

# St. Andrew's Primary School



## Parents as Partners



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are now well into our final term of the year. This session has been filled with so many different Parent Partnership opportunities and we have been delighted with the turnout at all of these events. We are now looking ahead to the coming session and are hoping to build on the positive partnerships we have formed this year. If you have any suggestions or comments that would help us to develop stronger links with parents, we'd really love to hear your views. Please complete our **online survey on twitter** to have a chance of winning a **£10 WH Smith voucher**.

Mrs C. Lambie

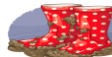
Principal Teacher



## Outdoor Learning

Over the last 20 years, childhood has dramatically changed. For various reasons, children now have less opportunity to spend time outdoors and engage with the natural environment. Experts believe that this will have a long term negative affect on our children – hampering their social skills as well as risking stifling their long-term physical, emotional development and wellbeing.

For these reasons, it has been so lovely to get outdoors with the children this year and to make use of the natural green-spaces we have around the school. In the coming session, we are hoping to secure funding that will enhance these experiences and ensure our children have regular opportunities to learn outdoors.

We have been so fortunate to have the support of an army of parents this year, to get our outdoor learning up and running. We are currently looking ahead to next year's calendar and will once again be looking for your support. If you have an hour or so to spare once or twice per month, please complete the returns slip  letter attached.

### Boys Night



A huge thank you to all the dads, step-dads, granddads, uncles and brothers who came along to support our children at the Boys' Night, back in March. This event was a tremendous success, with positive feedback from all children and adults. Going forward, we are hoping to have more of these events next year to further improve our engagement with parents. If you missed out on the last session, please keep your eyes open for the next event as places are likely to fill up fast.

### African Drumming and Dance



Over the past few weeks, the pupils of P5, P6 and P7 have been learning some African drumming and dance rhythms. This coming **Friday morning- 11<sup>th</sup> May**, they will all participate in workshops delivered by Ghanaian drum and dance teachers- Adie and Thomas from Akrowa UK. **In the afternoon at 2:15pm**, the children will showcase their drum and dance skills to the whole school and to their parents. If you are a parent of a P5, P6 or P7 pupil, this event is not to be missed.

# Outdoor Learning Calendar

<b>January</b>	<b>All sessions run from 1:15-2:30</b>		<b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January</b>
			P1 –, Pauline Ramsey, Linsey Keyes, Tracy Logan	P1/2 – Nascera Adams, CA,
			P7- Eileen Gardner, Frances Bath	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, CA
<b>February</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw	P1 – Miss Shanks, Siobhan Dawson, June Black	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Miss Shanks
	P3/4 Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson	P4 – Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin,	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Miss Mina	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, Student or CA
<b>March</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>
	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw	P1 – Miss Shanks, Kim Hillan, Carrie McCreadie	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Miss Shanks
	P3/4 – Nicola, Li, Joanne Anderson, Miss Mina	P4- Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Miss Mina	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, Miss Irvine
<b>April</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>
			P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw
			P3/4 – Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson,	P4- Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin
<b>May</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
	P1 – Miss Shanks, Mrs Kerr, Pauline Ramsey	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Nascera Adams	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA	
	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Miss Irvine	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, Miss Irvine	P3/4 – Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson,	
<b>June</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
	P5 – Mrs Kerr, Donna Shaw	P1 – Siobhan Dawson, Carrie McCredie, June Black	P1/2 – Maria Walsh, Nascera Adams	P2/3 - Adele Meechan, Joanna Oslcleda, CA
	P4 – Patricia Rennie, Jean Martin,	P7 – Eileen Gardner, Mrs Bath	P6/7 – Kirsty Houston, CA	P3/4 – Nicola Li, Joanne Anderson,

Please remember to send a change of clothing and footwear on these days!





