



NEWSLETTER JUNE 2017

I hope everyone has been enjoying the sunshine as much as we have at school lately. Long may it last! As usual there has been lots happening in school this term and lots still to come as we head into the last few weeks of the session.

Improvement Priority Update:

1. Maths and Growth Mindset

We continue to work on this in class and soon pupils and teachers will be evaluating how attitudes and feelings towards Maths has changed over the session. Parents who attended our Workshop in April had the opportunity to look at their own mindsets and to think about how they can encourage their children to have a Growth Mindset not just in Maths but in any aspect of life.

2. 1+2 Modern Languages

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the 3rd language will be taught to P4-7 on a 4 year rolling programme. Every child will have the opportunity over their 4 years in class to experience a language from each of the following groups: Asian, European, Scots/Celtic and African.

3. Developing the Young Workforce

We have continued to hold our World of Work Days and we plan to continue these next session, so as always, we are looking for volunteers to come into school and talk with the pupils about their jobs. P1-3 have started an enterprise project where they are planting vegetables and plan to harvest them to prepare soup. Throughout this project the children will be thinking about the skills being used in the process. P4-6 had the opportunity to apply to be a buddy for our new pupils next session, so they were thinking about skills as they filled in an application form and attended an interview if they were successful.

Parents Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Workshop in April. It was great to see so many people who are supportive of the work of the school. Lots of things were covered in a short space of time and a good discussion about homework took place which was very helpful. A follow up to this discussion will be with you in due course.

Spring Fair

Thank you again to the Parent Council for a fantastic Spring Fair. The £4210 raised was a result of the hard work of our parent volunteers and we really do appreciate the effort that goes into making the event so successful every year.

Lego Workshops

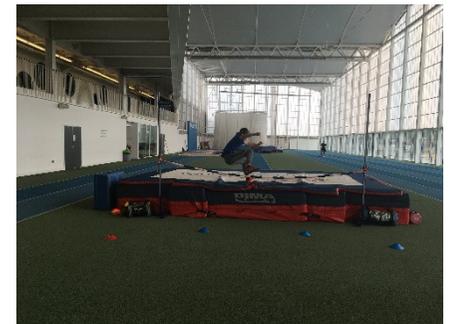
Both Classes have taken part in a Lego robotics workshop this month which everyone seemed to enjoy.



School Trips

P4-7 have been learning about athletics in PE this term so they went along to Aberdeen Sports Village to get some experience on a real 400m track. They also had some coaching in High Jump, Long Jump and Javelin and are now all ready to compete in our school sports!

P1-3 visited the Zoology department at the University of Aberdeen to find out all about mini-beasts and why they are important.



RESPECT

Other news....

Our P7 pupils took part in a STEM event hosted by the Hydrographic Society of Scotland. At this event they found out all about careers in Hydrographic Surveyance. Miles took part in the R.O.V challenge and was the runner up and the group also won the poster competition. Great job Primary 7 and thanks to Alies Bartelds who worked with the P7s on this project.

The school has, for the third consecutive year, won the Run Garioch Trophy for school with the most runners as a percentage of the school role – well done everyone!!

TWITTER

We have noticed that although staff take time to ensure that we tweet pictures and information at least once a day about something that is happening in class or in school, only one or two parents are looking at our twitter page. Parents tell us they like to know what their child is doing at school and this is one very easy way to find out! So please have a look now and then, so when you ask your child what they did today at school and they say “nothing” you can say “well actually.....”

You said..... We did.....

You said *“Have more workshops or meetings so that we understand all the different things children are being taught so we can use them at home....”*

We did.....*have an open afternoon with the P4-7 class, looking at challenge and what can be done at home to address this. We had a Parents as Partners Workshop where we looked at how to support your children with Growth Mindset and Digital Technology.*

ACHIEVEMENT

COLLABORATION

RESILIENCE

Dates for the Diary

Monday 5th June

Tuesday 6th June

Friday 9th June

Saturday 10th June

Wednesday 14th June

Tuesday 20th June

Wednesday 21st June

Thursday 22nd June

Friday 23rd June

Thursday 29th June

Friday 30th June

Tuesday 22nd August

Occasional Day Holiday

Sports Day (1.30-3.15pm)

Recorder Festival

Premnay Football Tournament

Parent Council Meeting

P7s to Academy

P3s Step Up

Cross Country (Alford)

P7s to Academy

P3s Step Up

Last Running Club

P7s to Academy

P3s Step Up

World of Work Day

Non uniform day/Bike Track

End of Term Celebration at the Village Hall (1.30pm)

**Pupils return for session
2017/18**