



## Rewards & Sanctions Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey on rewards and sanctions. Children, parents and staff have given a clear indication of their preferences. A working group is currently revising our policy which will be shared with the Parent Council at the next meeting.

## Pumpkin Disco

The children enjoyed dressing up and showing their creative carvings at the Pumpkin Discos on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

The pumpkins that came in to be judged were absolutely fantastic. The level of detail in some of them was incredible. Well done to everyone who contributed and a special congratulations to those who won prizes.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night and made it such a success.

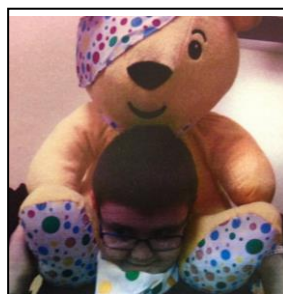
## Netball

Katie Stewart, Esther Morris, Ailbhe O'Sullivan, Ellie Jaffrey, Kayla Wotherspoon, Erin Kelly, Lois Jay-Muir, Shanna Kelman and Evie Howells took part in their first Garioch Netball League at Old Meldrum Academy with huge success. They won their match 7-0 and Esther won Player of the Match. They are very excited about their next game which will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. Good Luck to all of you!



## Children in Need Success

Well done to all the pupils in P3J who organised a number of activities to raise money for Children in Need. Through holding a dress as you please day, bake sale, guessing games and by putting pennies on Pudsey we managed to raise £610! Pudsey has written a letter to P3J to highlight that every penny they have helped to raise will go towards projects that are making positive changes to the lives of disadvantaged children and to thank them for all of their hard work. Well done to Owen Black in P4 for correctly guessing the number of sweets in the jar and Romi Campbell (P7) who won the teddy bear.



Here are Connor Stewart and Mrs McBride enjoying the activities

## Dragon's Den

P6/7 have been working with the context of chocolate this term. They have been working in collaborative groups and have used a variety of different media including animation software on the iPads, PowerPoint presentations and display boards. They also had a special visitor, Mrs. Merritt from the Chocolate Bar in Ellon who came into school and taught the children how to make their own chocolate. The term's work culminated in the children creating a sales pitch to the Dragons (Mrs. Cordiner, Mrs. Whalley, Mr Craig and Mrs.

Radford). Each group was marked on their teamwork and the creativity they showed. The winning group was Katie Stewart, Ethan Barclay, Liam Ritchie and Blake Robertson who also had the opportunity to present the winning design to the whole school at assembly.



## Numeracy Information Evening

Tom Renwick is a leading in-service provider for Scottish Primary and Secondary Math teachers. He provided training for our staff and worked with a number of our classes. Following his visit, we have bought new resources for the school and we are currently in the process of making individual mental agility packs for the children.



Thank you to all the parents who were able to come to the numeracy workshop led by Tom. The response was very positive.

## VIPs

Thank you so much to everyone who has helped out in school over the last two terms. We greatly value all the help you give the school.

## Active Literacy

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the information evening on the active



literacy approach we are adopting this session. Miss Stout, Mrs MacDonald and Mrs Cunningham gave parents an overview of the strategies being used in the P1 to P3 classes. The feedback we received was extremely positive and we are delighted that so many parents were able to attend.

## Prevention through Education

The SSPCA have been into school with a view to 'Prevention through Education'. All of the children had the opportunity to learn about Wildlife Welfare through various presentations.



We also received a letter thanking the children in Primary five for their very thoughtful Thank You cards.

## iPads at the Ready

Teachers and children are finding great uses for the iPads this term. From using iMovie to create short films about our learning, using stop-frame animation software to create advertisements as part of an enterprise project to teaching children from P2 to P4 how to write computer code with fun apps which develop their logical thinking and planning skills. The iPads are also supporting our children with Makaton sign language apps and the use of QR codes which link straight to learning videos created by the children themselves.

## S4L Update

A big thank you to all the parents who have been coming to help out with the Skills for Learning, Life and Work Group, S4L. The first two sessions have been very successful and the children are really enjoying the different learning experience the groups are able to provide. They have also enjoyed meeting and learning with children from other classes and stages. The focus for learning in the S4L groups is skills based. So children are learning to plan, present ideas, problem solve, persevere and not give up as well as many other skills.

## Festive Dates

These festive dates were issued with the October newsletter.

There are two changes to the diary and they are marked in red.

November	What's On
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Santa Fun Run/ Extravaganza</b> Including P1 ,P1/2, P2 and P3J, P3E/M Enterprise Stalls
December	What's On
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery Nativity</b> P4, P4/5, P5 Rehearsal
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P4, P4/5, P5</b> <b>Christmas Concert</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pantomime</b> <b>Beauty &amp; the Beast</b> Performances at 9.15am and 10.35am <b>P3J and P3E/M Party pm</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P1, P1/2 &amp; P2 Party</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P4, P4/5 &amp; P5 Party</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P6, P6/7, P7 Rehearsal</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P6, P6/7, P7</b> <b>Christmas Show</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>P6 &amp; P6/7, P7 Party</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nursery Parties</b> <b>Christmas Assembly</b>
<b>School closed at end of day on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<b>Return to School Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	