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## NEWSLETTER 11 - Thursday 8th February 2024



### FEBRUARY

- 08 Online Safety Family Learning Event 1:30pm
- 09/12 Mid-term holiday - school & ELC closed
- 13/14 In-service Days
- 16 Pre-school ELC & P1 transition activity 9:30-10:30am  
Celebrating Success pm  
Parental questionnaire responses to be returned  
P7 Activity Week deposit due
- 20 Pre-school ELC & P1 transition activity 9:30-10:30am
- 28 P6/7 visit to Spring Show at Thainstone



### MARCH

- 07 World Book Day
- 11 Tempest Photography - individual/family groups
- 15 **Comic Relief Day**  
Pre-school ELC & P1 transition activity 9:30-10:30am
- 16 SFSA Soup & Sweet 11-1 St Fergus Village Hall
- 19 Pre-school ELC & P1 transition activity 9:30-10:30am
- 22 P6/7 Sharing Learning 1:30pm
- 25/6 Decorated Easter Egg Competition
- 28 Easter Assembly with school choir performing 1:30pm  
Last day of term 3

- Reminder

School and nursery are closed tomorrow and Monday for the mid-term holiday and then again on Tuesday and Wednesday to allow for staff in-service days. ELC staff will be attending training on child development and spending time self-evaluating outdoor learning. School staff will continue focusing on our improvement planning priorities linked to Online Safety, One Plus Two (French), Music (our curricular programme), and Learning, Teaching & Assessment.

- ELC

The ELC were delighted when the Primary 7's came through to discuss Chinese New Year and help them make dragons they used different materials to make the dragon's eye, nose and tongue.



The children made their own dragon and tried some dragon dancing around the free flow. We experimented with chopsticks in the house corner.



Alex - "Put green on the plate and some teeth, nose and eyes".

Lachlan - "Fun".

Anna - "You had to put glue on it sideways".

Isla - "He was real".

Andrew - "I liked his teeth and putting on his eyes".



The children have loved exploring the block area and have been making towers and buildings and bridges. They have been mark making on clipboards and writing down their ideas to help plan their designs.



It was great to see so many parents at our stay and play and the children completed their literacy tasks step by step and were so delighted to collect their Shine sticker at the end. (Mrs Morgan)

- P7 Leavers' Legacy

Last week our P7s were very busy leading learning in every class as they supported the younger children in school and nursery to make dragon

puppets. P7 then put on a show based on Chinese New Year that was bright, colourful, informative and fun!



There was lots of movement and dance, with the younger learners being particularly enthralled with the dragon dance. In fact, the dragon then went for a special visit through to nursery!



Everyone came dressed in red and brought a donation as the show had been planned as part of P7's fundraising for their Leavers' Legacy.

The winners of the 'Lunar Legacy' lucky square hampers were:

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| Amelia McLean  | ELC  |
| Krista Smith   | P1/2 |
| Emelia Baird   | P2/3 |
| Millie Darling | P2/3 |

Kasey Bayliss P4/5

Michael McRobbie P6/7

£661.65 was raised through lucky square raffles/donations. This added to the £460.00 raised at Christmas through their sale of crafts, means P7 have a Leavers' Legacy grand total of **£1121.65**.

They plan to purchase a sound system and microphones that will support concerts and performances in the years ahead. What a wonderful legacy to leave for those coming after them, well done P7.



- Online Safety Week

Our theme this year has been 'Inspiring Change - making a difference, managing influence, navigating change online'.



All classes will present to parents today:

P1 & P2 - will share about what they do online and how it makes them feel. The internet is a great place for so many things but young ones need to be careful. They have learned a song 'Ask a Grown Up' that helps them remember these important online safety messages.

P3 - will share a bit more about how the internet makes them think, feel and act (both positively and negatively). They have been learning about how to respond when pop ups appear.



P4 - have been busy developing skills using iMovie. These have a clear online safety message such as 'ask before you post' or 'watch out for scammers'.  
 P5 - have been developing their digital literacy skills using Puppet Pals to create short, animated movies. They wrote all the scripts themselves. Again, these give a clear safety message on topics such as cyber bullying, the positives/negatives of social media.



P6/7 - will share about how the internet can change the world for the better. They have been considering the power of influencers and also new technologies such as AI. They will present through sketches, cheer leading and rap!



PC Matthew Roger, the school-based police officer at Peterhead Academy will host a parent online safety session this afternoon. He will share a helpful parental checklist for social media and useful links to guidance for parental controls for both Apple and Android devices. **These will be sent out to all parents.**

- P4/5 Sharing Learning



Mrs Leys class shared their leaning about Vikings to an audience of parents and family. It was a super informative performance. They confidently shared their research using Power Point presentations and treated the audience to some songs. Everyone learned lots about the holy island of Lindisfarne, how Vikings lived, and the annual festival of Up Helly Aa! Here are some of their reflections:

- Our show was a BLAST! Jessie*
- I enjoyed it. It was hard because three people were off so we had to sing louder. Brodie*
- It was fun being a monk. Ryan*
- I found it scary. I mean I was very nervous. Daniel*



- Taste of Buchan

The Level 6 Travel & Tourism class at Peterhead Academy are organising a local food and drink event called Taste of Buchan to be held in the Palace

Hotel on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon - 4pm. Please follow the links below for more information:

<https://sites.google.com/view/tasteofbuchan/home?authuser=1>

<https://www.scotsman.com/news/people/enjoy-a-taste-of-buchan-at-peterhead-next-month-4491932>

- School Transport

The DVSA have recently sent out a reminder of the importance of ensuring that all passengers on school transport wear seatbelts and that these are kept on while the vehicle is moving. Here in school, we have had conversations with pupils about this, particularly reminding them that seatbelts are kept fastened until the vehicle has completely stopped and they are ready to get off. Can we ask all parents of pupils who come by school transport, to reinforce the above messages at home. Thank you.

- SSE Thermal Workshops

Karen, from Peterhead Power Station visited school last week to give the pupils an insight into the work of SSE Thermal as they provide the energy needed today while building a better world of energy for tomorrow.



"It was really interesting to find out that there are so many different jobs

at the station, like engineer, community people, first aiders and managers."

Layton

"I now know a lot more about how Peterhead Power Station Works."

Thomas

"I didn't realise people had to wear so much safety gear, PPE, to keep themselves safe."

Elsa



- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Hayley, Ellie Willox, Sophia Maclean, Brody J & Elsie and our 'Nursery Stars' - Carter & Oakleigh. Well done!

- Learning Leader Awards

Congratulations to Alexa Anderson, Jacob S, Shelley, Hayley, Jackson, Eden, Jake, Tabitha, Emelia Baird, Jacob B, Sophie, Charlotte, Maysie, Alexa Allen, Bella, Archie, Aimee B, Luke, Ava McRobbie, Murray, Ellie Watson, Tyler, Rafferty, Connor, Autumn, Alexander and Oakleigh- Bow who achieved their certificate for 5 Learning Leader Awards.

### What are Learning Leaders?



Happy Heroes are self-motivated, co-operative and take ownership of their learning.



Our Confident Commanders persevere, show resilience and independence.



Achieving Advisors reflect on their learning and challenge themselves.



Creative Captains are curious, ask questions and use their imagination creatively.

- Twitter

Remember we post photos and comments of what's happening in school live onto Twitter. Can we take this opportunity to encourage as many parents/families as possible to start following school on Twitter @StFergusSch

Also, our school website gives you current information on all that's been happening in school as well as access to various resources/documents.

<https://st-fergus.aberdeenshire.sch.uk>

- **ADVERSE WEATHER INFORMATION**

**Aberdeenshire Council Website**

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

You also have the option to sign up to receive email alerts when your school updates their closure status:

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/myAberdeenshire/>