



Dyce Newsletter - March 2018



Time flies when you're having fun! I can't quite believe how quickly the end of term is approaching us now. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along and join in our Family Friday this term. There was such a lovely atmosphere in school and the children thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to share their learning with so many visitors.

Miss Petrie (Acting Head Teacher) ☺

DYCE LEARNING - HOT OFF THE PRESS

P2B visited the Maritime Museum as part of their Polar Lands project. They are polar experts now!

P5B used different materials to build houses from Scotland and Rwanda. They had also been busy creating fantastic persuasive writing articles through their Big Writing Mission.

P6A and P6B have been learning golf skills with Newmachar Golf Club. P5A have been using digital technologies with Google Classroom Challenges and research tasks.



STAFFING UPDATE

As the holidays fast approach, it is time for us to say a fond farewell to Mrs Tosh, Pupil Support Assistant, who will be retiring during the holidays. Her Science talent is one of many that will be missed and we are going to miss her hugely at Dyce School. I would like to personally thank Katrina for all of her hard work at Dyce School as well as her support to me both in and out of the classroom. She really will be a huge loss but I know she will enjoy her retirement, which is very much deserved.

We have appointed Mrs R Duffus who will join our PSA team at Dyce after the holidays.

Mrs Ogg, Pupil Support Assistant, will also be leaving us as her fixed term contract comes to an end. Mrs Ogg has made the decision to move to a permanent post in Aberdeenshire and we would like to wish her all the best in her new post. She has been a positive addition to the PSA team this past year.

Miss Laura Cumming, Early Years Practitioner, will be going on maternity leave during the holidays. We wish her well as she awaits her new arrival and can't wait to hear baby news next term. I am delighted that Ms Sandra Samuel, who has been working in the Nursery on supply recently, will cover Miss Cumming's maternity leave. She is a familiar face to Nursery parents and I know that she will be a welcomed addition to our Nursery team.

Following successful interviews, we have preferred candidates identified for the posts of Senior Early Years Practitioners and hope to be in a position to provide an update on these soon.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Huge congratulations must go to Mrs Linda Yeoman, Pupil Support Assistant, who has achieved a Long Service Award from Aberdeen City Council. Mrs Yeoman has achieved 25 years of continuous Local Government service with the council. In recognition of the achievement, Mrs Yeoman will be presented with a Long Service Certificate as well as a Commemorative Coin at an awards ceremony at the Beach Ballroom. We are very proud of you, Mrs Yeoman!



CRAIGOWER 2018

Craigower 2018 was a huge success with both staff and pupils having the most amazing time although I'm led to believe the water wasn't as warm as hoped for when some decided to jump in! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Boyd, Miss MacIver, Miss McKnocker, Miss Graham and Mr Perez for giving up their time to allow the children to have this fantastic opportunity. These opportunities are fantastic for the children but simply wouldn't be possible without staff giving up their own time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

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

Saturday 24th March = Parent Council Easter Egg Hunt (10.30-12.30pm)

Wednesday 21st March = World Down Syndrome Awareness Day

Tuesday 27th March = Daffodil Tea (Nursery)

Wednesday 28th March = House Prize

Thursday 29th March = Church Service at Dyce Parish Church (parents welcome) - End of Term

RED = 9.15AM **GREEN = 9.45AM** **BLUE = 10.30AM**

Friday 30th March = DAY OFF - GOOD FRIDAY



APRIL

Monday 16th April = Term 4 Begins



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