

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 16th April  
Mon 23rd April  
We 25th April  
Fri 27th April  
Mon 30th April  
Wed 2nd & Thurs 3rd May  
Fri 4th May

Mon 7th May  
Wed 9th May

Tue 15th May  
Fri 18th May  
Fri 18th May  
Sat 19th May  
Mon 28th May  
Tues 29th May  
Thurs 31st May

Fri 1st June  
Mon 4th June  
Tues 5th June  
Wed 6th June  
Wed 6th June  
Fri 8th June  
Wed 13th June  
Wed 13th & Thurs 14th June

Thurs 14th  
Fri 15th June  
Fri 15th June  
Mon 18th June  
Thurs 21st June  
Fri 22nd June  
Fri 22nd June  
Mon 25th June  
Tues 26th June  
Wed 27th June  
Thurs 28th June

Summer term begins  
Homework Grids to go out  
Cluster Football festival (WHS) 3-5pm  
Home/School Learning Journal out  
Parent Council Meeting 6pm  
Pre-school stay and play /Open afternoon  
P5s buddies to visit pre-school to meet their pre-school buddy  
May Day Holiday  
Pre school meeting buddies and having guided tour of school  
P3 Sports Festival 10- 12noon  
Homework grids due in  
P1 parents info meeting 2-3pm  
Newtyle Summer Fair  
In-service day 5  
P7 rural schools induction day  
Sports Afternoon 1-3.20pm  
Pre-school visit to P1  
Homework grids to go home  
Diamond Jubilee day holiday  
Curriculum afternoon  
Garden Tour  
Reports home  
Move up afternoon  
P7 induction days at Webster's  
P7 parents night at Webster's  
P3/4 class assembly 2.30—parents invited  
Home school learning Journals sent home  
Health week ( Olympic Theme)  
Pre school visit to P1 class  
Homework grid due in today  
Pre school graduation 2.40pm  
End of term Disco 7-8.30pm  
P7 leavers assembly 2.15pm  
Celebration assembly 2pm  
END OF TERM 12noon



*Coureen Peters*

# NEWTYLE SCHOOL and Nursery



## May 2012 Newsletter.

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

*Dear Parents / Carers*

*I cant believe we are in our final school term of this school session. I don't know where time goes! I have some information updates and changes of dates to inform you of as follows:*

### **P3/4 Class Assembly—change of date**

P3/4 children were due to lead the whole school assembly for parents, carers, family and friends on Tuesday 15th May, but as our student teacher Miss Charles is currently working with the class this has been postponed until Friday 15th June at 2.40pm. P3/4 will write out invites to parents/carers nearer the time.

### **P3 Sports Festival**

On Tuesday 15th May P3 will attend Northmuir Primary school between 10-12noon to take part in a mini sports festival with P3 children from other cluster schools. As well as taking part in fun team games this will be an excellent way for our children to form friendships with children in other schools in the Kirriemuir cluster. Mrs Greenhill will accompany the children.

### **Cricket Coaching.**

Members of Meigle Cricket Club are coming to coach our P3-7 children. The sessions will run between May and June, with five sessions in total. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy this experience.

### **Ranger Talk**

On Wednesday 9th May there will be an opportunity for our P1-3 pupils to take part in a nature walk within our school grounds accompanied by Mrs Sherriff and a Wildlife Ranger. At this time of the year our school grounds are very interesting with all the signs of spring/summer. If you would like your child to take part please complete and sign the slip that will be coming home.

### ***The Eco Group***

The Eco Group would like to share some good news. We have collected 216kg in the Rag Bag collection. Thank you to everyone who contributed items. We have raised £108.00 which is fantastic. We are going to get some more litter pickers to help with collecting litter from the school grounds. The Eco Group will be deciding if there is anything else that we need to buy to help us be more Eco friendly. If you have any suggestions please add them to the comments section of the newsletter and return it to school.

### ***Literacy Leaders***

The librarians are on duty in the library each Tuesday and Thursday now, taking charge of issuing and returning books.

Please remind your child that when they return their borrowed books, they need to give it to the literacy leaders. It cannot just be put back in the bookcases as it needs to go back through the Junior Librarian system. If this does not happen, overdue notices print off from the system and are issued to the children.

We understand that the children sometimes forget this, so each book has a unique barcode and can be retraced if it has been put back in error. However, if the book is not returned in the proper manner and cannot be found, then a charge to replace it will be made.

The librarians are also taking charge of the reading challenges which are taking place again this term.

When children borrow a book from the library they have the option of completing one of the reading challenges to gain a prize. Each time a challenge is handed in, the librarians assess the work and award a star if the challenge is met. The children need to gain four stars over the course of a term. The challenges are:

1. Draw a picture of a character in the book
  2. Design a new cover for the book
  3. Write a short summary of the book
  4. Write a paragraph about your favourite part of the book
- (Please note that children can complete the same challenge each time if they so wish. They do not have to cover all four different challenges)*
- Last term, Stephen Ip, Fearne Crighton and Calum Gillan completed four challenges. They have now been presented with their bookmarks which were designed by the literacy leaders.

## VIP Committee Updates

### ***Pupil Council Updates***

The pupil council have been busy making posters to advertise our School Fair on Saturday 19th May.

They have discussed, updated and evaluated the progress we have made with our School Improvement Plan. Please have a look at the 'V' table display the next time you are in school to see how well the children think we are progressing with our school improvement plan.

### ***Health Committee***

The health committee have been busy preparing for our Health Week 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012.

The children have come up with a lot of good ideas and have chosen an Olympic theme. They voted for their favourite activities and have been designing posters to advertise all the events.

#### ***The Health Week Timetable (Provisional):***

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Opening Ceremony & Parade. Sporting activities and games organised by Mr Forrester.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Visit from Dundee Football Club
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Archery, Mr Draper (P4-7) Games, (Nursery - P3) Sun Awareness, Gillian Rioch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Smoothies & Healthy Eating - identifying and tasting unusual fruits.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Visit from Skate Park and closing Award Ceremony.

Our JRSOs are hoping to design a competition for the school to link in with our Health Week.

We are all looking forward to a fun, active and healthy week in June!

### ***Summer Fair***

We are having our Summer Fair on **Saturday 19th May at 12.30 - 3pm**. It will be along similar lines to last year but with even more activities. We will have a BBQ, Face Painting, Nail Art, Tombola, Toy Stall, Raffle, Beat the Goalie, Cake and Candy, Book stall, Dancing Display, various games and other activities. Last year was an extremely successful event and we managed to raise over £600. The money was used to pay for buses for last year's school trips and for our Christmas Pantomime. We hope it will be the same success this year.

Please start to have a clear out of unwanted toys, books, CDs DVDs, bric-a-brac etc. We will be taking donations anytime from now on.

### ***Summer School Trip P1-7***

This year P1-7 will visit the Scottish Deer Park in Cupar, Fife. This will take place on Monday 25th June. We are very fortunate as the Parent Council are paying for transport costs therefore the cost of our school trip will be £5.00.

A school trip lunch pack will also be available at the usual cost of £1.85. This includes a sandwich with choice of filling, salad pot, cupcake/traybake, piece of fruit and a drink. Order forms will be sent out nearer the time.

### ***School Sweatshirts/ Jackets/ Homework bags orders.***

Mrs Sherriff will be sending out order forms next week for clothing/homework bag orders. We have an ever expanding box of lost property, so if your child has a lost item of clothing, please come in and have a look.

### ***School Closure days***

This term school will be closed on Monday 7th May for May Day holiday and on Tuesday 5th June for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The school will also be closed to pupils on Monday 28th May as staff are taking part in Inservice Training. We will be looking at progression of writing across all primary stages.

### ***Sunny Weather***

As the temperature is eventually increasing and we are seeing more sunshine, can you please encourage your children to bring in a named sun hat and sunglasses to protect them in the sun at playtimes. We would encourage you to apply sun cream in the morning on a sunny day. We cannot apply sun cream but if you wish please send in sun cream (in a non spray bottle) so that children can apply their own if required.

### ***P7 Profiles***

This session P7 children will be producing a P7 profile to capture their successes and achievements within and out- with school. They will be encouraged to reflect on their learning and share their achievements. The profiles will be shared with parents and Webster's High School so children's achievements are shared widely between home and school and between primary and secondary school. Your child's profile will be sent home with their June school report.

### ***New Adventure Trim Trail.***

With help from Mr Forrester, our Active School Co-ordinator, we successfully applied for a grant from The Big Lottery Fund and have now purchased a new, excellent Trim Trail. This was installed on the grass area at the beginning of this term. The children are taking full advantage of the range of excellent experiences now on offer in the playground.

### ***Pre-school News***

Our Pre-school are organising a drama event called Little White Rabbit, which will be on Wednesday 30th May during session time. The focus around Little White Rabbit is transition to school.

We have a student called Susan Manson in class for four weeks. Miss Manson has been setting up a Garden Centre in class and planting with the children outside.

Pre school as usual will be joining the school to take part in our annual Sports Day on Thursday 31st May. Pre school graduation will be on Friday 22nd June.

Our trip this year will be on Monday 25th June and we will be going to Jumping Joeys in Arbroath. Parent Council are paying for our bus so the cost of the trip will be £5.00.

### ***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.

### ***P6 Smoking Drama Workshops***

On Monday 30th April P6 pupils from Newtyle, Glamis, Eassie and Airlie took part in a full day of drama related to exploring the dangers of smoking.

This included a short performance at the end of the day for our P5-7 pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event and behaviour was excellent at all times. They also made the children from our visitor schools feel welcome and part of Newtyle. Well Done P6!

### ***Football Achievements***

Arran McFadyen P7 was selected to apply for a place at St John's Academy in Dundee which has places dedicated to football developments as part of secondary education.

Arran put his full effort into this and managed to reach the final stages. He did not get a place after the final stage, however we are still very proud of him and St John's loss will be Webster's gain!!

### ***Swimming Achievements***

Christopher Hunter P2, has received his level 3 swimming certificate. Well Done Christopher!

Fearne Crighton P2, is continuing to do very well in swimming and has achieved her level 6 swimming certificate. Well Done Fearne!

### ***Skiing Success***

Naomi Themessl-Huber P3, has received a medal for skiing successes during her recent trip to Austria. Well done Naomi!

### ***Charity Fundraisers***

Carly Cameron P4 and Elise Crighton P3 recently raised funds for Sport Relief 2012. Carly held a Bake Sale in the village and managed to raise a grand total of £561. Elise took part in the Walk/Run a Mile for Sport Relief and organised a 'Guess the Date the Eggs were Laid'. She managed to raise a grand total of £350. Carly and Elise would like to thank everyone who supported them. Well done girls!!

### ***End of year reports***

The staff are currently working on creating children's end of year reports. The report will be the same format as last session and will be sent home on Friday 8th June. Staff will report 3 strengths and 1 wish in all curricular areas.

### ***Websters High School Induction, Newtyle Move-Up Afternoon.***

P7 will attend their induction days at WHS on Wed 29th May, 13th and 14th June. The children are feeling excited but also a little bit anxious about the positive challenges that secondary school will bring.

Our Move-Up afternoon will take place on Wed. 13th June. This will be an opportunity for all children to visit their new classes and meet with their new teacher. As Angus Council are still carrying out the staffing exercise I cannot confirm classes and teachers for next session. But I will update you as soon as I have this information.

### ***Breakfast Club - price changes***

Our breakfast club continues to be well attended. We currently have 13 children which is super for a small school. Due to rising costs we have added 5p onto the cost of everything which will take effect from Tuesday 8th May.

The menu prices will be as follows:

Cereal with milk	35p	Weetabix, rice crispies, cornflakes, cheerios	
Toast	20p	with low fat spread	25p
with jam	25p	with cheese	35p
Fresh fruit	35p	Fresh Juice	25p
Hot Chocolate	30p	Milk	25p

If you would like to send your child to breakfast club please get in touch with the school office.

We are also keen to have some more adult volunteers to help with breakfast club. If you can spare some time on a Tuesday or Thursday between 8.30-9am, please get in touch.

### ***Sports afternoon. Pre school - P7***

This will take place on Thursday 31st May at 1pm — 3.20pm for all pupils. The children will be able to watch all classes take part in the races.

The lunch choice for this day will be a Lunch Pack, which is a choice of sandwich, a salad pot, cup cake / tray bake, a piece of fruit and a drink of orange or apple juice. Children can still bring their own pack lunch if they prefer.

We hope the sun shines!

### ***Curriculum Afternoon***

Our Open Afternoon for this term will take place on Wednesday 6th June at 1.30pm. We haven't decided on the focus of this yet but we will have our annual tour of the school grounds and share our successes and achievements. More details will follow nearer the time.

### ***Olympic Torch Event—Tuesday 12 June***

We have been asked to nominate two pupils from P6 to take part in a 10,000m challenge as the Olympic Torch is passing through Forfar. This will be a combined challenge to break the 10,000m Olympic record in a continuous relay before everyone makes the short 2minute walk to West High Street to witness the passing of the Olympic Torch Flame.

Taking account of the Olympic values of Respect, Excellence, Friendship, Courage, Determination, Equality and Inspiration Beth Hutchison and Aaron Barnett have been selected to represent Newtyle.

All children in P5-7 will be attending Meigle to view the passing of the Olympic Flame. We are looking for some volunteers to help with transport. The children will then take part in a Mini Olympic tournament with pupils from Meigle, Auchterhouse and Isla Primary Schools.

### ***Post Occupancy Evaluation report.***

Angus Council for a number of years have carried out Post Occupancy Evaluations of new build schools. The purpose of these studies is to help determine how well the new school meets the outline brief and whether the building meets the needs and expectations of the school community including pupils, parents, all staff (teaching and non-teaching) and other stakeholders. In addition, it will help improve future projects by sharing individual successes to allow these to be replicated in future projects but also to identify areas for improvements.

In order to carry out a Post Occupancy Evaluation it is important that we sample the views of all stakeholders. Therefore may we please ask that you complete the questionnaire enclosed with this newsletter and return it to school by Wednesday 9th May. Your views are very much appreciated.

### **OUR SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS.**

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

Our Golden Board is continuing to fill up with children that have received a Head Teacher Good News postcard.

The most recent recipients are as follows:

Stephen Ip	P2.	For working really hard with story writing
Reece Robb	P2	For working really hard on sounding out words and reading.
Frankie Kennedy	P1	For working really hard with story writing .
Calum Gillan	P2	For working really hard and sounding out words and reading.