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NEWSLETTER 17 - Friday 17th May 2024



MAY

- 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
- 23 Visit from 'Strider' - WOW mascot
- 24 P7 group visiting Renouard Court
- 27-31 P7 Activity Week
- 27 ELC Sports Day
- 29 Meeting for parents of new entrants into P1 - 1:30pm*



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
- 12 Meeting for parents of new entrants into P1- 1:15pm*
- 13 Open Evening & Book Fayre 6:30-8pm
- P2/3 outing to Aberdeen Science Centre
- 14 P1/2 Sharing Learning 1:30pm
- 17 ELC/P1 transition session
- 18 P1/2 outing to Macduff Aquarium

- P7 Leavers' Legacy Update

Our senior class have completed their fundraising and were absolutely delighted to receive news from our Parent Council (SFSA) last week that a donation of £2000.00 towards the legacy has been handed over. A sound system for the school hall has been ordered and is awaiting installation. This includes a mixing deck, handheld and tie pin wireless microphones, two wall mounted speakers. A wonderful legacy that will have such a positive impact at future events such as Christmas concerts and class sharing of learning assemblies. Well done P7, let's hope that installation is complete in time for your Leavers' assembly on the last week of term!

- P2/3 Sharing Learning

Our P2/3 class will be sharing their learning at a special assembly this afternoon. 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.

- Potted Sports



Parents and family are most welcome to join us on Tuesday 21st May at 1:30pm in the community park behind school for our annual potted sports. Pupils will compete in mixed teams (P1-7) at 10 different events with trophies for the winning team followed by various races. We do hope the sun shines for us next Tuesday for sports day. Refreshments will be on sale (tea, coffee, etc) for those spectating so come along and

enjoy a lovely afternoon! We would like to thank SFSA for organising the refreshments and the ice lollies for the pupils.



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 some more parents into class to share about their job and to answer questions!



Oakleigh-Bow's dad works on an oil rig. He hangs on ropes so has special equipment to keep him safe. He wears a special suit, hard hat and steel toe capped boots. Jamie

He taught us how to tie knots, a daisy chain was one of them. Kasey



Zachary's dad also works offshore on an oilrig.

Zachary's dad twisted a valve in the sink. When you turn it one way, the ball gets in the way of the water. When you turn it the other way the water comes out. Aurellia

I liked when Zachary's dad told us about the oil rig and he brought in pictures for us to look at. Pictures of the safety suits and the helicopters. Brodie

- Silver School Sport Award



We were recently awarded a silver School Sports Award from Sport Scotland. This is a government led award scheme to reward schools for their commitment to sports and competition across their school.

- ELC

The elephant patterns worked really well as the children finished off learning about patterns. There were some spotty, stripy and colourful patterns and they made a display on the wall for everyone to see.



Now the children have begun investigating mini beasts. They have been using the magnifying glasses to look at them in more detail, looking at wings, legs and antennas. They have been on the lookout for minibeasts and have already spotted spiders, woodlice, beetles and caterpillars!



The story of the month is Super Worm by Julia Donaldson which as well as having great rhyming words uses mathematical language so we have started to discuss further full/empty, long/short, wide/narrow, heavy/light and holds more/holds less.

The children have been exploring the water tray pouring the water to make their cups full or empty.



Out in the garden they had great fun filling and emptying their buckets with mud. While out on the bikes, they made wide and narrow roads with the chalk for others to follow.



Some of the children have planted seeds for flowers and we have talked about how to look after plants. We are also very excited to have a delivery this week of some caterpillars who we will watch over as they begin to grow and we will learn about lifecycles.

Keyworker reporting fortnight is going well and it has been great to catch up with so many parents as we discuss your child's progress. Please also remember to log onto your child's Learning Journal online to have a closer look at their learning and observations.

- Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to all who have been 'Pupils of the Week' - Julius, Archie, Eden, Emilia Burnett, Gray, Daniel, Zachary B, Autumn, Emma, Kimberley, Iona & Alexander R and our 'Nursery Star' - Rhianna. Well done!

- Learning Leader Awards

Congratulations to Rafferty who achieved a 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>