



# Abernethy Primary School

## Newsletter

### March 2013



Health Promoting School

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy term comes to an end. Children and staff have experienced valuable learning activities this term. Following staff development work in Outdoor education, most classes have been exploring their environment in some shape or form, also or visiting places such as Sensations and Stirling Castle which enhanced the learning experience. Visits from Barbara at the museum, Clydebuilt Puppet Company, Miss Kennedy's Dad and Police Talks have all contributed to the enjoyment of learning. Some pupils from across the school were chosen to go to Perth Museum as part of the Living Communities project. Children were involved in film making and animations as well as a tour behind the scenes. They also had the opportunity to work with Forgandenny PS in sharing their learning sessions about what they had found out about Abernethy through this project not to mention seeing our felt wall hanging displayed proudly in the museum!

Vertical groups have continued to find out about Food in the environment, Eco work, Internet Safety and Children's Rights. This has given pupils the opportunity to work with others from different classes and different teachers. We hope to continue this next term.

We hope you will join us in finishing off our term by attending our Church Service on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at 2pm. Children will be dismissed from church for the holidays.



Have a lovely Easter break when it comes and look forward to seeing everyone back on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

### **Abernethy Success**

Abernethy Nursery School recently had an unannounced Care Inspectorate Inspection on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. As a result of this, a full report will be available publicly in April.

I can confirm from the feedback given that it was a **very** positive report. In order to get such a good report there is a lot of hard work involved in ensuring we continuously improve our Service. I would like to thank the Nursery Team for their dedication and commitment to ensuring we provide a quality service.

Thanks also to the parents who have been involved in consultation either through completing questionnaires or joining the Nursery Natters. These all help to make sure we are improving. There's always something that can be better!

### **Dates for your Diary**

- 26/03/13 Football Festival  
Perth High School  
4.00pm-6.00pm
- 28/03/13 End of Term Service  
in Church, 2pm, pupils  
dismissed from Church for  
Easter holidays.
- 29/03/13 Schools closed for  
Holidays
- 15/04/13 **INSERVICE DAY**,  
schools closed to pupils
- 16/04/13 Term 4 starts,  
pupils return
- 19/04/13 School Photos
- 22/04/13 P5 swimming starts  
every day for 2 wks
- 24/04/13 Parent Council  
Meeting, 7pm all welcome
- 25/04/13 Take Your Child to  
Work Day for P6 & P7
- 30/04/13 Nursery Natter
- 06/05/13 May Day holiday  
school closed
- 09/05/13 Show in a Day for  
P5,P6 & P7
- 20/05/13 Walk to School  
Week
- End of Term – 26 June @ noon

### **Tempest School Photos**

Individual (nursery and primary) and family photos (nursery/primary) will be done on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> April**. There will also be a P1 and P7 class photo taken. Please note that family not in nursery or school at present will not be taken in the family photo.

It is recommended by Tempest photography that primary school pupils wear their red school jumper as it is a white background.

### Bits and Pieces

- Red Nose Day - It was a sea of red on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all who donated to dress down and bought a red nose, raffle ticket for the cake made by Kimberley and Katie and the P4 book sale. £305 was raised!
- Ella & Naomi from P5 organised a Bake Sale outside Ella's house after school a few weeks ago and raised £114.78. for Comic Relief. Well done girls!
- World Book Day - another super day with many book characters roaming around the school. Lots of literacy based activities covered in class.
- P3/P4 have been running a Healthy Tuck Shop which was well supported by our pupils. Any profit made will go into buying equipment to continue this next term.
- The Parent Council organised a successful Book Sale in the Williamson Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February. A total of £597.94 was raised. Thank you very much to all helpers at the sale and those who supported by attending and buying! This money will go towards our 'Library fund' for kitting out a new library in the new school building. All pupils will benefit from this project. Next parent Council meeting is on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 7pm.
- Abernethy PS entered a gymnastics competition on February 8<sup>th</sup>, the girls had a super day and represented their school well!
- Unfortunately due to music teacher staff absence our Glee choir was unable to participate in the festival, much to the disappointment of both staff and pupils. We weren't quite ready! However, we will be for our Easter Service and we hope we will entertain you with our performances!

### Extension Update

As you will see we are well and truly on the way to nearing completion of our new building. Several site visits have been undertaken by Mrs Hodgkinson and myself. We are very pleased with the results! The school is coming together quickly. It is an exciting time ahead for us all.

The handover of the new school building is potentially end of May/June however dates still need to be confirmed. Please note that this could be subject to change for a variety of reasons. We will be applying for closure days in order to complete the move across and will endeavor to give you as much notice of potential closure days as is feasible.

The packing up will start after the Easter holidays, over a period of time.

### School Meal Price Increase (as of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April)



**New school meal prices: £1.90 per day (week price = £9.50)**

**Please be reminded that school dinners should be paid for in advance as per P&K policy.**

**Copies of menus are available on our website and [www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolmeals)**

Kind regards,

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