



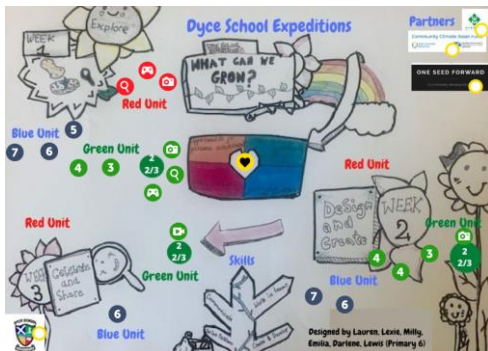
Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to this term! The children have embraced all opportunities with enthusiasm, energy and excellent behaviour. Thank you to all our families for your support and encouragement.

April Expedition - What can we grow?

Across the school, there has been an enormous range of response to this question! From tatties to orchards to sourdough ... the list is endless! All the classes have had 90 minute outdoor expeditions each week. There has been a wealth of 'Exploring, Designing, Creating and Celebrating' both in our school grounds and in the classroom. And as Covid restrictions ease, some classes have managed to explore beyond the school.

We hope families take time to explore the learning through our latest thinglink – [What can we grow?](#) We are sure you will also notice the improvements to our school grounds as the plants start to grow and flourish as well as the many transformations in all areas of the school grounds.



Many thanks to our partners for supporting this context – Emerald Maintenance, One Step Forward and Keep Scotland Beautiful.

May Expedition – What can the wind power?

Week one of our new context is well underway with investigations about the wind and designs being created to make pin wheels, kites, wind anemometers, wind vanes, wind kites and their own inventions! Global Energy Group are our partner for this context and have worked with us to co-create resources for all the classes. Engineers from Global Energy Group will be in our school grounds this Friday with a demonstration of how wind turbines work for our P5 – 7 pupils.

Primary 6 have started work on their John Muir Awards and have been exploring their local River Don, Balmedie Beach and Cove Bay. This work will continue into their Primary 7.

Primary 7 have been having their own expeditions to Kirkhill Forest for orienteering and to Rubislaw Quarry for canoeing.

Primary 7 are also organising Sports Festivals for the whole school in June. This will be a fantastic opportunity to demonstrate their leadership skills as well as providing a different format for our sports days. Primary 7 are also organising their own week of festival for the last week in term. This is being supported by our Parent Council.

Expeditions for 21 /22

Staff and pupils have all been thinking about exciting contexts for next session. We are aiming to have 9 Expeditions across the year with each one having a different curricular area and partners from the business and community sectors.

To help with the planning we are having a co-create event on Wednesday 26th May from 6pm – 7pm. This will be virtual meet. Please let the school office know if you would like to be invited or if you know of any business or community partners that we could invite.

Transitions

Primary 1 transitions are well under way with lots of exciting interactions taking place. Primary 7 transitions are being planned but in line with all Scottish schools, they can not be confirmed until we receive more guidance from the Scottish Government.

Staffing updates

We are delighted that Miss MacKay will begin as our class teacher for P5A on Monday 24th May.

Congratulations to Miss Cruickshank who will be seconded for a year to Orchard Brae School. Miss Cruickshank will work at Orchard Brae on a Thursday and a Friday in June before starting full time in June. We are delighted this is a secondment and know that Miss Cruickshank will return to Dyce for session 2022/23

Reporting to parents

The year school reports will be issued on Wednesday. Class teachers will be in contact to organise dates and times for virtual parent / teacher meetings in the last week of May.

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