



Dyce Newsletter - January 2018



2018

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that 2018 brings you all health, happiness and lots of laughter. There are lots of exciting plans in store for us at school and we are all very much ready for the busy term ahead. I was exceptionally proud to be able to kick start the New Year by watching the Scottish Ballet at HMT Aberdeen. It was a very proud moment to be able to watch Morven Aitkenhead (6B) performing in "The Nutcracker". Huge congratulations, Morven! You certainly have a remarkable talent.

Miss Petrie (Acting Head Teacher) ☺

DYCE LEARNING - HOT OFF THE PRESS

Primary 3/4 have enjoyed learning about the Loch Ness Monster and other creatures such as Selkies.



Primary 7A have enjoyed linking skills in area, perimeter, symmetry and scale and taking their maths outdoors. They have enjoyed the challenges of using their skills in real-life situations.

Primary 5A and 5B have been continuing to chalk up their miles for the marathon challenge and enjoying their football sessions with AFC. They have been completing a Scottish research challenge in groups as well and are planning to look at Scottish Government and democracy. This sounds very interesting!

COMMUNICATION

Class blogs are now up and running and will provide a direct link to our Twitter page as well.



The Tech Team are now working to support teachers and pupils in how to post blog updates so we hope that you will begin to see an increase in this throughout the term. We received very little feedback on our website before the holidays. If anyone would like to make any suggestions for improvement with this then these can be sent directly to Mrs Boyd (Acting DHT).

Please remember to follow us on twitter [@DycePrimary](#) to keep up to date on some of the learning that is going on across the school. We want to be able to share the amazing learning with parents and other schools. Even celebrities have been commenting on the talents of our pupils, which makes us very proud! The Parent Council also have a Facebook page Dyce Primary Parent Council - DSPC.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

The Learning Den are enjoying Outdoor Learning and are trying out new resources shared with us by Juliet Robertson. Juliet has been working with the whole school to further develop our use of the Outdoors to enhance learning experiences for our learners.



Please ensure that your child always comes to school with a jacket and all set for learning outdoors.

PUPIL GROUPS

Every Friday afternoon we have Pupil Groups throughout the school. Every child in the school is part of a pupil participation group and the aim for all of these is to make Dyce School a better place.

The Eco group have been learning about plastic and the changes happening in the UK to help us use less plastic bottles and containers such as Costa Coffee shops offering free water for our own refillable cups. Meanwhile a Rights Respecting Group has been set up with pupil representatives from each Primary 3 - Primary 7 class. They will be working hard this term to earn a Bronze Rights Respecting Schools Award before moving onto Silver in Term 4.

We have a pupil group working with Mr Perez to raise the profile of our Houses throughout the school. They will be coordinating some Inter-house Competitions throughout the term. First up is our Primary 7s on Thursday!

The Enterprise Pupil Group made £330.50 from the sales of their Christmas Cards. Well done to them for all of their hard work!

SCHOOL OFFICE

Please note that our school office is manned from 8.30am-3.45pm. If you have to drop something off for your child then you can do so at the window where there is a letterbox sitting beside the window. Mrs Bavidge and Mrs Reynolds will be happy to help with anything else.

We are working hard to ensure that there is always someone in the office, however, the volume of calls received with messages for teachers or changes to home time plans can often make this difficult especially towards the end of the day. Wherever possible please write a note to your child's class teacher in advance. This will allow the office team to only have to deal with emergency changes.

Due to confidentiality, we cannot allow for parents to enter the school office nor can we have children coming in before school to sit and wait for the bell. We appreciate your understanding of this. Anyone arriving late for Nursery will be asked to wait outside the office for a Nursery Staff member to come to the office to sign their child in.



TERM 3 TOPICS

This term we are continuing to build on our Whole School Curriculum development with a "Here and There" topic. This allows for pupils to develop their mapping skills in Geography, Digital Technology and Science.

Most classes have opted to look at Scotland first before moving elsewhere for a comparative study. This links closely to the Experiences and Outcomes within Social Studies.

Some classes are looking forward to going on some trips linked to their learning. Both Primary 6 classes are off to Satrosphere next week, which I am sure they will thoroughly enjoy. Primary 2B are embarking on their Polar Lands study. The classroom has an igloo and Antarctica Base Camp. We're also planning a trip to Aberdeen Maritime Museum to learn more. Brrrr!

As always, if you have any expertise that you feel you can share then please get in touch.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th February 2018 - NSPCC "Speak Out" Visit and Valentine's Disco (Parent Council)

Tuesday 6th February = Book Fair arrives and Parents Night, P7 visit to Academy

Friday 9th February = P1 Height and Weight Checks (School Nurse)

Monday 12th February = DAY OFF

Tuesday 13th February = In-service Day

Wednesday 14th February = In-service Day

Monday 19th February = Engineering in our lives week (Whole School)



MARCH

Thursday 1st March = World Book Day

Friday 9th March = Family Friday (2.30pm-3.15pm)

Monday 12th March - Friday 16th March = P7 Trip to Craigower

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd March = Sports Relief Week

Wednesday 21st March = World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Tuesday 27th March = Daffodil Tea (Nursery)

Wednesday 28th March = House Prize

Thursday 29th March = Church Service (TBC) and End of Term

Friday 30th March = DAY OFF - GOOD FRIDAY



APRIL

Monday 16th April = Term 4 Begins



Comments, Compliments, Concerns...

Please use the space below to let us know if you have any further suggestions for improvement.

If you would like someone to get in touch to discuss this further then please provide your contact details and tick here.