



# Abernethy Primary School

## Newsletter

### May 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

We have finally returned to our new building. It was fantastic seeing the children arrive and the wonderful comments they made on arrival to the playground and their new classrooms. Many thanks to all staff for their hard work over the last few days to get the school "up and running" so quickly. It was worth the 'blood, sweat and tears!' There will of course be teething problems and we thank you in advance for your patience and consideration as we adjust to our new home. There are still things to be fixed, added to and sorted not to mention the rest of the playground to be completed, but we're almost there and should be fully functional for August new term.

A **formal** opening of the new school building will be arranged after completion (usually 3-6months after). This follows a strict protocol and careful planning by Perth & Kinross Council and the school. In the meantime we hope to have an unofficial viewing of the new school in the form of a Garden Party. The pupils are currently planning this event which will take place in June. More details will follow shortly. It will be an opportunity for parents/community to view the new school. I know how keen you all must be for a peek!

More thanks must go to the Project Team (P&K) and Morrison Construction who have given us this wonderful learning facility. We are truly spoiled! Thank you.

Kind regards,

Paula Morrison  
Head Teacher

#### Bits and Pieces/ Reminders

- Please **do not park** anywhere in the turning circle it is solely for drop off (morning) and school taxi. The bus parking bay is allocated for school taxi only. No unauthorised vehicles should be driving or parking around this area as pupils cross here from the school gate.
  - P1, P2 & P3 pupils line up and use the blue door, P4 & P5 use the green door (centre) and P6 & P7 use the red door
  - Children require a change of shoes for within the school building (gym shoes)
  - Please remind/reinforce to children that they should not cycle/scoot out of school gate - for their own safety
  - All children enter and leave through the 'big gate', parents should not come into the playground. P6 & P7 pupils and staff will be at gate entrance this week to collect younger pupils in the morning if they are unsure. P1, P2 and P3 teachers will bring class to gate at end of the day
  - If your child is late to school please remind them to come directly to the school office
  - For access to school office at reception please press the 'bell' shaped button
  - We welcome back Julie in the kitchen and look forward to her school cooked dinners again!
  - A form for sweatshirt orders will be in schoolbags soon!
  - This year Sports Day will be a mix of Potted sports and races
  - We welcome Mr John Bustin as our new PE specialist. He starts with us next week.
- Thank you to Mrs Hepburn and Mrs Gordon for ably covering this post.

#### Dates for your Diary

- 28.05.13** - P7 transition day at Bells
- 28.05.13** - New P1 Parent Information Evening, 6.30pm
- 29.05.13** - Safe Taysiders for P7
- 30.05.13** - Stanley Mills trip for P6
- 05.06.13** - Sports Day, 1.45pm, Powrie Park
- 07.06.13** - Teddy Bear's Picnic for Nursery & P6 buddies
- 11.06.13** - Football festival at PHS for P6 & P7 team
- 12.06.13** - Parent Council, 7pm all welcome
- 13.05.13 & 14.05.13** - P7 Induction days at PHS
- 14.06.13** - Nursery - P1 induction Day

## 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 final report is now available. It can be found on the school website and on the nursery noticeboard. Again many thanks to the team for a glowing report!
- Race for life - Eilidh Donnachie (P2), Imogen Dewhirst (P2), Caley Malcom (P6) and Lauren Malcolm (P7) took part in the recent 'Race for Life' and did it in a great time- less than 45 minutes! Imogen raised £116 for Cancer Research. Well done girls!

## TRANSITION

### Transition Nursery - Primary 1

Work has begun on transition from Nursery to Primary 1. The nursery pupils have met their 'P6 Buddies' and have been playing and learning together already. There are many planned opportunities coming up for the nursery and P1 pupils to work together on their transition topic - 'Teddy Bear's Picnic'. This allows the nursery pupils a chance to get to know their new teacher and their new classroom. It will finish with a proper picnic with their P6 buddies.

An information evening for parents of new P1 starts will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in the school gym hall. This is an opportunity to find out about the next stage of your child's educational journey and meet key staff in an informal setting.

There is also an induction morning on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June for new starts followed by a school lunch with buddies and parents.

### Transition Primary 7 - S1

P7s will be meeting up with their cluster schools at Bells on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May for transition activities. This is a chance to make new friends before starting High School. There will also be 2 days on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June where they attend Perth High School for a taster of Secondary school life. Perth High School staff have visited the pupils already and provided them with information.

### Transition to next class

All pupils will have a moving up day to their next stage on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June to meet their next teacher. Teachers for next year will be confirmed in June.

<b>School Terms and Holidays 2013-2014</b>				No of School Days - Pupils	No of School Days - Staff
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Start - Staff	Monday 12 August 2013	<i>In-Service Day (1)</i>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>
	Start - Pupils	Tuesday 13 August 2013			
	End	Friday 11 October 2013			
<b>Autumn Holiday</b>	Start	Monday 14 October 2013		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	End	Friday 25 October 2013			
<b>Winter Term</b>	Start	Monday 28 October 2013		<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>
		Thursday 14 November 2013	<i>In-Service Day (2)</i>		
		Friday 15 November 2013	<i>In-Service Day (3)</i>		
	End	Friday 20 December 2013			
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Start	Monday 23 December 2013		<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
	End	Friday 3 January 2014			
<b>Spring Term</b>	Start	Monday 6 January 2014		<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>
		Wednesday 19 February 2014	<i>In-Service Day (4)</i>		
		Thursday 20 February 2014	<i>Occasional Holiday (1)</i>		
		Friday 21 February 2014	<i>Occasional Holiday (2)</i>		
	End	Friday 4 April 2014			
<b>Spring Holiday</b>	Start	Monday 7 April 2014		<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
	End	Monday 21 April 2014			
<b>Summer Term</b>	Start - Staff	Tuesday 22 April 2014	<i>In-Service Day (5)</i>	<b>46</b>	<b>47</b>
	Start - Pupils	Wednesday 23 April 2014			
		Monday 5 May 2014	<i>May Day Holiday (to be confirmed)</i>		
	End	Thursday 26 June 2014			
				<b>190</b>	<b>195</b>

**Notes:**

Easter Sunday - 20 April 2014

School session 2014/15 will commence on Monday 18 August 2014 for Staff and Tuesday 19 August 2014 for Pupils.