

February 2017



Littlemill Primary and Early Childhood Centre

Dates for your diary:

February Holiday and In Service: School close 3pm Friday 10th and reopens 9am Monday 20th February.

Primary 1-3 Farm Visit Wednesday 22nd February.

Parent Council Meeting 2pm, Thursday 23rd February.

Parent Stay and Play in the nursery, Friday 24th February.

Fairtrade Breakfast Club, 8.15am, Monday 6th March.

Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Week, Monday 13th March.

Red Nose Day, Friday 24th March.

Spring Clean, Monday 27th March.

Marie Curie Daffodil Tea and Easter Service, 1.45pm, Thursday 30th March.

Parent Stay and Play in the nursery, Friday 31st March.

Spring Holiday: School close 2.30pm Friday 31st March and reopens Tuesday 18th April at 9am.

Racing To School

The girls and boys had a wonderful time at the Races courtesy of the Race to School Team. The event is a numeracy/math based event where the pupils can apply their skills from the classroom and use them in a range of contexts. The pupils measured, weighed and counted their way around the racecourse. Below the children are wearing jockey silks and Dylan and Lewis are measuring the parade ground. Samuel is ready for the 2.45 race!



Stay and Play in the Nursery

Please put into your diaries dates for stay and play in the nursery. This is a great opportunity to share learning, having fun playing and experimenting.

We are lucky to have the National Youth Choir of Scotland visit the nursery to deliver an 8 week block of Singing Games and Rhymes funded by the Council's Attainment Fund. The morning and afternoon session will both benefit from Karen visiting every Wednesday.



Burns Supper

Our annual celebration of the National Bard's birthday was highly successful. The confidence of the performers to recite Scots poetry and prose was of the highest standard. The winner this year was Michael McNally with his rendition of Three Crows.

Well done to Kacey for her Address to the Haggis, Cain's Immortal Memory and the funny Toast to the Lassies and the reply from Steven and Chantelle.

A big thankyou to Mr Paton of the English Department and Mr Kelso, Doon Academy librarian, for attending.



In the Classrooms

P4-7 are learning all about Knights and Castles. I sure there will be a Jousting Tournament and Catapults to make! The armour and helmets look amazing.

P1-3 are learning about the journey of food from the farm to the plate. I have heard a rumour that Miss Cuthbert has ordered an incubator for egg hatching. Hopefully she hasn't ordered the Ostrich eggs!

Miss Cuthbert would like to invite parents to a stay and play. The first one is on Friday 24th February from 9-10 am. Please look out for a letter in bags for further dates.

Tuck Shop

We have a range of small snacks available to the children to buy at break time.

Carton juice 30p (apple)

Box raisins 20p

Small cake bar 30p

Small packet crisps 25p

Frubes 30p

The tuck shop provides a great opportunity for the children to use money in a real situation.

Childsmile

Dental health reports indicate that the oral health of the nation is poor. At Littlemill we have had Childsmile in the school regularly teaching and supporting positive routines and healthy lifestyle choices. I am pleased to say the oral health of the children at Littlemill is very good and has improved significantly since the input from Childsmile.

Each classroom has a brush bus where the children can access their toothbrush and follow the routine given to them for accurate brushing. Chantelle is our brush bus monitor and she likes to keep a close eye on the brushing of teeth using her timer and a stern face! Thanks Chantelle.

