EVENTS

Our new **Primary 1 children have another 5 afternoon visits** in school. Parents of these children are welcome to meet in the Staff Lounge for refreshments. A good opportunity to relax for a short time and have a catch up or meet new people.



Some of our boys are raising money for a trip to North Berwick with Mackie Rugby Club. They will be selling **home baking** on **Wednesday 03 May** at break time. Prices from 50p.

The Primary 7s are on the countdown to their **residential trip** to Abernethy Ardeonaig on 08 May, as are Mrs Hodge, Mrs Fraser and I. Provided the weather is settled it should be a great trip. It is hard to believe that we are already taking deposits for next year's P7 trip and I have booked the 2019 one!

Whilst the P7s are away Primary 6 will be undertaking their **Bikeability** training with Mrs Wilson. Again we want good weather to help make this a more enjoyable experience.

May will see the start of Primary 7s engaging a range of **transition** activities depending on which secondary school they are moving on to.

The Parent Council have organised a **photo shoot** for individual classes and the whole school for Thursday 01 June. Class and whole school photographs will be on sale to anyone who would like copies. There will also be a special photo which will be a one off and will be displayed in the school, thus allowing all children to be included.

P4-7 have begun rehearsals for their end of year show inspired by Primary 7's ideas and written by Mrs Hodge. There will be two performances, as previously notified in the newsletter, on Wednesday 07 June in the afternoon and Thursday 08 June in the evening. The times are not yet confirmed.

Parent and teacher meetings and our **digital technologies display** will be on **Wednesday 14 June** 15.30-20.00. (We are hoping the digital technologies can run the full length of the session.)

The **P4/5 Fairtrade café** has been postponed to Thursday 29 June, as the only day P3/4 and P4/5 can be accommodated for their trip to the **Montrose Basin**, when the tide will be out, is Thursday 15 June.



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Stonehaven junior **cricket** has commenced its outdoor training sessions at Minerawell Park next to the Pavilion. These will run from 18.30 – 20.00 every Tuesday evening. All welcome from P4 upwards. Any queries please contact Pete Law on: peterlaw18@aol.com or 07919 201040.

STAFF TRAINING

This term staff have engaged in training in CALM, Digital Technologies, Early Years Literacy, Getting it Right for Every Child and Numeracy & Maths.

PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council **AGM** will be held on **Monday 04 September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.** The current Chairs, Minute Secretary and Correspondence Secretary have reached the end of their two year tenure and are to be replaced at this meeting. For further information please speak to any member of the Parent Council.

All parents of children from Nursery to P7 are invited. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the secretary, Mrs Joanne Owen at the new Parent Council email address: Lairhillockparentcouncil@gmail.com

We would like to thank the Parent Council for supporting us again this term through payment of the following:

- Payment of buses for – Rotary Quiz, Badminton Sportshall Challenge, Rugby Festival and class trips
- Replacing a broken netbook with a new laptop
- iPads for nursery staff
- A range of musical instruments
- Numicon numeracy resources for the whole school

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Enjoy the May Day weekend and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 03 May.

Christeen Saward
Head Teacher



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

SESSION 2016-2017			
TERM 4			
08 15 17	MONDAY		Primary 7 leave for Ardeonaig
			Primary 6 start Bikeability training
18 05 17	THURSDAY	ALL DAY	ECO ACTION DAY!
23 05 17	TUESDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
25 05 17	THURSDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
31 05 17	WEDNESDAY	14.30	P4/5 assembly – open to parents
		ALL DAY	Scholastic Book Fair in school
01 06 17	THURSDAY	a.m.	Parent Council 10 th Birthday photographs
07 06 17	WEDNESDAY	TBC	P4-7 show
08 06 17	THURSDAY	TBC	P4-7 show
10 06 17	SATURDAY	12.00-16.00	Crynoch Cup football tournament and family BBQ
14 06 17	WEDNESDAY	TBC	Digital Technologies exhibition
		15.30-20.00	End of session parents' meetings
15 06 17	THURSDAY	TBC	P3/4 & P4/5 trip
16 06 17	FRIDAY	18.00	Parent Council disco
29 06 17	THURSDAY	09.30	P7 leavers assembly – open to parents
		14.00	P4/5 Enterprise café

SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES SESSION 2016 – 2017

	From	To	Public Holidays
Term 4	18 04 17	30 06 17	01 05 17

SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES SESSION 2017 – 2018

	From	To	In-service Days	Public Holidays	Occasional Days
Term 1	22 08 17	13 10 17	21 08 17		
Term 2	30 10 17	22 12 17	13 11 17 14 11 17		
Term 3	08 01 18	29 03 18	13 02 18 14 02 18	12 02 18	08 02 18 09 02 17
Term 4	16 04 18	06 07 18		07 05 18	



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: _____