



It has been so lovely to welcome all of our pupils back after the October holidays.

It has already been a busy start to the term with photos, M and M productions performing Snow White, flu vaccinations given thanks to the amazing nursing team, and the second disco of the year is planned for Friday thanks to our amazing parent council.

Now that our roof repairs are completed (fingers crossed) new carpets and flooring has been put into B and C wings, making a huge difference.

This term will continue to be a busy one, as we welcome as many visitors as possible to widen the opportunities for our children.

School news



ARDROY

Our P7s had an amazing opportunity to visit the **Ardroy Outdoor Centre** last term. The pupils participated in a wide range of activities which were linked to their John Muir award. Great fun was had by all!

Our P6 pupils will receive information about Ardroy next week. Click the link to watch a short video about Ardroy. <https://vimeo.com/15401900>



Active Schools – Continue to support a number of sporting activities/clubs out of school. These sessions run in our school hall. All details have been sent via the school app. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Two classes will also take part in athletics in November, making use of the Michael Woods Centre. Parent volunteers to accompany the classes make these trips possible, so thank you in advance for all who are able to help.

Rugby sessions are available at Auchmuty High School from Wednesday 30th October until 11th December 4-5pm. These sessions are free of charge, supported by Scottish Rugby Cashback for Communities. Please click the link on the school app or contact the school office if you would like to apply for a place for your child. <https://forms.office.com/e/4Fs6VjySLz>

P5 and P6 Multisport will continue on Tuesday afternoon, finishing on 19th November. If your child is interested, please contact the school office.

P6 and P7 Football club takes place on Friday mornings 8-8:45am. If your child is interested, please contact the school office.



School Photographs: We were lucky enough to be offered a last-minute cancellation slot for school photos last week. Tempest photographers did an amazing job, so we have booked them for the same time next year, ensuring those who like to give a photo as a Christmas gift, the chance to do so.



You raised an amazing £1246.27 through your book purchases. Our new library resources will arrive in January, so this money will allow us to purchase a range of texts for all age groups. Our School Library Funding will include audio books and a listening device, we will also have links to resources which support dyslexia, wellbeing and a parent lending library.



So far you have raised an amazing £456.37 for Pitteuchar West. Thank you!

Premature Awareness:

On 7th November between 1.15pm and 2.30pm for an informal presentation about premature birth and the impact upon future development and learning.

Our guest speaker is an ambassador for The Smallest Things charity. She is able to talk from her own experience as a mother as well as give an overview of the effects of pre term birth. There will be a chance to sit and chat afterwards with a cuppa and ask any questions.

If you would like to pop along please do. If you would email me I can make sure that we are ready for you. Thank you.

Carolyn Cameron - Carolyn.Cameron@fife.gov.uk

As a school, we have started to introduce **Decider Skills** with small groups of pupils. The Decider Skills use Cognitive Behaviour Therapy to teach children the skills to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours, enabling them to monitor and manage their own emotions and mental health.

If you would like to know more about this and take part in this parent/carer workshop, please see the information below.

The Decider Skills – Parents and Carers Workshop

This workshop is for parents and carers of children and young people aged 8 years and over. The aim of this workshop is to learn fun filled strategies, based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy skills to support your child or young person's mental health and emotional wellbeing. Training continues 6/11/24 @ 5:30pm-7pm



Hallowe'en Disco



We are looking forward to the Hallowe'en disco on **Friday 1st November**.

Times: -

- Nursery/Infants (Nursery/P1-3) – 5.30 – 6.30pm £3
- Upper school (P4 – 7) – 6.45 – 7:45pm £3

Costumes welcome. No scary masks. Tickets available at the school office.

Thank you to our parent council for organising this event- it's going to be a great night.



Term 2 Celebrations



There are many lovely events planned in the school this term.

St. Andrews Day school Lunch 28th November-

Christmas Services: We are delighted that the services will be held in the hall again this year. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday 18th December

Infant Nativity P1- P3 - 9:30am - 10:15am

Upper Service P4 – P7 - 10:30am – 11:30am

Christmas/Seasonal Jumpers may be worn throughout December if your child wishes. We do not celebrate 'Christmas Jumper Day' so there is no requirement to wear one or make a donation. If you have a Christmas jumper from previous years, these can be donated to the school, to gift to younger children.

Glenrothes Foodbank Christmas Dinner Hamper Request. If this is something that you would like to request from the foodbank please contact the school office for further details.

Christmas Parties. These will take place in the afternoons, giving pupils the chance to either go home to get changed into Christmas Party wear, or if they wish to pupils can bring something into school to change into. Pupils will have time after lunch to get changed in school.

Class parties:

Monday 16th Dec – P6/7 and P7

Tuesday 17th Dec – P5 and P6

Wednesday 18th Dec – P3/4 and P4/5

Thursday 19th Dec – P1, P2 and P2/3

Evening Discos -Nursery to P3 and P4-7



Look out for information about the evening discos run by our parent council.

Parental engagement/Shared learning

Join us on Friday 6th December at 2:15pm for a Christmas craft afternoon

Please complete the form in this link if you would be able to join us in volunteering, updating some of our school policies, or developing our school website. <https://forms.office.com/e/KHXyJFQWjb>

Holidays

Christmas Monday 23rd December (finishing on Friday 20th)-Fri

February Thursday 13th & Friday 14th

Spring Monday 7th April - Friday 18th April 2025

Additional Monday 5th May 2025

Additional Monday 2nd June 2025

Summer Friday 4th July 2025 – Friday 15th August 2025

In-service closure days

- **Friday 15th November 2024**
- **Wednesday 12th February 2025**
- **Tuesday 3rd June 2025**