



# Lairhillock School Newsletter

February 2017



*Lairhillock A Team - Arran, Keon, Alfie, Albie and Campbell*

Pictured above are our **football** A Team with their first trophy of the season as winners of the Banchory Indoor Tournament. The B team (Joseph, Finlay Green, Robert, Roan Beattie and Angus from P5) fought hard and competed well in a P6/7 tournament. (Thank you to Jo Eggleton, our roving (or not so roving at the moment!) sports reporter, for the photograph and report.)

The winners of Zac Cardinal's **poetry competition** were:

- Primary 1 Megan Grimmer
- Primary 2 No entries
- Primary 3 Elsie Keith
- Primary 4 Anna Forbes
- Primary 5 Amy Strachan
- Primary 6 Caitlin Grimmer
- Primary 7 No entries



Thank you to Zac for organising this competition which raised £10 for the Red Cross.



## Lairhillock Basketball Club

**Mondays, 6.00 – 7.00pm**  
**P4 – P7**

**Venue:** Lairhillock School Games Hall

Free of Charge

**To sign up:** Contact Robbie Kupris,  
Active Schools Coordinator on Tel: 07917263603  
or robert.kupris@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Our Active Schools' **Basketball Club**, which meets on a Monday evening, is currently recruiting new members.

If you are in Primary 4-7 and are interested in joining please contact Robbie Kupris, Active Schools Coordinator.

(See left for contact details.)

The additional **Parents' Night** was very well attended. Thank you to the teachers for their input for these very valuable sessions. The feedback has been very positive. Please return any reports taken home so that these can be copied and sent home.



### READING BOOK AMNESTY

Over the Easter break I will be **auditing our reading books** and would like any books you find at home to be **returned to school** before then. If you find books that have been in the house for a long time you can return them anonymously!

### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is Thursday 02 March so tomorrow (01 March) is the last day to hand in your photographs of the children being caught reading in unusual places.

### STAFFING

We are delighted to welcome our new Janitor, Mr Craig Beaton. Mr Beaton has already visited the school and officially starts his duties today. (28 February)

### EVENTS

The **school dental nurse** will be in school on Friday 24 March to see the children in Primary 1 and Primary 7.

This Friday brings the **Parent Council Family Bingo night**. This always proves to be a fun event.

## LAIRHILLOCK SCHOOL



### Family Bingo Night

Friday 3rd March 2017

6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

£5 Family Ticket

Bingo Dabbers available to buy on the night

Tuck Shop available

The next **family gardening session** will be on Sunday 19 March 14.00-16.00. All families are welcome and no gardening experience is necessary. These events are fantastic for keeping on top of the maintenance tasks in the garden, which is very much appreciated.





We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our **Nursery 'Stay & Play'** sessions on Wednesday 22 March and Friday 24 March 09.00-10.00.

Primary 1, 2 and 5/6 are all hosting their **class assemblies** in March:

- P1 Wednesday 15 March 09.30
- P5/6 Thursday 23 March 14.30
- P2 Wednesday 29 March 14.15

Parents are welcome to come along to these assemblies.

It is hard to believe we are preparing to welcome the **new Primary 1** children for session 2017-2018. This process begins with a meeting for parents on Wednesday 22 March at 10.00.

### FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.



Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or 'lazy eyes' or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

The NHS would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

### STAFF TRAINING

This term staff have engaged in training in CALM, Data Protection, Digital Technologies, Early Years Literacy, Getting it Right for Every Child, Growth Mindset, Health & Wellbeing, Numeracy & Maths and Resilience for Children.

During our in-service days we developed our nine year Religious and Moral Education plan and updated the associated policy, which is available on request, and as a whole school looked at Numicon maths.

### PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 7.00 p.m.** **Please note this is half an hour earlier than previous meetings.** 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:



## Lairhillock School

[Lairhillockparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:Lairhillockparentcouncil@gmail.com)

If you ever doubted the importance of our Parent Council just look at what they have funded so far this academic year!

- Buses for trips
- Cash for all classes
- 4 x Cameras
- Sign language P4-7
- Nursery paper storage unit
- Outside taps – nursery and near the garden
- French songs/rap CD
- Dot & Dash robots (not yet arrived)
- Playground markings
- 13 iPads, cases and charging/storage trolley
- Reading Cloud access for the whole school
- Gym hall sound system parts replacement
- iPad apps

Christeen Seward  
Head Teacher



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

<b>SESSION 2016-2017</b>			
<b>TERM 3</b>			
02 03 17	THURSDAY	ALL DAY	World Book Day
03 03 17	FRIDAY	18.00	Parent Council Bingo!
15 03 17	WEDNESDAY	09.30	P1 assembly – open to parents
17 03 17	FRIDAY	P5-7	Albyn Cross Country Competition
19 03 17	SUNDAY	14.00-16.00	Family Gardening session
22 03 17	WEDNESDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
		10.00-12.00	New P1 parents' meeting
		10.30-11.45	Badminton Sportshall Challenge
23 03 17	THURSDAY	09.30	P7 Rotary Quiz
		14.30	P5/6 Assembly – open to parents
24 03 17	FRIDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
		ALL DAY	Red Nose Day
29 03 17	WEDNESDAY	14.15	P2 assembly – open to parents
<b>TERM 4</b>			
16 04 17	SUNDAY	-	<b>SCHOOL'S 10<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY</b>
24 04 17	MONDAY	19.00	Ardeonaig meeting for P7 parents
26 04 17	WEDNESDAY	a.m.	Nursery visit to Aberdeen Science Centre
		<b>19.00</b>	Parent Council meeting
27 04 17	THURSDAY	TBC	Parent Council photography session
29 04 17	WEDNESDAY	TBC	P2 assembly – open to parents
18 05 17	THURSDAY	ALL DAY	ECO ACTION DAY!
23 05 17	TUESDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
24 05 17	WEDNESDAY	17.45-20.00	End of session parents' meetings
25 05 17	THURSDAY	15.45-18.00	End of session parents' meetings
25 05 17	THURSDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
01 06 17	THURSDAY	TBC	P4/5 assembly – open to parents
14 06 17	WEDNESDAY	TBC	Digital Technologies exhibition
16 06 17	FRIDAY	TBC	Parent Council disco
29 06 17	THURSDAY	TBC	P7 leavers assembly – open to parents

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES SESSION 2016 – 2017**

**Term 3**      05/01/17 - 31/03/17  
**Term 4**      18/04/17 – 30/06/16

### **Public Holidays**

01 May 2017



**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:** \_\_\_\_\_