

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to our P7s, who at assembly this week were all presented with their John Muir Award by Josh Lynch from Alba Explorers.

The **John Muir Award** is an environmental award scheme focused on wild places. The Award encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment through a structured yet adaptable scheme, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration. To achieve a John Muir Award, each participant must:

- Meet our four Challenges
- Complete the required time commitment
- Show enthusiasm and commitment towards their involvement
- Have an awareness of John Muir
- Understand what the John Muir Award is and why they are participating



Our P7s achieved this award for their work in the school grounds, planning and digging a new wildlife pond 'Rosemount Loch' which is looking amazing! P5 and P6 have been continuing this work over terms 2 and 3 so should achieve this award before the end of the session too.



Stars of the Week



This week saw the long awaited return of our Celebration Café. This will be held each Tuesday afternoon for those pupils who have been awarded Star of the Week Certificates. These are for pupils who have demonstrated at least one of the school's Learning Powers consistently. The 'stars' are issued with a certificate and a Golden Ticket which allows them to invite someone from home—or a friend from school—to come along to the café and share their work over a cuppy and a cake.



Road Safety around the School:



We continue to be concerned about the safety of pupils as they enter and leave the school due to the busy roads, increase in parked cars and children not using the Green Cross Code.

Last week our 4 JRSOs went out with the Community Police Team to monitor the situation. This will happen randomly throughout next term too and tickets will be issued to people parking or driving inappropriately.

Pupils in P4-7 have been undertaking the Park Smarter Campaign and associated homework tasks. We will share the final report of the impact this has had when we receive it.

Please park responsibly and encourage good traffic sense with your children. Let's keep our children safe.

Our updated travel plan will be available shortly. Please read it carefully and abide by the guidance offered.



As part of our continued recycling and sustainability efforts, Miss Smith will be hosting a **pre-loved book stall** during parents evening. There will be a variety of books available from picture books, children's books and novels for anyone to come and pick from... at no cost!

In order to offer a wide selection of items, we are appealing for any items to be handed in as soon as possible. Any books that you have sitting at home that you don't want or don't read anymore but can be loved by someone else can be handed into the school office. Thank you.



A big shout out to our netball players who took part in the Montrose Cluster Netball Festival last week. The girls all played brilliantly and won several of their matches!

Our cross-country runners took part on the Montrose event earlier this month and a team will run at the Angus Championship at Monikie this week. Good Luck!

Our football team continue to train every Wednesday after school and will attend the Montrose Festival next Tuesday (28th)

We are so grateful to our parent volunteers who make these events possible. Thank-you.

Staff News:



On 3rd of March we bid farewell to **Mrs Morag Dalgarno** who has left to take up a new role within the NHS. She was presented with flowers and gifts from us all to thank her for the 11 years she has served the school. We all wish her well in her new post.

As yet no replacement has been appointed however, this is in the process of being completed and we will let you know once this is confirmed.



After almost 9 years, **Miss Sam Wyness** will be leaving our nursery sometime around Easter (the date is still to be confirmed) to take up a new role at Stracathro nursery. I'm sure you will join us in thanking her for her all the sunshine she has brought over these years and wish her well in her new post.

Miss Kayla Clark and Miss Lily Barrett have been appointed as new EYPs to our nursery and will be taking up post soon.

Dates for Your Diary:

- Monday 20th and Thursday 23rd March—Parents Evenings
- Wednesday 22nd March—meeting for P7 parents at 3.30pm (residential trip info)
- Monday 27th and Wednesday 29th March—Parent Council Spring Crafternoons
- Thursday 30th March—Church Service at 10am. All welcome.
- Friday 31st March - End of Term at **3.20pm**
- Monday 17th March—Start of Term 4
- Tue 25 - Thurs 27th April - P7 residential trip to Scottish Adventure School, Crieff
- Monday 1st May—May Day holiday—school closed
- Friday 5th May—Coronation Celebration (details to follow)
- Monday 8th May—Kings Coronation Holiday—school closed
- Thursday 18th May—Sports Day (to be confirmed)
- Monday 29th May—In-service Day 5 school closed to pupils
- Thurs 15th and Friday 16th June — Provisional dates for ****School Show**** (more details next term)
- Tuesday 20th—Thursday 22nd June P7 transition days to Montrose Academy
- Tuesday 20th June—Move Up Morning
- Tuesday 27th June—End of Term Service—P7 Leavers
- Thursday 29th June—End of Term **3pm**

