



Lairhillock School Newsletter

31 May 2016

Thank you to everyone who supported the Primary 6 'bake sale'. They raised £72 towards their forthcoming Scout trip to Belgium.

This really has been a very busy month...

Primary 6 worked through their Bikeability with Mrs Murray and her band of willing volunteers.



They got better as the week went on, when they discovered that they actually needed bicycles!

The Primary 7 residential trip was a great success again this year. The children were fantastic and threw themselves into the activities (some literally!) We were complimented on the behaviour and manners of the children.



Banchory-Devenick and Lairhillock 2016



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Primary 1-7 attended Generation Science workshops; were visited by the SSPCA to learn about animal welfare; and went on their trip to Absafe in Aberdeen.



Another excellent result for the Lairhillock A football team, who were the winners of the Drumoak tournament.

In addition Roan Collin won the penalty shoot-out completion!

Lairhillock A team

Carl Saunders, Roan Collin, Keon Hay, Campbell Dempsey, Craig Strachan, Robert Anderson, Alfie Grant, Albie Collins and also Arran McNamee - he was poorly so went home before photo!



Article 29

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.

Mrs Valerie Gray, our previous school cook, has very kindly donated a fruit tree and a Rhododendron bush to the school garden. We are looking forward to future harvests and cooking sessions using our own fruit. (She has refused to be photographed for the newsletter!)

Due to the generosity of those of you who attended this term's book fair we have reached the 50% commission level and now have £399.50 to spend on books for the school. We are most grateful to Nicola Farquhar who manned the **Book Fair** each morning for the children.

In the recent weeks the number of children arriving after the bell and entering through the main door has been on the increase so I thought it would be an appropriate time to advise you of the **attendance procedures** recommended by Aberdeenshire Council.

- Children who arrive after the school bell rings are to be recorded as 'late'
- Where possible, parents should notify the school in advance of any absences
- Contact should be made with the school office on the morning of an unplanned absence. The best method of contacting the school in these circumstances is by telephone before 09.30.

STAFFING

Mrs Emma Fraser, who was appointed as Mrs Hodge's permanent job-share partner, started work with the children in Primary 4/5 on Friday 27 May.



We said goodbye to Mrs Saunders who covered the vacancy in Primary 4/5, and a number of other posts for around 17 months! Her loyalty to the school has ensured the classes have had as few changes to their teachers as possible.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The finalised **holiday dates** for session 2016-2017 are included in the Dates for Your Diary section at the end of the newsletter.

Our end of term P7 leavers' assembly will be on Thursday 30 June at 09.30. All parents are welcome, but I suggest you bring your tissues.

Luke Robertson, ex Netherley Primary School pupil is the only Scot and the youngest ever British person to complete a solo expedition to the South Pole. We have been asked to advertise the forthcoming event at the Grassic Gibbon Centre on 09 June. We also hope that he may visit the school at some point.

The Friends of the Grassic Gibbon Centre



Welcome
Luke Robertson
In conversation with **Andy Hall**
to
The Grassic Gibbon Centre
Arbuthnott
On Thursday 9th June at 7.30 pm

Luke Robertson is the only Scot and youngest Brit ever to complete a solo expedition to the South Pole.

Marie Curie Cancer Care 

Raffle Licensed 



Tickets cost £10 and are available from:
The Grassic Gibbon Centre
Arbuthnott, Laurencekirk, AB30 1PB
Tel: 01561 361668
Email: friendsofggc@grassicgibbon.com
www.grassicgibbon.com



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This year's **summer barbecue** will be held in conjunction with the **Invercrynoch Cup and Crynoch Shield Football** competition on **Saturday 25th June from 12 to 4.30pm**. There will be the usual raffle, tea and homebakes, nearly new stall, bouncy castle and various other stalls.

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 | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 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 | 12.00-16.30 | CRYNOCHE CUP & FAMILY BBQ |
| 30 06 16 | THURSDAY | 09.30 | P7 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY |
| SESSION 2016-2017 | | | |
| 31 08 16 | WEDNESDAY | 19.30 | PARENT COUNCIL AGM |

SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES

SESSION 2015 – 2016

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

SESSION 2016 – 2017

Term 1 16/08/16 - 07/10/16
Term 2 24/10/16 – 21/12/16
Term 3 05/01/17 - 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

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:** _____