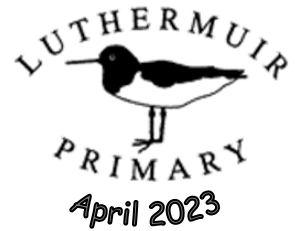


Luthermuir Primary

Newsletter



Welcome back to the final term of this session. I sometimes just don't know where the year has gone. As usual we have lots of things planned for this term to keep everybody busy.

Ian Clarke
Head Teacher

Health Week

This year's Health week will take place week beginning 15th February. Please remember sports day will be on Wednesday 17th May at 9.30 – 12pm and you are all welcome to come and watch. After sports day we intend to have a picnic in the park and again you are invited to stay and eat with your child/ren. For the whole week if children can come dressed in sports clothes ready to take part in an array of different activities.

Tree planting

Last term the whole school supported the planting of a couple of hundred trees at the church. It was a great morning and thoroughly enjoyed by the children. They all worked hard and as you can see the trees have started to grow.



Absences

We would like to remind you all that if your child is not going to be in school for any reason it is essential that you ring the school (Tel No. 01561 340250) between 8.45a.m. and 9.30a.m Monday - Thursday (as Mrs Simpson, School Administrator is in to take messages) to let us know that they are safe. It is the policy of Aberdeenshire Council that if we don't hear from you then we do have to start calling you or your emergency contacts to confirm that the pupil is indeed safe.

*Please keep your child off school if they are not well enough to attend, no matter how much they want to come. School is not a good place for children when they aren't well. **Remember too that if your child has sickness / upset tummy then 48hrs must be left between the last bout and them returning to school.** Also take care when visiting the school with siblings who are unwell, please do not let them mix with the other children. This is to prevent other children from getting ill. If you know that your child is going to be absent due to an appointment please could you let us know in writing beforehand, where possible. PLEASE BE AWARE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS.*

Medical

Please check your child's head regularly (we recommend weekly) and notify the school if you find head lice. Current advice on the treatment of head lice is available from your local pharmacist.

Please can you ensure that your child's medical records, that we hold, are kept up to date. If there are any changes in your child's medical needs please inform us straight away. It is also important that if your child requires an inhaler there is one present in school at all times.

All Round Success

At school we love hearing about what happens in the children's lives and celebrating their achievements. If your child has gone up a level in swimming, been the best player in a football match, taken part in a competition, received a badge at cubs/brownies, then we would like to know. Send in a picture or certificate and we will take a picture and put it up on our achievement wall with a small explanation for all pupils, staff and visitors to see.

Fettercairn Farmers Club Show Art Competition

The Fettercairn show is on Saturday 1st July 2023.

As always here in the school we will be putting in entries for the school competition, which is on the topic of 'The King's Coronation'. However, the individual art competition topics are as follows:

- Open Art Competition –
1. Front Cover for 2024 Show Catalogue
 2. Create a likeness to a local landmark, can use anything
 3. Decorate a cupcake – decoration only to be judged

***ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 30th June 2023**

or on the Show morning, before 9 a.m.

Please support this local event.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st May – School Closed – May Day

Monday 8th May – School closed - Coronation

Sports Week 15th – 19th May - Sports day and Picnic in the park Wednesday 17th May

P7 3-day visit to Mearns Tuesday 20th June – Thursday 22nd June

School Leavers assembly Wednesday 5th July 2pm

All parents are invited into our final assembly of the year where we will be celebrating our P7s.

Friday 7th July – School closes for summer at 3.15pm

Tuesday 22nd August – School re-opens 8:55am

Parent Council

The next parent Council meeting will be held online at 7pm on Tuesday 6th June. The link to join the meeting is below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 381 471 515 356

Passcode: TXJKYZ

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P1-4 Term 4

We hope you all had a lovely Easter Break! It's great to see all the children back and settled, ready to learn and have fun in our final term! PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Friday this term if pupils can please come to school in appropriate clothing. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries around learning this term, Mrs Balmer and Miss Harrison

Maths This term pupils will be learning about Data Handling and Time through a mix of written and practical activities. We will look to carry out our own surveys in school and see the different ways we can display and interpret the information. Following on from this we will look to develop our knowledge of Time, including days of the week, months of the year, reading analogue and digital clocks as well as interpreting timetables.

Numeracy The pupils in the circles and rectangles will be extending their knowledge and understanding of place value to 20 and 100. Pupils in the pentagons and hexagons will be extending their knowledge of the times tables and applying this in multiplication and division activities.

Literacy Primary 1-4 are continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of new sounds and spelling rules. We are looking at how we can apply our sounds knowledge to help us spell unfamiliar words in our writing. Primary One are beginning to use their sounds knowledge to read and write short words and sentences.

Our writing will focus on our topic this term of minibeasts. We will look at some creative and imaginative pieces of writing as well as fact files and creating our own minibeast book! This will allow pupils to look at different styles and layouts of writing, using fiction and non-fiction. Pupils will be encouraged to expand their use of vocabulary, connectives, sentence openers and punctuation (VCOP) in their writing.

Other Curricular Areas

Our topic this term is Minibeasts! We will be exploring all things creepy crawly through practical and written activities. Each week we will investigate a different creature and how they benefit us and our ecosystem. This topic will allow us to explore life cycles and food chains.

In Health and Wellbeing, we will look at keeping ourselves safe and happy online and feelings and friendships.

In PE we are developing our stamina and pace through long distance running with a couch to 5K challenge leading up to health week. We will practise some of the skills required ahead of sports day. We will also be looking at developing skills in hockey.

Ways to support at home You can support your child at home through reading and homework activities provided. Encouraging them to read any signs when passings or menus if out for meals. Reinforcing learning around Time by encouraging pupils to read times themselves on clocks when at home or out and about.

The following websites have a range of learning games that can help consolidate learning from this term.

Topmarks.co.uk

Doorwayonline.org.uk

[What are minibeasts? - BBC Bitesize](#)

[What is a Minibeast? And Other Bug Facts - Woodland Trust](#)

[Insects - National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](http://Insects - National Geographic Kids (natgeokids.com))

Primary 5-7

Literacy

We have lots of exciting literacy tasks coming up in Term 4, and this term we are going to focus on Creative/Imaginative Writing. As a class we have enjoyed writing short stories and being able to use our imaginations to create characters, settings, and plots for great stories! We will be continuing to build our skills in this area and look forward to sharing with you what we have learned over the term.

We will also be revisiting solo talks this term. In term 3, we each presented a talk about our favourite books to link into World Book Day. After the talks were finished, we all spoke about what would make them better next time, and after much discussion, we have decided to base our talks on something that interests us. This can be a personal hobby, favourite movie/tv show, or just something you find interesting and/or want to learn more about. The solo talks will start the week beginning the 29th May, but the class will be told of this prior to be able to prepare their talks at home.

How can you help your child at home?

The children will be given their prep sheet for their solo talks in the week beginning the 9th May. More details will be on this sheet but discussing your child's interests/hobbies would be a good place to start to get them thinking about what they can talk about during their talks. During this week they will also choose a date for their solo talks (starting 29th May) which will be written at the top of their prep sheet.

Numeracy

We are currently finishing our Shape topic in maths; we have learned all about 2D and 3D shapes! During our last term, Primary 5's will be focusing on subtraction and multiplication and Primary 6-7's will be starting a new topic about fractions, percentages, and decimals. We are looking forward to starting a new topic as a class.

As always, there is a large focus on mental maths. We think it is very important to continue to develop our mental maths skills, and a large portion of this is focused on times tables. We will be starting our Times Tables Olympics again which the class are eager to start. Time to get practising!

With Mrs Hutton, the class will continue with their topic about Money.

How can you help your child at home?

Times tables are very useful to know and make other areas of numeracy easier. As a class, we are finding our times tables challenging. Everyone was given a times table keyring that included all times tables from 2 to 12 in term 2, which can be used for verbal activities and study. My best advice is to practice, practice practice! 5 minutes a day is better than nothing at all.

Topic

Our new topic this term is Farming and Wildlife. We are hoping for some lovely weather this term (fingers crossed!) that will allow us to explore our local area and learn about the world around us. We will be learning all about farming in Scotland to farming on the other side of the world, and everything in between. There is also going to be a focus on wildlife during this topic. We are excited to get stuck into lots of practical activities and learning. We can't wait to share with you what we have learned!

