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NEWSLETTER 14 - Friday 22nd March 2024



MARCH

- 25/6 Decorated Easter Egg Competition
- 25 P7 team - Rotary Quiz 6pm
- 28 Easter Assembly with school choir performing 1:30pm
- Last Day of term 3
- 29 School & ELC closed for Good Friday



APRIL

- 15 First day of term 4
- 25 Bags 2 School collection
- 26 P7 group visiting Renouard Court



MAY

- 01 SFSA Meeting 6:30pm
- 03 Reports out to parents
- 06 School & ELC closed for May Day Holiday
- 08 Parent Appointments 3:30pm>
- 09 Parent Appointments 6pm>
- P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
- 10 Celebrating Success - pm
- 17 P7 Activity Week final payment due
- P2/3 Sharing Learning 1:30pm
- St Fergus Netball Gala 4pm
- 21 Potted Sports 1:30pm
- 24 P7 group visiting Renouard Court
- 27-31 P7 Activity Week



- Red Nose Day

School and nursery raised the grand total of £158.54 for Comic Relief last Friday! Thank you to all who contributed.



- St Fergus School Association

The Easter themed soup and sweet on Saturday was a great success raising £792.00. Thank you to everyone who helped in ways too numerous to mention. Thank you to all who donated and to those who came along and supported. The Easter Bunny made an appearance and gave the children chocolate eggs!



- Decorated Easter Egg Competition

On Monday, we would like all children in school and nursery to bring a hard-boiled egg and an egg cup or something suitable to hold the egg such as a cardboard egg carton. This is required for our annual Easter Egg decorating competition. All decorative resources will be provided by school.

Nursery will be assisted by our P6 pupils and this is a nice way of beginning to build relationships with pre-school children ahead of setting up the buddies for their transition into school in August. Our P1 pupils will be supported by their current P7 buddies. We are grateful to St Fergus School Association for providing chocolate Easter eggs as prizes and three winners per class will each receive their prize at our Easter assembly. ELC prizes will be awarded in the nursery room. We have invited our school cleaners, Mrs E Brown and Mrs B Sinclair to be this year's Easter Egg judges.

- ELC

The ELC children are continuing to find out about food and were delighted that it was time to make their egg sandwiches and could add the cress that they had grown in class. They have been learning about where some foods come from around the world. The children tried dumplings and pretzels from Poland and got a surprise at how many children liked them. They wanted to make pizza and made individual pizzas and also made a dough base together and added sauce, tomatoes, peppers, pepperoni and cheese for their toppings.



We have also added a cafe to our role play area for the children to come and make and serve up the various foods from around the world.

Caleb - "I like those eggs".

Guy - "I liked when I got Pepperoni".

Isla - " I like mince and tatties, Scotland".

Georgie - "Tacos are from Mexico".

Miller - "Apples grow on trees".

We have been talking about time and how we record it using timers, watches and clocks. We have made our own clocks using drawings, loose parts and paintings.



We have been talking about songs, stories and rhyme and making up our own stories using puppets, props and drawings. The children shared their stories outdoors under our little shelter.



We have been using our new resources in the garden and have loved the new water wall. The children have spent time exploring and watching the water travel down the pipes. (Mrs Morgan)



• Launch of French Virtual Class

It was great to have so many parents/carers into school this week for the showcasing of the French Virtual Class. A link was sent out for this on Google Class on Wednesday afternoon. Please have a look and support your child going forward. Home learning activities will be posted periodically by class teachers in alignment with the topics covered in class to reinforce the French vocabulary being taught in school.



Easter Assembly

Miss Cantlay and our school choir will be leading an Easter Assembly on Thursday 28th March at 1:30pm. Our P5/6 class have been learning to play the ukulele and will also be performing at this assembly. We would like to invite one adult per child participating, to join us for our Easter Assembly. Younger siblings are also most welcome!

- Bags 2 School

Please check your child's bag tonight for the bag and instructions. Bags 2 School is a fundraising scheme that helps us raise funds through textile recycling. Can we encourage you to have a 'clear out' during the holidays and send any used and unwanted clothes/textiles to school on Thursday 25th April.

- School Ties

These can be purchased from the school office at a cost of £4 per tie. There are pre-tied elasticated ones for the younger learners and longer traditional ties for older pupils.

- Peterhead Netball World Cup Fun Day

Peterhead Netball organised a fantastic fun day on Saturday 9th March. Mrs Leys and Miss Cantlay would like to thank all those P4-7 parents who brought their youngsters along. The three St Fergus teams had a great day out. Congratulations to the St Fergus Mum Team for winning!



- Shape Your Future

Help shape the future of open and play spaces in your settlement! The Aberdeenshire Council policy team has spent the last year surveying 90

settlements and over 1750 outdoor spaces. You now have the opportunity to comment and add to this information by sharing your firsthand knowledge with us. Why is this important?

- Each council Planning Authority must assess the sufficiency of play opportunities for children and young people in their area to establish if the needs and demands of the community are being met, to consider the views of young people, and to identify where there are gaps in play provision.

- A Play Sufficiency Assessment considers whether there are enough play opportunities for children and young people under the age of 18.

- While some of you may no longer be 'playing' any longer, this survey covers spaces you might still be using like football pitches, tennis courts and natural areas like woodland and beaches.

- We would like to hear your views on: Where you play and / or would like to play. Where you meet up and / or would like to meet up.

How to participate: Follow this link:

<https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ldp-evidence-report-play-recreation-and-sport>

and complete the survey and map. Your comments will help to shape the next Local Development Plan which affect a decade's worth of development!



- Pupils Leading Learning

P2/3 visited P5/6 for a French lesson with P5/6 taking the role of the teacher - leading learning at its best!



Bailey - *I liked the games: It was so much fun.*

Alexa - *I liked the French words because they made me laugh.*

Grace - *P5/6 are really good teachers.*

Cody - *I liked the word game where you had to match the pictures.*

Zachery - *I really enjoyed being a teacher.*



- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Jessica, Tabitha, Aimee B, Ellie Watson, Ryan, Rafferty, Leigha, Thomas, Harvey M & Alba and our 'Nursery Star' - Lachlan. Well done!

- Learning Leader Awards

Congratulations to Lucas, Ava S, Alexander R, Alba, Jake, Marcus, Daniel, Kasey, Aurellia & Sophia Morris 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/>

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