



Lairhillock School Newsletter

October 2016

Thank you very much to Shona grimmer for organising the sale of SPREE Books again this year. This year's profit is £285!

The art competition organised by Olivia and Rebecca in Primary 7 raised £20 funds for school funds. As you can see from the photos the standard of entry was very high. The winners were:

- Primary 1 & 2 Jack Stephen
- Primary 3 & 4 Kyra Thomas
- Primary 5 & 6 Angus Henderson-Gwynne
- Primary 7 Emily Ivers



Article 31

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

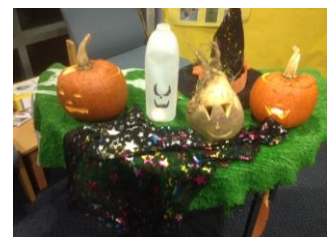
Yet another successful Travelling Book Fair event, where we made £445.61 in commission to spend on new books for classes and the library.

We were delighted to come back to school to the news that we have been successful in gaining our Rights Respecting School Level 2 Reaccreditation. I would like to reiterate our thanks to everyone for their support with this venture.

The first visit to Aberdeen Science Centre was on Monday and the children engaged in workshops and had free time to investigate the exhibits. P1-P3/4 will have their visit on Wednesday.

The Parent Council Halloween party was very well attended. The best joke of the night was:

*Why did the toilet roll go down the hill?
To get to the bottom!*





SPARE CLOTHES

If your child has been given a change of clothes from school can you please return them as we are running out of spares. We do not expect underwear to be returned.

VOLUNTEERS

Last term saw a whole raft of volunteers working in school and this term looks to be equally busy. However we are always keen to encourage as many volunteers as possible to come in to support us. If you would like to become a volunteer please just contact the school office.

WHAT THE PUPILS SAY!

I asked Primary 7 what they had been learning and this is what they had to say:

Alfie – *We have been doing creative writing about aliens and I know I need to proof read my work.*

Roan – *We are reading 'The Highwayman's Footsteps'. I am intrigued as to what will happen next.*

Olivia – *In our reading we have been finding out what makes a good story and how to plan it.*

Freddy – *We were looking at what sentence structure is like. We've looked at compound sentences.*

Keon – *I have learned what coordinates are called and why.*

Cara – *Reflecting coordinate can be over the x or y axis.*

Finlay – *Last term we did BOMDAS. I didn't like it. (P7 parents – please ask your child about BOMDAS!)*

Ethan – *'Cops & Robbers' is a game for coordinates.*

Ken – *We painted aliens. We could use any materials we wanted.*

Rebecca – *Abstract artists do flicks of paint randomly on the page.*

Layton – *We are doing gymnastics with Miss Munro. Our first lesson was balances.*

Toby – *Last term we did volleyball. I learned different throws and how to dig.*

Adelina – *We also did basketball last term and learned the shooting techniques.*

Isobel – *This term we are learning about democracy but we have started with looking at the persuasive language in adverts.*

Joseph – *We answered questions about who rules Britain.*

Fraser – *Democracy is where people get to vote. The country is run by the people.*

Dexter – *Anxiety is when you are worried about things. Having friends help manage anxiety.*

Ned – *In the baking group we started to make Christmas cakes. The lesson reminded me how to make a Christmas cake.*

EVENTS

The preparations for the Christmas Fayre are already underway with the baking mums coming in to coordinate the mammoth Christmas cake making task.



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Tuesday 08 November P4-7 will attend a glass fusing workshop with Fiona Paterson from Mearns Art House, to make Christmas decorations. If last year's decorations are anything to go by these will look great.

Next Tuesday (08 November 18.30-20.00) is our curricular event for parents. This will give a snapshot of some aspects of Literacy, Numeracy and Health & Wellbeing across the school.

STAFFING

On Monday 07 November we welcome Mrs Sarah Stevenson to our nursery as a permanent Early Years Practitioner (EYP). We are looking forward to the future with our now complete nursery team.

Unfortunately the arrival of Mrs Stevenson means we lose Mrs Scouller who was our relief EYP. She has assured us that she will come back to visit.

STAFF TRAINING

This term staff have engaged in training in CALM, Data Protection, Equalities and Diversity Training, Early Years Literacy, Film in Education, First Aid, Group Call, Numeracy & Maths, and Skills focused learning.

PARENT COUNCIL

The next Parent Council Meeting will be held on **Monday 07 November 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



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

SESSION 2016-2017			
TERM 2			
02 11 16	WEDNESDAY	ALL DAY	P1 & 2 visit to Aberdeen Science Centre
07 11 16	MONDAY	19.30	Parent Council meeting
08 11 16	TUESDAY	ALL DAY	P4-7 Glass fusing
		18.30-20.00	Curricular evening for parents
09 11 16	WEDNESDAY	09.30	Nursery welly walk
20 11 16	SUNDAY	14.00-16.00	Family Ceilidh at Cookney Hall
26 11 16	SATURDAY	10.00-12.00	Christmas Fayre
05 12 16	MONDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
		p.m. TBC	P1-7 open session
07 12 16	WEDNESDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
14 12 16	WEDNESDAY	TBC	P1-3 Christmas performance
15 12 16	THURSDAY	12.20	Christmas lunch
21 12 16	WEDNESDAY	09.45	Christmas service in LAIRHILLOCK SCHOOL
Term 3			
17 01 17	TUESDAY	19.30	Parent Council meeting
22 02 17	WEDNESDAY	TBC	P5/6 assembly
		17.45-20.00	Interim Parents' meetings
23 02 17	THURSDAY	15.45-18.00	Interim Parents' meetings
03 03 17	FRIDAY	18.00	Parent Council Bingo!
15 03 17	WEDNESDAY	09.30	P1 assembly
22 03 17	WEDNESDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
24 03 17	FRIDAY	09.00-10.00	Nursery Stay & Play
16 04 17	SUNDAY	-	SCHOOL'S 10th BIRTHDAY
26 04 17	WEDNESDAY	a.m.	Nursery visit to Aberdeen Science Centre
		19.30	Parent Council meeting
27 04 17	THURSDAY	TBC	Parent Council photography session
Term 4			
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
14 06 17	WEDNESDAY	TBC	Digital Technologies exhibition
16 06 17	FRIDAY	TBC	Parent Council disco
29 06 17	THURSDAY	TBC	P7 leavers assembly



SCHOOL HOLIDAY / TERM TIME DATES

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:** _____