



## Dens Road Primary School News Update

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### Note from the Head Teacher :

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the new look news letter for our school. We hope that the new layout will direct your eye to the events of past, present and future. We will also be sending out newsletters on a more regular basis in the hope that you will have more up to date information heading your way.

We are now contacting you by text to inform you of events. We hope you are finding this useful. Mrs Lorraine Munro is currently working hard to create a web site for us and we will keep you posted. s to when that will go live.

We are also looking into creating a school blog similar to that of the classes and hope to share that with you too. There is also hope that you will soon be able to follow events in the school on TWITTER!



**Primary 7s experiencing their PAMPER afternoon!**

### What has been happening :

- Primary 1 are now all very settled at school and you would think they had been here for years.
- Many classes had the opportunity to attend the Scottish Film Festival and it has been reported back that this has been a very worthwhile learning experience.
- Zoo Lab have been to school and the children have had a terrific opportunity to be involved hands on with SCIENCE!
- Many classes have shared their assemblies with parents and the attendance has been wonderful despite our change to the times.
- We now have the local minister Tony Thornthwaite attending some of our assemblies. We hope to encourage many other local leaders of religious groups to come into school to share general knowledge with the children about world religions.
- Our Monday morning assemblies now focus on delivering Health and Well Being to all pupils and staff. Please support us by ensuring children continue with health snacks for breaks and healthy packed lunches.
- Parent Council is now up and running and they will be helping the school develop a new homework policy. Please make sure in the meantime that all children are completing homework tasks as required by the class teacher.
- Parent interviews have been held and have been well attended—thank you.
- Fit Fridays are a great success and children are gaining a great deal from them promoting the need for a healthy lifestyle.
- TOP TABLE—This has been a resounding success and Mrs Cassidy and I are delighted to share our dinner time with all the children who have been attending so far. We alternate each week between packed lunches and dinners.

- Star Awards continue to be received and celebrated at assemblies.
- My School is Proud of Me certificates are being given more often and parents are emailing/telephoning the school to share good news stories about individual children and their achievements outwith school. Please continue to do so.
- We now have our Eco Committee and Pupil Council up and running and they are currently working hard to improve the environment of the school.
- Primary 3 have already had new furniture and hopefully we can redecorate their classroom!



**Star Awards**



**Assembly Celebrations**

### **Fund Raising so far this year—Thank you**

**To date we would like to thank you for your generosity once again :**

- **Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning—£264**
- **Scholastic Book Fayre—profit for school library £390**
- **Children in Need—£270**
- **Bingo Evening—£280**

### **What's coming up -**

Tuesday 29 November 2011	1.45 – 2.45 pm Café/100 Year Tour
Friday 2 December 2011	1.30– 3.00 pm Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 December 2011	3.15 – 4.15 pm SMT Open Door
Tuesday 6 December 2011	7 00 pm Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 7 December 2011	Christmas School Dinner
Thursday 15 December 2011	1.30 pm and 6.30 pm Christmas Show –
Monday 19 December 2011	Nursery Nativity see nursery news letter for details
Monday 19 December 2011	1.15—3.15pm P1a1,P1a2,P2,P2/3 and P3 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 December 2011	1.15-3.15pm P4, P4/5, P5/6, P6, P7a1 and P7a2 Christmas Parties
Tuesday 20 December 2011	Nursery Christmas Party
Tuesday 20 December 2011	9.30 am M & M Production Beauty and the Beast
Wednesday 21 December 2011	9.30 am Church Service – School closes at 12 o'clock sharp !