



Lairhillock School Newsletter

29 February 2016

Mr Kieran Kenny, Depute Head Teacher at Mackie Academy, and four S2 students delivered two information sessions for parents on a range of **social media** apps. This was extremely informative and the young people were quizzed as if the attendees were their parents! Having these four young presenters meant those of us in the audience with limited social media knowledge could have our many questions answered by experts. In the evening, those of us who were able to stay for the whole event were able to hear about current legislation from PC Russell Crawford, Police Liaison Officer.

The garden is looking neater thanks to the volunteer families who attended the **gardening** session. Armed with grabbers, some of the children gathered litter blown in from surroundings areas making the school grounds just that bit tidier.

Primary 5-7 all took part in the basic **First Aid training** with Grampian Training Services. These workshops develop excellent Responsible Citizen skills and help to make our community a safer place.



Thank you to those of you who sent in Fairtrade recipes and attended the P5/6 **Fairtrade Café**. The children of P5/6 were delighted with their profit of £157, which will go to Alzheimer's Scotland. The class have also held an assembly to share with the school how the Fairtrade work has links to the UNICEF Rights of the child.

Article 28

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available for every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 27

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical, social and mental needs. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

As part of their Fairtrade studies representatives from P5/6 were invited to attend a Fairtrade assembly at St. Joseph's Primary School in Aberdeen, where they listened to Pamela Intelligent, a Fairtrade worker from Mauritius, and Andy Ashcroft from Koolskools, a company making school **uniform from Fairtrade cotton**.



Cara, Dexter, Pamela & Ken at St. Joseph's School

It has been decided that the money raised at the Suitcase Sale organised by P1/2 will be donated to **Corbie Hall**, as they are trying to raise £1400 to replace their **defibrillator** which was destroyed in the floods. As this item was located outside of the building and was 'movable' it is not covered by their insurance.



Our football team have done their coaches proud again and are pictured here after their recent win at the Banchory sports centre tournament. They were up against two teams from Lumphanan and one team from Drumoak.

Well done to the boys and their coaches.

Again this year we are collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers**. These can be exchanged for a range of active and cooking equipment, and experiences, which can support children to eat well, move well and live well. The vouchers can be collected at Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and when ordering groceries online.



Active Kids

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Book Day is on Thursday 03 March. The children can come dressed as a book character. They should bring a book they would like to share with others.

March is set to be a busy month of **sporting** activities:

- P1-3 will continue to have sessions with the North East College students
- A team of 10 P3-P4 children will represent the school at the Badminton Sportshall challenge
- P5 will have a session of 'Firstclubgolf' with Mrs Seery, Active Schools Coordinator, and Mrs Taylor, local golfer.
- P5/6 will have 4 Rugby sessions with Mr Sadio, Rugby Development Officer
- P6/7 will have 4 sessions of Hockey with Mr McNab, Hockey Development Officer
- Mrs Kirk will take our Cross Country team to the Robert Gordon's And Albyn School Open Cross Country Championship.

STAFFING

We said goodbye to Mrs Scouler, Relief Early Years Practitioner (EYP) on Friday 19 February. The nursery team and children enjoyed working with her. With her departure came the arrival of Mrs Rosaleen Hay, EYP, who will remain with us until the end of the academic session. We are delighted to finally have her on board.

Mr Martin Garden, Cleaner, left on Friday 5 February. His post will not be filled but the cleaning services manager has purchased additional cleaning machinery. These machines will make cleaning the vast expanses of vinyl much easier.

It has been a very busy year for us with accommodating students and we now have Miss Megan Anderson (MA4) in Primary 1/2 and Miss Sarah Turner (MA4) in Primary 2/3.

VOLUNTEERS

Aberdeenshire Council have introduced a **Volunteer Policy** designed to protect volunteers from unlawful discrimination in the same way as Council employees. The Council also has a duty to protect the health and safety of its volunteers. Each volunteer is required to complete a volunteer agreement which will clarify the reasonable expectations of both parties.

The type of activities that volunteers carry out for Aberdeenshire Council range from classroom help, personal care, music, drama, computing, gardening and cooking. These activities will link with Aberdeenshire's Employability Agenda. Volunteers will not perform the tasks usually undertaken by paid employees.

We currently have Mr Edward Davies, volunteer, working across classes from Monday to Thursday. Mr Davies is hoping to embark on his teacher training in the future and we are keen to support him in this.

STAFF TRAINING

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

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 26 April 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.

Christeen Seward
Head Teacher

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

TERM 4			
07 03 16	MONDAY	A.M.	P1-3 K'NEX DINOSAUR WORKSHOP
09 03 16	WEDNESDAY	TBC	SCHOOL NURSE VISIT P1
10 03 16	THURSDAY	P.M.	P5 FIRSTCLUBGOLF
18 03 16	FRIDAY	10.00	P7 ROTARY QUIZ
23 03 16	WEDNESDAY	10.00	P3/4 BADMINTON SPORTSHALL CHALLENGE
31 03 16	THURSDAY	ALL DAY	ECO ACTION DAY
20 04 16	WEDNESDAY	19.00	PARENTS MEETING FOR P7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP
23 04 16	THURSDAY	P.M	CULTS P7S VISIT ACADEMY
26 04 16	TUESDAY	19.30	PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
03 05 16	TUESDAY	ALL DAY	SSPCA WORKSHOPS & ASSEMBLY
04 05 16	WEDNESDAY	TBC	RRSA REACCREDITATION
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	TBC	P7S RETURN FROM DALGUISE
16 05 16	MONDAY	09.30	P4-7 GENERATION SCIENCE EVENT
23 05 16	MONDAY	TBC	BOOK FAIR ARRIVES
25 05 16	WEDNESDAY	18.00	PARENTS' NIGHT
26 05 16	THURSDAY	16.00	PARENTS' NIGHT
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
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

25 March 2016

02 May 2016



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: _____