

First Class

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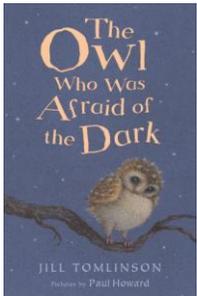
In the News...

The Press and Journal ran an article today on our school following the fire. We are very proud of our school community and were happy to share our story with them.

P1 and P7 Dental Inspections

These will take place on Thursday 11 February. Primary 1 and 7 pupils have had a letter home about this. Please let us know if you do not want your child to be part of this.

Night Walk



As part of their topic 'Night and Day', Primary 2 families are invited to come on a night walk to Tappie Tower this Thursday at 5pm. We will meet at school and hot chocolate will be provided at the top. Please bring a torch!

In addition to this Primary 2 will have a visit from 8 owls on Tuesday 1 March. They will also spend time with Primary 4 who are learning about 'Flight' this term.

Community Cafés

We are still unable to host Community Cafés in school. We will try to ensure that all classes get the opportunity to organise a café once our hall capacity is increased.

Explore Learning

Primary 2 and Primary 4 will shortly be working with a local company, Explore Learning. These sessions will take the form of maths workshops.

P2 - Thurs 4 Feb Zoo Keeper Shape

P4 - Thurs 25 Feb Polar Icecap Measure



RNLI

As part of their topic 'People Who Help Us', Primary 1 had a visit from RNLI on Tuesday.

They enjoyed learning about how to be safe near water. P1 also have upcoming visit from a Doctor, a Paramedic and others. The children are very enthusiastic about meeting the professionals who provide different services to our community.



Fire Service Visit

Our Nursery and Primary 1 children were presented with two Teddy Bears from the Fire Service this week. These are given to children who have been involved in fire incidents and we are touched by the thoughtfulness of the local crews who attended the fire for remembering our pupils!



Lendrick Muir

We are really looking forward to taking our P7 pupils to Lendrick Muir for their Residential Trip from the 14-18 March. During this time they will visit Edinburgh Zoo, Dynamic Earth and Camera Obscura. They will also take part in many on site activities including bouldering, archery and trail biking.

Primary 1 Open Afternoons

The primary 1 annex will be open after school on Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 February to allow P1 parents to see the new learning environment. If you have not yet returned the slip, please do so as soon as possible.

Pilot Visit to P4

Our Primary 4 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Mrs Kaprielian's husband, Captain Keprielian, who is a pilot with Eastern Airways. As always, our visitor was very impressed with the behavior and enthusiasm of our children. They learned about his career journey, what his job entails and the basics of how to fly an aeroplane.



P5-7 First Aid Training

As some of you will be aware this is our third year of rolling out our First Aid program. P5-7 pupils will receive training to enable them to deal with emergency situations on 24-26 February.



Mid Term Break

Please remember that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 12 Feb until Wednesday 17 Feb.

Primary 3 Poetry Competition

Well done to the finalists of the P3 Scottish Poetry Competition. It was lovely to hear the children speaking in the local dialect. The overall winner was Sammy Hall P3G.



The Pied Piper

Preparations for the Primary 5 performance of The Pied Piper are now well under way and the children are enjoying the excitement of rehearsals. We hope to run this show for 2 nights this year in order to open it up to the wider community.



Campus Update

The demolition process is progressing quickly and we now have an improved walkway for access to the annex classrooms. P6 are

making regular use of annex 2 and will be fully moved in on Monday. P5G are preparing to move next week also. We have been allocated additional staffing hours for Nursery, meaning that we no longer require parent helpers. We would like to thank everyone who has helped out with Nursery until now. We continue to be in regular contact with the team at Aberdeenshire Council to discuss the longer term plans. We have also been allocated additional PSA hours to support with walking between the two areas of the school and also with lunches. Hot lunches are now available to P4 and 5 and will start for P6 and 7 on Wednesday 10 February.

Parent Council Update

The chair of our Parent Council, Irene Bryce has stepped down from this position. This has been taken up by Alistair Flemming. Thank you to Irene for all her hard work over the past 2 terms! Tara Cran has taken on the role of the P6 representative. We are looking for a new P7 representative. If you would be willing to do this please email Miss Finch.

Book Fair

Our book fair will be running from 23-25 February. The Parent Council will issue you with more information closer to the time.



Contact us

As always if there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us

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