

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



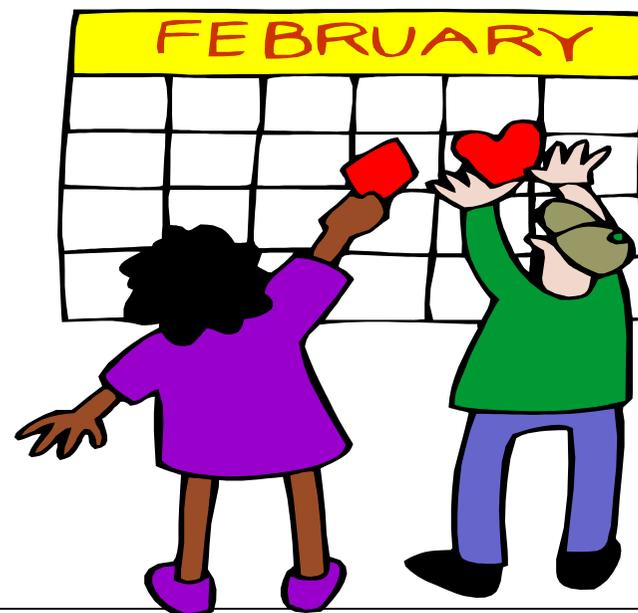
Fri 10th Feb	2.30am	P1/2 Class assembly ( <i>Parents of P1-2 children invited</i> )
Fri 10th Feb		Homework Grids due in
Fri 10th Feb		P5-7 WW2 talk and artefacts morning £2.00 cost
Thurs 16th Feb		In Service day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Mid Term Holiday
Thurs 23rd Feb		Burns cluster competition at Southmuir. (P2-3 winners to attend)
Friday 24th Feb		Burns cluster competition at Southmuir. (P4-7 winners to attend)
Week beginning Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb		Book Week
Mon 27th Feb		Homework grid to go home
Wed 29th Feb	2-3.20pm	School Open Afternoon
Thurs 1st March		World Book Day
Fri 2nd March		Newtyle and Eassie P1 and Pre-school transition event. 1.30pm
Thurs 8th March	AM	Scottish Country Dance Festival. Forfar
Wed 15th and Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> March		P7 Health Transition Days at WHS
Mon 19th March	5-7.30pm	Parents Evening P1- P7
Tues 20th March	4-6.30pm	Parents Evening Pre-school - P7
Fri 23rd March		Homework Grids due in today
Thurs 29th March	6pm	Parent Council meeting
Fri 30th March	9.30am	Easter Service at Church
Fri 30th March		END OF TERM

School resumes Monday 16th April

*Please note next term, additional days holiday for  
Queen's Diamond Jubilee -  
Tues 5th June.*

*Coureen Peters*

# NEWTYLE SCHOOL and Pre-school



## February 2012 Newsletter

***Work together to be the best we can be.***

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been a very busy start to the term with lots of things happening and many more activities planned!

### Successes and Achievements

#### **Burns**

We all thoroughly enjoyed our Burns afternoon listening to all the finalists from P1-7 who presented their poems to the school.

Our judges Mrs Clark and Mrs Sherriff had a very difficult time choosing the winners as the standard was so high! Mrs Greenhill also entertained us with some Scottish music. Beth Christie gave us a display of Irish dancing and Abby Hayer shared the sword dance with us.

P3/4 told us all about Robert Burns and some of the children shared their haggis poems with us. P1/2 and P5-7 sang a selection of Scottish songs and some of the children in P5-7 shared poems they had created as a homework activity. It was a great afternoon!

The winners were :

P1	<b>1st</b> Frankie Kennedy.	<i>Runners up</i> - Lucy Coupar, Katie Hutchison
P2	<b>1st</b> Stephen Ip.	<i>Runners up</i> - Kai Jamieson, Fearne Crighton
P3	<b>1st</b> Kristian Allison.	<i>Runners up</i> - Elise Crighton, Cayley Jamieson
P4	<b>1st</b> Andrew Ross.	<i>Runners up</i> - Rachel Coupar, Katelyn Fraser
P5	<b>1st</b> Kieran Hay	<i>Runners up</i> - Ross Quirie, Kieran Jamieson
P6	<b>1st</b> Beth Hutchison.	<i>Runners up</i> - Ellie Dempsey, Hayley Simpson
P7	<b>1st</b> Arran McFadyen	<i>Runners up</i> - Rebecca Quirie, Jamie Douglas

The winners of the Art Competition were :

P1	<b>1st</b> Frankie Kennedy	<i>Runners up</i> - Amber McFarlane, Lucy Hackney
P2	<b>1st</b> Stephen Ip.	<i>Runners up</i> - Fearne Crighton, Reece Robb
P3	<b>1st</b> Cayley Jamieson.	<i>Runners up</i> - Lewis Hackney, Michaela Taylor
P4	<b>1st</b> Andrew Ross .	<i>Runners up</i> - Katelyn Fraser, Jason Dempsey
P5	<b>1st</b> Kieran Jamieson.	<i>Runners up</i> - Abby Hayter, Dylan Vannet
P6	<b>1st</b> Hayley Simpson.	<i>Runners up</i> - Aaron Barnett, Ellie Dempsey
P7	<b>1st</b> Jamie Douglas	<i>Runners up</i> - Arran McFadyen, Amanda-Leigh Hay

#### **Netball Festival**

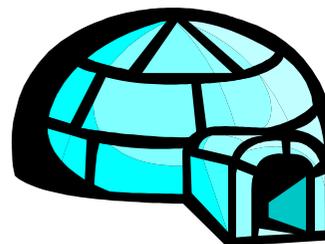
The netball team accompanied by Miss Campbell, Mrs Sherriff and Mrs Christie travelled to Forfar Lochside Leisure Centre. The team played very well and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play other schools.

Well done to everyone who took part and to Mrs Boath and Mrs Nicoll who coach the girls on a Monday after school.

The children who attended were: Beth Hutchison, Rebecca Quirie, Amanda-Leigh Hay, Beth Christie, Shannon Fraser and Hayley Simpson.

Thanks also to the parents and community volunteers who helped us transport pupils.

### PRE-SCHOOL NEWS



The pre-school children have been busy interacting and sharing learning experiences with the P1 children in the shared classroom ( between pre-school and P1 classrooms).

The focus has been winter and how the cold weather affects us and animals. We have explored ways of keeping warm and safe and how to look after birds. We moved on to look at cold climates around the world such as the Arctic and Antarctica and we are finding out about the lives of the Inuit, penguins and polar bears and other arctic creatures. We made igloos, set up a cold role play area and investigated the changes in water. They have touched on Space. It is hot or cold.....? Watch this space!

#### **Parent /Carers Comments**

If you have any comments you wish to make, issues you would like to raise or success you would like to share please do so below and return the slip to school. We always value your feedback and suggestions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

### ***P7 Health Transition Days***

P7s will attend Webster's High School on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th March to take part in health related workshops with all other schools in the Kirriemuir Cluster. This will be an excellent opportunity for the children to extend the friendships they initiated at Dalguise. Details will be sent out nearer the time. I am sure they will enjoy this event.

### ***Parents Evenings***

Parents evenings will take place as follows:

P1-7 Monday 19th March 5 - 7.30pm

Pre-school - P7 Tuesday 20th March 4 - 6.30pm

More information will be sent out regarding parents evening nearer the time.

### ***Spring Service***

Our Spring Service will take place in Newtyle Church on Friday 30th March at 9.30am. All parents/carers, family, friends and community members are invited to join us.

### ***P5-7 Class Assembly***

P5-7 will lead our whole school Get Together on Wednesday 21st March at 2.30pm. They will be showcasing and sharing their learning about WW2. All children have been very motivated by this project and look forward to sharing this with you. All parents / carers family and friends are invited. We look forward to seeing you there.

### ***Clubs in Newtyle Village***

A suggestion from our community audit carried out in November which was carried out with all parents highlighted that it would be a good idea to advertise clubs in the village in our newsletter. We have therefore included information on the clubs that we are aware of:

Mondays - Cubs. Legion Hall. 6 -7.15pm for boys and girls  
age 7½ - 11years old

Tuesdays - Church Fun Club. Legion Hall. 4.30 - 5.30pm for all  
school age children.

Wednesdays - T&K Dancing. Wharnccliffe Hall. 6-7.30pm age 4 upwards

We do hope to add to this. If you are aware of any other clubs or activities please inform us so we can add them to the list.

### ***Basketball Festival***

Our Basketball Team attended the Kirriemuir Cluster Festival on the 8th February at Webster's sports Centre. The children have practiced often, they played extremely well and earned a well deserved place in the Angus Basketball Finals. We are very proud of their teamwork and achievement. The team will play again at Lochside Leisure Centre in Forfar. The players were Kane Alison, Aaron Barnett, Rebecca Quire, Ryan Coupar, Shannon Fraser, Jamie Douglas, Arran McFadyen, Beth Christie, Amanda-Leigh Hay, and Ellie Dempsey.

Many thanks to Mrs Sherriff, Mrs Christie, Mrs Barnett and Mr Douglas who helped to transport and supervise the children and for their support. We would not be able to take part in these opportunities if it wasn't for the support of our parents.

### ***Scottish Country Dancing***

Pupils from P5-7 have joined enthusiastically in learning the dances for the Angus Scottish Dance festival which takes place in the Reid Hall Forfar on Thursday 8th March. There are quite a few new dances to learn this year but everyone is doing very well with some lovely dancing in evidence.

### ***UNICEF***

On Friday 3rd February we had a Dress in your Sports Gear Day to raise funds for UNICEF and we managed to raise £80. This money will go to support projects in Uganda, South Africa, such as providing health care, nutrition, education and sporting equipment for children in Uganda.

Thank you to all who supported us with this and also to Mrs Sherriff and Miss Cameron who helped with the face painting.

### ***School Orchard***

On Thursday 26th January P5-7 worked with a Countryside Ranger to plant three fruit trees in our car park area. We now have six trees in total and this is classed as an orchard. We do hope the children look after the trees and we are looking forward to using the fruit from them.

### ***Head Teacher Good News Postcards***

Our 'Golden Board' is filling up with children that have received a Head Teacher Good News Postcard.

The most recent recipients are as follows:

Lucy Coupar P1 Trying hard with all classroom tasks especially learning her sounds.

Christopher Hunter P2 Finishing his classroom tasks much more quickly.

Katelyn Fraser P4 Being an excellent classmate and making Michaela feel very welcome.

Ryan Coupar P7 Showing enthusiasm in all learning tasks and putting full effort into his homework.

### **Individual and Group Successes outwith School**

We are very keen to share and celebrate individual and group success outwith school. We do this by maintaining our Successes and Achievements Book which is on display in our reception area for all visitors to see. This session we have enhanced procedures for sharing good news and celebrating achievements by including a section in the home/school learning journal for much wider achievements. This is celebrated and discussed in class when the home/school journal is returned to school. We have also started to include any entries in our Successes and Achievements Book within our school newsletter, so please continue to share this information with us.

Recent entries in our Successes and Achievements book are as follows:

#### **Sporting Successes.**

**Sarah Dallas** currently attends Forfar Farmington football club and received a medal for being a good team player. Well Done Sarah!

**Camryn and Amanda Leigh Hay** also play for Forfar Farmington and they both received medals for being good team players. Well done Camryn and Amanda-Leigh!

**Fearne Crighton** has achieved her Level 5 swimming certificate and a Ballet Certificate. Fearne was also successful in Tayside Contracts School lunches competition. Her winter picture was placed 3rd overall in the whole of Tayside and she won a Toys R Us voucher. Well done Fearne!

#### **Other Successes**

**Abby and Sky Hayter** were very busy during Christmas time. They played the characters of children in Aladdin at the Whitehall Theatre. Well done girls!

**Elise Crighton** created a beautiful gingerbread house with a little help from her mum. It looked too beautiful to eat! Well done Elise.

Please remember that any successes or achievements that are sent in for sharing in the Successes and Achievements book will be included and celebrated in the newsletter. Any outside achievements that are shared in home/school learning journals will be celebrated in class. If you have any queries or suggestions regarding this then please put them in the comments slip and return to school. All feedback and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

### **Up and Coming Events**

#### **In service Days and Mid Term Holiday**

The school will be closed on Thursday 16th February for pupils. Some of the staff will be attending training in First Steps in Number to continue to improve learning and teaching in maths and Mrs Marchant will be updating our school website and attending GLOW training.

On Friday 17th February and Monday 20th February the school will be closed for our mid term break. I do hope you all enjoy your long weekend.

#### **School Open Afternoon**

We are having an open afternoon on Wednesday 29th February at 2-3.20pm. The theme will be enhancing literacy skills and pupil motivation using 'Moving Image Education'. This is a development that has been part of our School Improvement Plan this session so we hope to share more information about what this looks like in the classroom. The children will also share their work and take you on a tour of our successes and achievements in school.

All classes will have a display related to homework grid activities which you will be able to see and we would welcome your feedback on homework grids at this event.

We will also have a Book Fair in school and you will get the opportunity to view and purchase items from this.

All parents/carers, family and friends are welcome to attend this event but please may I remind parents that older siblings who should be at school will not be allowed to attend. We look forward to seeing you at this event.

#### **P1 and Pre-School Transition Event**

On Friday 2nd March children in P1 and pre-school at Newtyle and Eassie schools will take part in a fun afternoon of games with Mr Forrester our Active Schools Co-ordinator and pupils from Newtyle. This will take place in Newtyle School hall at 1.30pm.

This will be an excellent opportunity for the children to socialise with one another.

## Literacy Committee

The literacy committee have been busy organising another exciting Book Week for the whole school. This event will run from 27<sup>th</sup> February to 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The timetable for the week is as follows:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Gavin Hunter, Kirriemuir Library will be visiting classes to share new books with the children.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Author Linda Strachan will be sharing her Hamish McHaggis stories with P1-3, then will lead a writing workshop focusing on character building with P4-7. Linda will be bringing a selection of her books which she is happy to sign for the children if they wish to purchase them. (Details of costs will be sent on a separate form).

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Open Afternoon where visitors will see some of the literacy activities children are working on through Moving Image Education.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>** – World Book Day. Scots author & poet James Robertson will be visiting classes to share his knowledge of Scots language and poetry.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Dress up day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, bringing the book with them to tell others what they enjoy about the book.

The Travelling Book Fair will be available in school that week where books can be purchased.

Also over the course of the week, various book-related activities will be taking place. Children will be involved in reading, writing and designing characters and bookmarks to name but a few of the activities on offer.

As our library is now fully operational, the children involved on the literacy committee have organised a reading challenge. This involves children borrowing a minimum of four books between now and the end of term, then completing a challenge connected to the book. They will collect stamps for each challenge and prizes will be awarded at the end of term.

We hope all the children will take part in this and hope this activity will encourage a reading culture for the children in school and at home.

## Pupil Council

The Pupil Council discussed new policies that have been developed for Literacy and Health and Wellbeing. They were happy with the policies. They have been very busy updating the Successes and Achievements book and our School Improvement display. Please have a look the next time you are in the school.

## Health Group

The Health group have been discussing plans for our Health Week. We have decided the theme this year will be The Olympics, which will involve the whole school. More details about this will be sent home nearer the time. Congratulations to Ellie Dempsey who has been appointed as a JRSO (Junior Road Safety Officer) Ellie and Aaron Barnet will work together to inform our pupils about all aspects of Road Safety.

## 2 Stars and A Wish

We have recently collated the results of all individual pupil 2 Stars and A Wish suggestions that were included in home/school learning journals. We used the results to plan and identify improvements, taking account of the children's suggestions.

The results and follow up actions are as follows:

### STRENGTHS - COLLATED INTO CATEGORIES:

#### Environment

The playground

#### Learning and teaching

##### Maths/numeracy

I am enjoying doing maths X 5

I like doing maths. I like doing the tests.

I have really enjoyed doing maths and shapes in school

I like maths times tables x 6

I have enjoyed doing maths, fractions, time and data analysis

I like adding in maths

I like it when we play games but we are doing maths

Maths with Mrs Mappin

##### Literacy

I enjoy doing MIE in the classroom

I like language especially writing

I like doing Jolly Grammar x 3

I have enjoyed punctuation

I enjoy French X 4

I enjoy doing French because if you go there on holiday you can speak to people

I liked making the reading book characters

##### Health and Wellbeing

I enjoy PE x 4

I like doing gymnastics at PE x 3

I enjoy Cool in School

##### Social Studies/Technologies/Science

I enjoy doing Jamaica

I have enjoyed doing Jamaica with Mrs Boath and Mrs Mappin

I liked making tents x 2

I am enjoying doing the garden X 6

Doing Christmas crafts

I have enjoyed making cards

I have enjoyed learning about creative cards

I have enjoyed making Christmas decorations in school

I liked when Doctor Ip visited our class and talked about his job x 6

I liked it when the nurse visited our class and talked about her job x 2

I liked it when the police man visited our class and talked about his job

I liked making pirate land x 2

##### Expressive Arts

I enjoy art X 12

I enjoy art with Mrs Mappin and Mrs Boath

I liked making the rainbow picture x 2

##### RME

I like to learn about God

##### Homework

I liked it when we got a homework grid

### Extra Curricular

- I enjoy the hockey club X 6
- I enjoy netball
- I liked taking part in the play
- I enjoyed doing the play because everyone had a part and lines

### Increased pupil responsibility: pupil voice and leadership

- I have enjoyed working in my vertical group X 2
- I have enjoyed the smart start
- I enjoy being a house captain/vice captain X 2
- I enjoy being a house captain/vice captain because you can organise clubs and things
- Helping some of the younger ones in the playground
- I enjoy taking my drama club with P1/2

### Inclusion/Equality/Pupil voice/Care we provide

- The worry and suggestion box
- I have enjoyed making friends with Katelyn
- I have enjoyed making friends with Michaela

### WISHES – COLLATED INTO CATEGORIES:

### Increased pupil responsibility: pupil voice and leadership

- Get to run a club with my friend – football
- I would like to lead a football club for P3/4
- I would like to lead a dancing club with Beth C
- Lead a club – my interests are golf and gym games

### Extra Curricular/ Pastoral Care

- I wish to do more clubs
- Go swimming more X 4
- Help more in the garden
- Can we line up in classes again
- To get better at Netball
- I wish we could have another disco
- I wish we can have another panto
- I wish we had a football club
- I wish we can have an Easter Fayre
- I wish we could get more school trips
- I wish we could get the tuck shop back again

### Learning and teaching

- I wish to learn to read a clock x 3
- I wish I can get more maths x 2
- The handwriting
- To make language better
- I wish to write stories about space
- More grammar
- I wish to do more Jolly Phonics x 2
- I wish to learn how to read books x 7 (Mostly P1 suggested this)
- I wish the P4 can have reading Buddies
- I wish I got better at French
- More PE
- Less homework X 3
- I wish we get more homework
- I wish to have more homework grids x 4
- I wish to learn about the sun and the moon
- I wish we could have a pet day
- I am looking forward to learning about the Vikings x 3
- I wish our project next year could be about dinosaurs

Actions to take forward	When?
Plan new homework grids in all classes for term 3 and term 4	Jan – June 2012
Set up paired reading between P3/4 and P5-7	Feb – April 2012
Pupil Council to plan a summer school disco at the end of term	June 2012
Book the pantomime for December 2012	January 2012
Mrs Peters to speak to P5-7 regarding leading a club: football, dance and rugby	January – February 2012
Organise a 'Pet Day': all tasks to be linked to pet theme	June 2012
Health Committee to organise a tuck shop during health week	June 2012
Agree a procedures for handwriting and improve standards of handwriting at all stages	March 2012 - ongoing

### ***Policy Reviews and Updates***

We have recently reviewed and updated our Literacy Policy and Health and Wellbeing policies for pre-school and primary stages.

All staff, The Pupil Council and Parent Council were involved in this. Thank you to everyone who participated. The new policies are located in the red policy folder in the reception area for you to view. However if you would like a hard copy of the policies please fill in the comments sheet in this newsletter and return to school.

### ***Vertical Group Updates***

#### **ECO Group**

The Eco Group have created a new ECO code to encourage everyone to be ECO friendly.

**Never drop litter**

**Everyone must save water**

**Waste nothing**

**Turn everything off**

**You must remember the 3R s—reduce, reuse, recycle**

**Less paper, more trees**

**Energy should not be wasted**

We have also agreed that every class will be responsible for developing and maintaining an area in the school grounds:

Pre-school Pre-school garden.

P1/2 Litter picking, butterfly garden and orchard.

P3/4 Watering vegetables and plants, weed control at the stage area.

P5-7 Vegetable patch and raised bed, pond area, composting and leaf pile.