

Pupil Council Update

Recently I was asked to talk at a conference for schools across Angus to share how the Pupil Council have had a key role in improving the school, mainly through creating and updating our Child Friendly School Improvement Plan. Other schools were very positive about this approach and are keen to take this forward in their own school. Well done to our Pupil Council for leading the way with this!

The Pupil Council recently evaluated our Child Friendly School Improvement plan using two stars and a wish. This has been displayed at the V table. The staff and I have taken account of the children's stars to help us decide our improvement targets for next session. For example one of the stars was to do more group work for literacy, therefore improving learning and teaching in literacy will remain a focus in next sessions school improvement plan.

Head Teacher Farewell and Thanks

It is a sad time for me as I'm sitting writing my final newsletter before I begin the task of packing up my things ready to move onto Whitehills in August.

Although I'm looking forward to this new challenge, I have mixed feelings as I will really miss Newtyle.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and have been welcomed in the community and made to feel most welcome by all staff and parents. I couldn't have asked for more than this.

I couldn't have completed all the good work and achieved what we have achieved without your support. I really have valued this and it most definitely has been a case of us working together to be the best we can be!

You should all be very proud of what we have achieved as a school and this is obvious with our good practice being shared with schools in the cluster and across Angus. I know this will continue to be the case and I will hear all about the successes at Newtyle School.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the children for being so fabulous. They have been a delight to work with and I will fondly remember them. I have been to visit Whitehills and I have already told them about the excellent pupils at Newtyle and that they have a high standard to follow!

Thank you and well done everyone; be proud of what you have achieved. I know that Ms Hislop will continue to build on the already excellent practice and is looking forward to working in partnership with all of you.

I also just wanted to pass on my sincere thanks to the Parent Group, parents and children that contributed towards my beautiful gifts. I opened them today with the children at the Celebration Assembly and I am delighted with my very 'posh' pen and beautiful bracelet. I look forward to wearing my bracelet and using my pen at Whitehills. It was very thoughtful and very much appreciated.

I would also like to say thank you for the gifts that have been handed in from parents and children, Again it is very much appreciated and most kind of you.

Coureen Peters.

NEWTYLE SCHOOL and Pre-school



Living the Olympic
and Paralympic Values

June 2012

Successes and Achievements.

Work together to be the best we can be.

Dear Parents / Carers

I cannot believe that it is now the end of term for this session. It has been a very quick year and the children have had a very busy and exciting term.

P3 Sports Festival

On Tuesday 15th May P3 visited Northmuir School to take part in a variety of fun activities and games including , rugby, tennis, football and martial arts. The children had the opportunity to work with children from all Kirriemuir cluster schools. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and demonstrated good sportsmanship.

Tree Planting Ceremony in Memory of Sir James Cayzer

Our Parent Group kindly donated a cherry tree so we could plant it in memory of Sir James Cayzer. Sir James was a great supporter of Newtyle School and he will be sadly missed. On Thursday 17th May we invited Mr Nigel Cayzer to help us plant the tree at a special ceremony to show our appreciation of the kindness Sir James has demonstrated over the years.

P7 Induction Days

On 29th May, and 13 -14th June our P7 pupils visited Webster's High School for their inductions days. All children were very positive about their visits and are looking forward to moving on. We received very positive feedback from Webster's High staff about the behaviour and manners of the Newtyle pupils. We are all very proud of them and wish them all the best.

P5-7 Space Event—Newtyle School Hall

On Monday 4th June our P5-7 pupils watched an action packed afternoon of Science experiments. We invited pupils from Airlie, Isla and Glamis school to join us. The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and made the children from other school most welcome.

Very Important People Group Updates Health Week

We have had a great Health Week despite the weather!!

On Monday Mr Forrester took teams of children outside for our Mini Olympic Event. All teams participated enthusiastically and had great fun. Well done to Brazil, Australia and USA who won the Gold Silver and Bronze medals. The nursery children also took part in a mini Olympic event organised by the P7's and all were awarded with medals during the ceremony on our Eco stage. Dundee football Club visited on Tuesday and taught various football skills to the children. They all enjoyed it and have been practising at play time. On Tuesday afternoon, Alison Themessl—Huber and a team from Dundee University came to talk about Sun Awareness. This was a very active and informative session. The children looked at skin under a microscope, watched a DVD on how to apply sun cream and discussed what to wear in the sun and when to stay in the shade.

Our sports afternoon on Wednesday was super with all the children cheering and supporting each other in the races. Thank you to all the parents and relatives who came to watch and support the children. They all enjoyed the strawberries and ice-cream at the end.

Mrs Jacqueline Walker, manager of Tayside Nutrition Network came to talk to the children about the Eat-Well plate and various food groups.

Our smoothie afternoon was a great success and the children enjoyed choosing their exotic fruits for their smoothie recipe! They were very tasty. Rebecca Quirie was the winner of our Exotic fruit quiz. Well done Rebecca!

The children loved the visit from the Skate park and had the opportunity to try out roller blades, skate boards and scooters. They were very brave going over ramps and tried out jumps and new tricks. Don't worry they were all wearing helmets and protective kneepads!

Overall I'm sure you will agree we have had a fun packed Olympic Health week!

Mrs Boath and the Heath Group.

Many thanks to Mrs Boath, Mrs Sherriff and the Health Committee for organising the activities and making our health week such a success

The Eco Group

The Eco Group have updated their action plan for the year and recorded all that they have been doing throughout the year in their Successes and Achievements Journal. A member of the Eco committee has been to Pre-school to update the children on what the Eco Group has been doing and to gain ideas to include in future plans. The Pre-school are already recycling plastic bottles. Next term we will be starting to prepare for reapplying for our green flag.

Mrs Marchant and the Eco Warriors

Sport Champions

P7 Girl Champion Beth Christie
P7 boy Champion Kane Alison
Well done Kane and Beth!

Achievement Cup

This cup was donated by Mrs Jennifer Clarke to recognise effort and achievement.

This years recipient is Arran McFadyen.
Well Done Arran!

House Captains/Vice Captains for next session.

The children have been busy completing applications and preparing speeches for House and Vice Captain. The applications and speeches were of a high standard and I'm sure the pupils found it difficult to decide who to vote for. The results are as follows:

	House Captain	Vice Captain
Bannatyne	Aaron Barnett	Beth Hutchison
Hatton	Hayley Simpson	Ellie Dempsey
Kinburnie	Ross Quire	Rachel Coupar

Well done everyone and I'm sure they will fulfil their duties well.

Please note we had to ask P4 Kinburnie children to apply for the position of vice. This was exceptional circumstances due to the fact that at P5-7 stages children from this house have moved away, which makes the P5 cohort very small.

House cup and House Shield

The house cup for sporting achievements goes to Bannatyne this year. They had a total of 185 points. Well done Bannatyne house! Hatton were second with 109 points followed by Kinburnie with 94 points.

The house shield for attitude, effort and behaviour goes to Bannatyne this year. They had a total of 2692 points. Well done Bannatyne house! Kinburnie were second with 2617 points followed by Hatton with 2589 points. Well done everyone, you have worked hard to earn an amazing amount of house points!

Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 6th June all pupils presented their learning on either the Diamond Jubilee or the Olympics. The children confidently demonstrated their knowledge on both subjects. Parents and visitors were then taken on a playground tour to see the activities set up in our playground and our garden area. Unfortunately it was raining but this didn't dampen the children's enthusiasm.

P6 Safe Angus

On Monday 11th June our P6 pupils visited the Joch Neish Centre at Tannadice to learn about important Health and Safety messages and how to keep safe.

Our pupils were very successful and won the competition. They were also commended for their excellent behaviour. Well done P6!

Viewing of the Olympic Torch

On Tuesday 12th June many of our pupils visited Meigle to view the passing of the Olympic torch. This was a very successful event and the pupils really enjoyed the experience. I would like to thank Marion Brown for her excellent suggestion of moving the lunch hour so that P1-4 parents could take their child/children out to view this special occasion.

After viewing the torch P5-7 pupils were invited to take part in an Olympic tournament with Meigle Primary School. They had a great afternoon and participated enthusiastically.

Sports Afternoon

We eventually managed to have our Olympic Sports afternoon on Wednesday 20th June. The sun was shining and the children were all keen and eager to do their very best. Thank you to everyone who helped and also a big thank you to the Parent Group for donating Choc ices and Mrs Stout for donating the delicious strawberries. This was a lovely way to end the afternoon.

School trip

On Monday 25th June P1-7 had a very enjoyable trip to the Scottish Deer Centre in Coupar Fife.

The children really enjoyed the workshop that told them lots of facts about different types of deer. They then socialised and played well on the adventure playground. Thank you to Parent Group for paying for the transport.

End of Term Disco

After the school trip our P1-P7 pupils danced the night away at our end of term disco. I am sure they were exhausted by the end of the night, especially after having the school trip on the same day!

P7 pupils enjoyed their farewell trip in the Hummer and Limo and the parents were able to take some excellent photos

Thank you to parents that supported at the disco and the parents that organised the Hummer and Limo. Without your support we couldn't make these events such a success.

Successes and Achievements outwith School

Football Achievements

Reece Robb in P2 has received a trophy for football for playing well. He is part of the Dunndee United Social Club.

Arran McFadyen in P7 has received the 'Players Player of the Year' trophy for football for Fairmuir Football Club.

Kane Alison in P7 has received the 'Player of the Year' trophy for Fairmuir Football Club.

Arran McFadyen P7 and Kane Alison P7 received a cup on behalf of Fairmuir Fotball Club for the 'Under 12 Fair Play Award'.

Well done to all boys for their achievements in football.

Dancing Successes

Well done to Fearne Crighton in P2. She received a certificate for ballet dancing.

Beth Christie in P7 has received a certificate for Grade 1 of Irish Dancing. Well done Beth!

Cub Camp Successes

Well done to the boys and girls that attended Cub Camp. They were very successful and won medals at the mini Olympic Tournament competition. The medal winners were as follows:

Lewis Hackney P3, Carly Cameron P4, Sophie Easton P3, Danielle Fraser P3, Cally Harrison P3, Jason Dempsey P4, Kristian Alison P3, Kiren Hay P5, Katelyn Fraser P4, Samuel Fisher P4, Lennox McHugh p4, Beth Hutchison P6, Hayley Simpson P6, Ellie Dempsey P6

Well done everyone!

End of term Prize winners

Completed Book of Behaviour Stamps—Gold Certificate

Amber MacFarlane	P1	Brogan McVicar	P2
Connor Clarke	P1	Calum Gillan	P2
Frankie Kennedy	P1	Camryn Hay	P2
Katie Hutchison	P1	Fearne Crighton	P2
Lucy Coupar	P1	Christopher Hunter	P2
Lucy Hackney	P1	Stephen Ip	P2
Lewis Hackney	P3	Naomi Themessl-Huber	P3
Rachel Coupar	P4	Abby Hayter	P5
Kieran Jamieson	P5	Ross Quirie	P5
Aaron Barnet	P6	Jack Forrester	P6
Beth Hutchison	P6	Hayley Simpson	P6
Beth Christie	P7	Shannon Fraser	P7
Arran McFadyen	P7	Rebecca Quirie	P7

Well done everyone. This is fantastic news, keep it up for next session!