



# Lairhillock School Newsletter

June & July 2016

From Monday the 15th August 2016 the price of a two course standard meal in all Primary and Special Schools will increase by 5p to **£2.15**.



For the second year running **Eli Methven** was selected to play for the under 16s Scotland Basketball team. He jetted off to Spain last month to participate in this tournament. We wish Eli well in what is almost certainly a successful future in basketball.

What a team! Here they are again but this time they are 2016 winners of the Finzean fun day football tournament.

The trophy cabinet is filling up nicely, thanks to the team.

The rescheduled **Invercrynoch Cup football tournament and summer barbecue** has been rescheduled for **Saturday 27 August 2016 from 12.00 to 16.30**. Hopefully we will have a dry day.



Craig Strachan, Alfie Grant, Keon Hay, Roan Collin and Carl Saunders

#### Article 15

*Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations. As long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.*



On Monday 06 June P2/3 were the Aberdeenshire Regional Competition winners for **Sumdog** Mental Maths!

Mrs Begg organised for a number of visitors to help with this year's Health week. The children were involved in a range of activities from Cheerleading to Street Dance. We are very appreciative of the volunteers who came in to share their talents with the children.

#### Article 24

*Every child has the right to the best possible health.*



Yet again **Sports Day** was affected by weather conditions, with the pitch being too slippery for the children to run their races. It was unfortunate that our outside space was restricted with the oyster catcher chicks being cordoned off, resulting in the nursery sports moving inside on such a lovely day. Despite the change to the locations the children seemed to have a good time.



The winning P1-7 countries were:

Joint first:

*Estonia*

Lacey Stewart  
Thomas Savage  
Isaac Smith  
Harry Snelling  
Beth Fettig  
Angus Henderson-Gwynne  
Rasmus Feld  
Caitlin Grimmer  
Finlay Green  
Fraser McIntosh  
Alex Ringrose

*Haiti*

Alfie Forbes  
Ayla Gill  
Benjamin Currie  
Dyanna Littlechild  
Freya Green  
Rudi-Gene Farquhar  
Emily Ivers  
Joseph McIntosh  
Roan Collin  
Erin Edmond

Third:

*Chad*

Eve Macdonald  
Leo Connelly  
Kiana Thakun  
Rebecca Gillies  
Ned Daley  
Inness Main

Dean Reeve  
William Manning  
Hayley Yahathugoda  
Alfie Grant  
Eli Methven  
Morven Dempsey

Thank you to the volunteers who manned the potted sports and thank you also to the 'tea tent' volunteers who made a staggering £210.87!

For most of the children the highlight of sports day was having Miss Murray as goalie in 'beat the goalie', where she surprised us with her hidden talent.

Our **sponsored walk** has netted us £1459.00 which will be put towards transport for school events. Thank you again for the support financially and on the day.

In May P5/6 hosted the local **Alzheimer's sports day**. The children did an excellent job and were complimented on their manners and behaviour. The 'athletes' had a very enjoyable time and appreciated the delicious scones prepared earlier in the day with the support of parents.



*Golf*



*Javelin*



*Ten Pin Bowling*



*Netball*

Since the last newsletter we have had another family gardening session. The work put in by these volunteers (and the regular volunteer gardeners) helps keep the garden looking good.

## **STAFFING**

We are delighted that Mrs McGachy has started in her new post of Early Years Lead Practitioner.

Mrs Fish, Class Teacher, is taking up a secondment at Auchenblae School for the next academic session. We wish her well in this promoted post.

Miss Unwin, Pupil Support Assistant, resigned due to health issues. We wish her well for the future.

Ms Jean Forsyth, ICT Visiting Specialist, is leaving teaching in Aberdeenshire to take up a new post in Milan. I cannot imagine what the attraction can be!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Hay, Mrs Hayati and Mrs Shepherd (Early Years Practitioners) who have come to the end of their fixed term contracts. We are most grateful for the hard work and commitment to our nursery over the session.

The final departure is Miss Johanna Hall, Caretaker who is heading off to Milton Keynes to start her PhD in Games Based Learning. I have asked her to remember her colleagues at Lairhillock when she is a multi-millionaire.

Currently the staffing for next session is as follows:

Nursery	Ms McGachy Miss May Mrs Scouller	Lead Practitioner Early Years Practitioner Early Years Practitioner (Temporary)
Primary 1	Mrs Campbell Mrs Begg Mrs Triik	Teacher- Mon, Tue & alt Wed Teacher - Alt Wednesday, Thurs & Fri Pupil Support Assistant



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Primary 2	Mrs Gill Mrs Fraser Miss Murray	Teacher- Mon - Wed Teacher - Thurs & Fri Pupil Support Assistant
Primary 3/4	Mrs Blair Mrs Strachan Mrs Blake	Teacher – Mon to Thurs Teacher - Fri Pupil Support Assistant (Temporary)
Primary 4/5	Mrs Bosson Mrs Kirk Mrs Blake	Teacher - Mon Teacher – Tues - Fri Pupil Support Assistant (Temporary)
Primary P5/6	Miss Davies Mrs Bosson Mrs Blake	Probationer (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) Teacher (Wednesday) Pupil Support Assistant (Temporary)
Primary 7	Mrs Hodge Mrs Saunders Mrs Blake	Teacher– Mon to Thurs Teacher – Fri (Cover until vacancy filled) Pupil Support Assistant (Temporary)
Specialists	Mrs Begg Mrs Bosson Miss Munro Mrs Ward	Digital Technologies – Tues/Wed Music - Tues PE – Tues & Fri ASL – Mon & Wed

I am eternally grateful to the staff for pulling together to take on additional days at such short notice to cover the vacancy left by Mrs Fish's secondment.

### **SMOKE FREE ZONE**

From Monday 15 August 2016 smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time in council premises including outside grounds. Smoking within cars parked within school car parks is included in the scope of this restriction. These restrictions also apply to the use of electronic cigarettes.

### **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.

### **ENHANCED PROVISION CONSULTATION**

Enhanced provision across Aberdeenshire has been reviewed and a nine area model is currently being implemented during 2014-16. Each cluster will have a primary and a secondary enhanced provision centre and each area will have a community resource hub.





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The aim is to provide support for all learners in the local schools through universal and targeted support and to ensure that enhanced provision is located where the need is greatest.

The new enhanced provision model aims to increase capacity at a school and cluster level for all learners to ensure greater consistency of, and equity of access to, an improved quality of provision across the authority.

At present the enhanced provision centre for the Portlethen and Stonehaven clusters is located at Newtonhill School, Newtonhill.

The only cluster without primary enhanced provision is Stonehaven and the proposal is to develop a new primary enhanced provision centre at Mill O' Forest School, Stonehaven.

A copy of the consultation document has been emailed to all Lairhillock families, or alternatively is available on the Aberdeenshire Council web-site:

[www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

or by e-mailing:

[Enhancedprovisionproject@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:Enhancedprovisionproject@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

### **AND FINALLY...**

As ever it has been a very busy year with a range of additional activities on offer to the children. We are most grateful to the many parents who have helped out over the year because, without your help we would not be able to do this.

We look forward to you working with us again next session. If you are interested in sharing your expertise, running lunchtime clubs supporting any other events please do get in touch. The more the merrier!

Have a wonderful summer break and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 16 August.



Christeen Seward  
Head Teacher





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

<b>SESSION 2016-2017</b>			
<b>TERM 1</b>			
27 08 16	SATURDAY	12.00-16.30	INVERCRYNOCH CUP & FAMILY BBQ
31 08 16	WEDNESDAY	19.30	PARENT COUNCIL AGM

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES

### SESSION 2016 – 2017

<b>Term 1</b>	16/08/16 - 07/10/16
<b>Term 2</b>	24/10/16 – 21/12/16
<b>Term 3</b>	05/01/17 - 31/03/17
<b>Term 4</b>	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

09 February 2017  
10 February 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:** \_\_\_\_\_