



April 2022

**Dear Families,**

Welcome back to Summer Term. We hope you all had a relaxing break. The weather has most definitely improved since our return. The blue skies and chirping birds certainly put a spring in our step.

**Thank you**

We must start with some thank you messages as we take a look back to the end of last term. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community. You can see the boxes of donations for Moray Foodbank in the photo. In addition, £113.11 was handed in towards Ukraine

Fundraiser-Pennies for Peace, in conjunction with UNICEF.

*"Last week we had a fun pj/movie day. In return we brought in lot of food for Moray Foodbank. It was a fun day. A lady from Moray Foodbank told us all about nutritious food and who they gave the food to and how they do it. Our food is going to do a lot of good in lots of areas of Moray. We watched 'Wonder' and one of the messages was you can't blend in when you were born to stand out." Leah, P7*

The event was a great way to round off our IDL (The journey of Food) with the school watching their donations head off with Gillian from Moray Foodbank. All classes enjoyed hearing about Gillian's work.

We also thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Willie and Sarah Milton as part of our IDL study. Thanks to them both. The children really benefit from visitors to help them make links between what they are learning and skills required within the world of work.

*"My dad came in to speak about farming. He took his tractor and my friends couldn't believe how big it was. The back wheel was even taller than Mrs Watt!" Jaxon, P1*



## Author Event

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, P4-7 joined a Scottish Book Trust Event. We were very excited to meet author, Nick Sheridan, who talked about his latest book 'Breaking News'. Nick Sheridan is an award winning journalist and television presenter. It's a great way to get our learners excited about writing and reading and it was brilliant to hear the children making links, with their writing block focus of personal and impersonal recounts last term. Botriphnie joined us for the event and it was a lovely feeling to be able to provide opportunities for both schools to connect and feel inspired together. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity. P4/5 were particularly enthusiastic as they are reading his book as their class reader this term. They were quick to tell him how much they were enjoying it which he was very pleased to hear. It was lovely to hear their love of reading shine through.



Here's what Ryan had to say....

*"On Tuesday, Nick Sheridan came into school and spoke to us about fake news and how to know the difference between fake and real news. He also wrote a book and we got the chance to buy one and get it signed by him. My favourite bit was when he told us about who his favourite person was to interview. It was Nicola Sturgeon. I was really surprised because she is a really big person. I have developed a Curious Carly attitude because I was really curious about his life as an author and journalist."* Ryan, P7

## IDL- Term 4 focus 'Using Evidence'

This term, we are combining learning experiences within literacy and social studies to gain a deeper understanding of how to develop as a responsible citizen and 'use evidence'.

### Big Questions under study are:

1. What defines a key event in a country's history?
2. How do we find out about the past?
3. Are all sources of equal value, or are some more important than others?
4. Why do we conduct research?
5. How can we present our research?
6. Why do human rights need to be protected?
7. What are the qualities of a responsible citizen?

We have a number of things planned, including meetings with local experts. George Gartly will be speaking to the children about the history of Newmill





on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Letter will also be in bags shortly around planned class trips to Highland Folk Museum (P4/5) and Fort George (P6/7). It's fantastic to once more be able to provide the opportunity for educational trips. To link with IDL, P4/5 are reading 'Breaking News' this term as their whole class novel. They will be exploring sources of evidence and how to determine fact from opinion. P6/7 will be reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Murpurgo.

### LOFT Update -Message from Sharon

Our P7 rural transition return this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Keith Primary School P7`s will have the opportunity to join on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of May & 10<sup>th</sup> of June. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June P7 Transition BBQ. Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June onwards all P7 can access the Friday Night Drop ins 6.30pm- 9pm.



### Wellbeing Ambassadors

Many of our P4-6 children applied to become Wellbeing Ambassadors. We are currently in the interview part of the selection process. Thus far, our P6 pupils have been training as 'Playmaker Leaders,' with Mrs Watt in preparation for our transition visits throughout the term.

### Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place virtually on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm. The platform will be google meet. All parents are welcome to attend using the link below:

<https://meet.google.com/qqc-wbtm-ezn?authuser=0>

We must say a huge thank you to Ashely Inglis for organising the Easter Hunt. I've lost count of how many parents have commented on much their children enjoyed participating. P6/7 have decided to recycle some of their art work with a 'thank you note' on the back. They intend to distribute to all the kind villagers who volunteered to display Easter themed pictures in their window as part of the competition.

Have a lovely long weekend.

### Diary Dates

- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April**- Reports issued via reflection jotters. Please sign.
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**- May Day Holiday-school closed
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May**- School Closed-In Service Day
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**-P4/5 trip
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**-P6/7 trip
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**-Jubilee HOLIDAY
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**-HOLIDAY
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**- Sports afternoon at Newmill Park