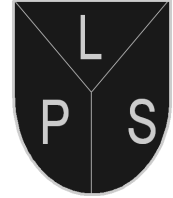


Longhaugh Primary School

Newsletter 4

March 2014

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We are once again at the end of a very busy term. As you will read in this newsletter many exciting things have been happening in school. As always we face a number of challenges including significant staffing changes. Mr Chalmers has moved to LSG and Miss Bird has taken up post of class teacher in P2/3.

Next term, we will say goodbye to Mr Bluman after more than 8 years in school. He has been a valued member of our school community and will be missed by all. This is a fantastic opportunity for Mr Bluman to further his career, and we wish him every success in his new post.

#### Families at Play

**In the new term we will be working in partnership with a local community group to provide some support to families who would like more help with every day family life, The group will look at routines, managing behaviour and enjoying play with your children. There will be an open afternoon on Tuesday 22nd April for any interested families. The project will be funded by STV appeal money. Places are limited so if you are interested please contact the school.**

#### Staff Working Groups

**All teaching staff and some support staff are involved in curriculum working groups. At present, staff are developing a new Literacy programme, Interactive mental maths resources and a health & wellbeing programme of study. Another group are also looking at improving parental involvement.**

#### Book Week

Our reading week was a huge success, pupils enjoyed a number of activities prepared by staff to promote our love of books.

Well done to all our class winners from the character parade, once again a very difficult job for the judges with some amazing entries from our favourite books.

Thank you to all families for your support with this.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

As you are aware we are taking a different approach to parent/teacher interviews this session. When your child's report is issued at the start of May, there will be a response slip asking if you require an opportunity to discuss this further in a formal manner with the class teacher. You will also be asked if you would like an appointment before or after 5pm and a time slot will be allocated to you. The interviews will take place on Monday 19th May and you will be informed of your time by 15th May.

### Looking back on this term

Once again this has been an extremely busy term. All classes have enjoyed some wonderful learning experiences, many which have been shared on twitter or through open doors. Some classes have enjoyed visits from outside agencies including the SSPCA, Park Ranger and emergency services to enhance their learning experiences. A number of trips also took place this term P7 visited the Caird Hall to enjoy an organ recital, P2 participated in a football festival at Fintry PS and P1/2 had an exciting visit to Ninewells Hospital to visit the teddy bear ward. Primary 7 also organised a very successful table top sale raising over £700 towards their Activity week in June.

### Diary Dates

**April 14th - School reopens for Spring Term**  
**April 18th-School closed Good Friday**  
**April 22nd-Drop in session for 'Families at Play'**  
**April 30th - P7 WWII Exhibition**  
**Monday 5th May -HOLIDAY**  
**Friday 9th May-Reports issued**  
**Monday 19th May - -Parent/teacher interview**  
**Thursday 22nd May - Election Day, school closed to pupils**  
**Friday 23rd May -In Service Day, school closed to pupils**  
**Monday 26th May -HOLIDAY**  
**Thursday 12th June -P7 pupils to Braeview Primary 1 Induction afternoon**  
**Friday 13th June - P7 pupils Braeview**  
**Monday 23rd June -Celebration of achievement**  
**Tuesday 24th June—P7 Leavers' dance**  
**Friday 27th June - School finishes 12 noon**



### Community Involvement

In February we enjoyed a visit from staff at The Dightly Burn who worked with P3, P3/4 & P4/5 designing hobby horses. This was part of the celebrations to mark the anniversary of 80 years since Longhaugh Race course. Look out for photographs in our local newspapers.

### House Challenge 3

Our next house challenge will take place on Thursday 17th April. This event will be a hockey themed activity 'The Commonwealth Dribble'. All children will take part in this event in their house groups. Pupils can come to school on this day wearing sports clothes, house colours where possible. Once again bonus points will be awarded to the winning house.

### Longhaugh Primary School

**The Houses**  
**Broughty - Blue**  
**Claypotts - Green**  
**Dudhope - Yellow**  
**Mains - Red**

