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NEWSLETTER 16 - Friday 3rd May 2024



MAY

- 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
- 13 ELC Key Worker Reporting Fortnight
- 14 Parent Improvement Planning - coffee & chat 9:30am
- 17 P7 Activity Week final payment due
- P2/3 Sharing Learning 1:30pm
- St Fergus Netball Gala 4pm

- 20 ELC/P1 transition session
- 21 Potted Sports 1:30pm
- 24 P7 group visiting Renouard Court
- 27-31 P7 Activity Week
- 27 ELC Sports Day
- 29 Meeting for parents of new entrants into P1 - 11am



JUNE

- 03 School & ELC closed for local holiday.
- 06 P4-6 outing to Maritime Museum & Art Gallery, Aberdeen
- 10 Book Fayre Week
- ELC/P1 transition session
- 11 Athletic Sports 1:30pm

- Primary 7

This school session is fairly passing quickly and already our P7 class are into their final term with us. They chose blue for their leavers' hoodies this year and are pictured below looking very smart!



- Welcome

We said 'goodbye' to Pupil Support Assistant, Mrs Julie Park back in March and have welcomed Mrs Jennifer Senic to our team. Mrs Senic will be with us 2.5 days until the end of term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Park for her contribution and commitment to St Fergus School.

- St Fergus School Association

The netball gala is fast approaching and last year was very busy. There will be several stalls and a BBQ which was extremely popular last year.

We are looking for donations of bottles and sweets for a bottle/sweet tombola. Packets that can be separated are perfect. Last year our gala was a great success, all money raised goes to the whole school and benefits all our children.

We NEED lots of helpers to make this happen. Even if your child is not involved in the netball gala it would

be great if you could come along and help. That would also allow our helpers who have children playing to perhaps watch a game. If your children are playing netball, we suggest a rota system of helpers so that there is sufficient help for the gala to be successful and allow all parents to see their children play some games.

It takes a lot of manpower to make these events happen. If you can help for even half an hour between 4pm & 6pm Friday 17th May please let the school know or contact me directly.

Many thanks

(Adele Smart, SFSA Chair)

- Reporting to Parents



Reports will be sent out electronically by email today.

These will be password protected so to open you need to type in your child's date of birth - DDMMYY E.g., for a date of birth 25th Dec 2017 you would enter 251217

Please do not phone school unless you have not received the report by the end of the school day. There will be a link on the bottom of the report for you to provide feedback and comments to the class teacher ahead of the parent appointments next week. The appointment will be a chance to discuss the report in more detail and as usual, P7 pupils are welcome to attend the appointment with their parents.



- DYW (Developing the Young Workforce)

P4/5 have been finding out about lots of different jobs as part of their cross-curricular themed learning this

term. They have invited several parents into class already to share about their job and to answer questions!

Jamie's mum demonstrated hand massage, and there was opportunity for nail painting and make up demonstrations.

Lachlan's mum explained about her job as a nurse while Kasey's dad told the class about his experiences as a hairdresser.



"I learned that being a nurse is harder than you would think." Summer

"I learned that there are different bands of nurse and Lachlan's mum is a Band 5. That means she can give patients medicine." Zachary

"You have to go to University and get a degree to be a nurse. You should be there for 3 or 4 years. She has taught me a lot. She has taught me to stick in at school." Nathaniel



- Celebration of STEM Event

A team from P6/7 went to BP Headquarters in Dyce to showcase their class work on carbon capture and storage. At the event they had STEM challenges, listened to career talks and had to present their learning on carbon capture to a team of experts. We are delighted to share that they came second place in the event, out of 16 schools from across Aberdeen city and Aberdeenshire (secondary and primary schools).



Iona - I liked all the STEM challenges. My favourite was the ASCO challenge where we had to make a boat and offload the containers.

Alexander - We had to make a tinfoil boat and use a magnetic fishing rod to unload the containers from our boat.



Noah - I liked the BP challenge. We had to increase the speed of a car to make it go faster. We changed the size of the gear wheels.

Lily - My favourite challenge was the one set by Wood. We had to work as a team and it was really challenging.



Cole - The Shell challenge made us think about the energy of the future and I liked using all the Lego.

Jamie - I enjoyed being at the event and seeing what everyone else had done.



- ELC

The children were delighted to have PC Hislop in for a visit, they were so excited and asked lots of questions. They had the opportunity to wear handcuffs and hold the police baton, which was very heavy! The highlight was going to see the police car and the children loved putting the lights and sirens on.



They learned that the police do lots of important jobs in the community and are always there to help us.



Alex - "She tells people what have you lost and she's a detective".

Georgie - "She catches bad guys and puts people in vans. I liked putting the sirens on".

Jack - "Get them in jail with handcuffs. I tooted the horn."

Lucas - "Catch bad guys, baton was heavy. I sat in car".



The ELC children have been finding the missing number on our number line and have enjoyed number hunts outside in the garden.

They are continuing learning about pattern and have been listening to the story of Elmer. They are going to make their own elephants using different patterns.

(Mrs Morgan)

- CHAS



Following a recent school assembly where a representative from CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland) shared with the children about the amazing work of the charity, this had such an impact on one of our P4 pupils that he decided to embark on some fundraising himself. Read on and hear from Nathaniel himself...

A lady from CHAS came to our school to speak to us. It touched me so much that I decided to organise my own buttry morning. I started by sending out invites for help. Everyone said, 'yes'. Then I asked for donations. When the lady came, I was at the toffee station and took orders and served people. It went great. Zachary won a jar of biscuits with the exact guess of 28. Another person won a jar of biscuits, his name is Levi. I raised £1,812.

Isn't that phenomenal? Nathaniel, we are all so proud of you!



- Parent Improvement Planning Group

This is a very informal group who meet twice a year for coffee and a chat with the Head Teacher. If you are a parent with a child/ren in P1-7 then you are most welcome to come along at 9:30am on Tuesday 14th May. You will hear about the school improvement priorities for session 24/25 and have opportunity to give suggestions and ideas for improvement. Parental feedback is key to robust self-evaluation for us as a school.

- P2/3 Sharing Learning

Our P2/3 class will be sharing their learning at a special assembly on the afternoon of Friday 17th May. Two family members per pupil in P2/3 are welcome to join us in the school hall at 1:30pm. Please feel free to also bring along younger siblings if necessary.

- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Maja, Jackson, Marcus, Ava McRobbie, Lachlan, Kasey, Layton, Zackery N, Britney & Sophie and our 'Nursery Stars' - Billie & Guy. Well done!

- Learning Leader Awards

Congratulations to Tyler, Sophia Maclean, Noah Jernslett, Maya Morris, Keeva, Iona, Bailey W, Noah Johnston, Elsie, Lily, Zackery N, Thomas, Leigha, Layton, Kimberley, Elsa, Brody J, Amy W, Oakleigh-Bow, Katie, Ryan & Jamie C 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>