



Abercromby Primary News
11th October 2018



A Message from the Headteacher

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the first term, and the October holidays are upon us. It has been a very busy and productive term at Abercromby Primary, with lots of exciting learning taking place. Our P1 pupils have settled into school life extremely well, and are making good progress in their learning. They have had super support from their P7 Buddies in the playground and during Buddy Sessions.

Pupils and staff have been working hard and are ready for their well-deserved holiday.

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Regular updates about learning, events and school life in general can be found here.

Follow us on Facebook: Abercromby Primary School

School Website:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/cl/abercrombprima>

New Playground Equipment.....

We are continually looking at different ways to make playtimes more exciting for children, and have recently made some changes to how the playground is used. We would like to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to the **Parent Council** who gave us **£2,100** to buy new playground equipment for the school. There was great excitement when the equipment arrived, and children are having great fun playing with all the new items.

Now as we are approaching Autumn and the weather is getting cooler, it is essential that children are equipped to go outside in all weather. Can you please ensure that your child wears a jacket to each school each day, ideally a waterproof jacket.



More Playground Fun....



We are enjoying playing with the new equipment.



We are having lots of fun !



Money donated by the Parent Council has been raised through Fund Raising Events, which you have all supported. Thank you to everyone. All the children benefit from this.



Winning House This Term....

The Winning House This term was **Delph**. Everyone in Delph enjoyed their special treat on Thursday afternoon.

Well done to everyone in Delph,
Keep up the Good Work!



Harvest Assembly

Thank you to everyone who donated items of food for our Harvest Assembly. The Assembly, which is taking place on Friday 12th is being led by Rev Drew Barrie, along with a representative from the **GATE in Alloa**.

The GATE will distribute the food parcels from Abercromby Primary.

Your support and kindness, is very much appreciated.

Access to Sanitary Products in School

All Clackmannanshire's schools provide free sanitary products.

This is in line with the Scottish Government agreement that local authorities and the university and college sector should provide access to free sanitary products for those attending schools, colleges and universities in Scotland.

Evidence suggests that more than a quarter of people in education have struggled at some point in the previous year to access sanitary products. Some girls and young women have had to miss school or skip classes because they didn't have sanitary protection.

The delivery of this service is based on:

- Protecting students' dignity, avoiding anxiety, embarrassment and stigma.
- Making a range of products available, giving students choice about the products.
- A response that is reflective of students' views and experiences.
- An efficient and dignified approach which demonstrates value for money.
- An offer for students throughout the year to include both term time and holidays.
- Ensuring sanitary products are easily accessible to meet individual needs.
- Individuals being able to get sufficient products to meet their needs.
- Gender equality, ensuring anyone who menstruates can access products, including transgender men and non-binary individuals, and that language is gender neutral.
- Awareness raising and education to both promote the offer and change expectations and behaviours

Pupils at Abercromby Primary have always been able to access sanitary products whenever they have needed them. In line with the Scottish Government agreement, pupils who require sanitary products, can now get supplies at school, throughout the year. This includes having enough sanitary products for the holidays.

Pupils who require products prior to the October holidays will be able to collect these on Friday. This information will be shared with pupils. The school will send out reminders before all holidays, in future.

We will always ensure that our pupils are treated with dignity and respect at all times.

If you require further information please contact the school or visit

Visit [young.scot/periods](https://www.youngscot.gov.uk/periods)

<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/learning/sanitaryprov/>



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Pupils out of School During Lunchtime

At the beginning of last session I wrote to you regarding my concern at the number of children in our senior classes going to the Tron at lunchtime, (usually on a Friday).

I am aware that some pupils have started to go to Tron again, on different days, of the week. I write to you again, to raise my concerns and to clarify a few points. You should know that a number of parents have also expressed their concerns to me, regarding this.

I have to advise you that the school does not support Tron. Ultimately, it is the health and safety of our children which concerns me the most. Potentially, there could be a large number of children out of school, in the busy, local environment, with no supervision. There is also a larger volume of traffic at this time of the day, with workers and others stopping off to buy rolls etc. for their lunch.

We are a Health Promoting School and in accordance with Scottish Government legislation cannot support children buying and consuming large quantities of sweets and juice, and in some instances bringing them back to school. Last week some children who were out of school returned with very large bottles of fizzy juice, energy drinks and bumper packs of sweets and crisps. I would ask that these items are not brought back into school.

On occasion, some children going to Tron are not back in time for the start of the afternoon session. Over the last few weeks it has come to my attention that a few children have been up at Tron when their parents thought they were at school. Children told their teacher that they were a 'home lunch' during registration. When we have been made aware of this, parents have been contacted.

I fully respect it is your right as a parent to decide if your child has a school dinner or goes home for lunch, and also, where they eat their lunch. I would like to clarify, that if you allow your child to go elsewhere at lunchtime, then you are responsible for your child.

Pupils are recorded as a school lunch or a home lunch. This will continue to be the case.

The health and safety of every child is paramount.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Our Improvement Priorities

Our Main School Improvement Priorities this session are as follows:

- Staff at all levels in school, will lead learning and improve pedagogy and equity through working with the Tapestry partnerships to adopt a consistent approach to improving classroom practice, raise attainment and close the poverty related attainment gap.
- All staff will receive training and engage with the Equitable Literacy Programme, led by Professor Sue Ellis.
- Increase Parental Engagement at Abercomby Primary, building on existing practice, to ensure that parents are informed, included, have a voice, are supported and fully involved in their child's learning and the life and work of the school.
- Review and update our Positive Behaviour Policy to support and reflect changing practice in school, and align this to the Clackmannanshire Education Policy

What we have done so far.....some actions...

HT & DHTs have attended Tapestry Masterclass Sessions.	2 teachers are TLC Leaders	TLC Leaders have attended Tapestry Masterclass Sessions.	We attended a Professor Dylan Wiliam Seminar	All staff have attended weekly evening CLPL sessions with Prof Sue Ellis
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We have established a Family Room. The Link	Some parents have been involved in activities in The Link.	We have recruited a Support Worker. More information to follow...	HT and DHTs have participated in training related to Family Engagement with CONNECT.	Some Learning Assistants are attending Numeracy Training Sessions.
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Please note staff, pupils and parents will be involved in shaping our Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy – more news to follow.

We will keep you updated on our progress

Parents Evening

Parent s Evenings are being held on **Monday 12th** and **Wednesday 14th November**. Letters will be issued on Monday 22nd October. Please look out for these in your child’s school bag.



Dates for Your Diary – Next Term – Reminder

Monday 22 nd –Friday 26 th October	Max in The Middle Week for P6M
Monday 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November	Max in the Middle Week for P6D
Tuesday 30 th October	Halloween Disco (Evening)
Friday 9 th November	P5E Class Assembly (P5E Parents)
Monday 12 th November	Parents Evening
Wednesday 14 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 16 th November	Children in Need
Friday 16 th November	P4H Class Assembly (P4H Parents)
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd November	Scottish Book Week
Tuesday 27 th November	Flu Immunisations
Thursday 29 th November	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Friday 30 th November	Staff Development Day – School Closed
Saturday 8th December	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 th December	P7 Show – afternoon & evening
Wednesday 12 th December	P7 Show – afternoon & evening
Friday 14 th December	Cakes and Carols
Thursday 20 th December	Christmas Service – P3 Leading Nativity
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term – Pupils dismissed at 1.15pm

Details about specific events will be sent out in due course. Dates of **Christmas Parties** have still to be confirmed.



School Holidays

The school closes for the holidays at 3.00pm on Friday 12th October and resumes on Monday 22nd October at 9.00am. I hope that everyone has a good October break. Hopefully the Autumn sun will shine!

Best wishes

Aileen Ferguson

Headteacher