



# Abernethy Primary School

## March Newsletter

### 2014



Dear Parents

We hope you enjoyed your short February break as we head towards the remainder of the Spring term. There are lots of exciting learning taking place and busy groups planning various events from banquets to film premiers, Eco afternoons to Easter services! These opportunities for parents to come in and join us are just another way of reporting on your child's progress along with the opportunity for a more formal discussion with the class teacher at Parent Contact. Children will be sending their learning journals home soon. These are a way of finding out what they have been doing as well as how your child feels about their learning.

We are also keen to capture achievements out of school that we may not know about. In every child's portfolio we have a section for 'wider achievement'. This is where pupils can add in a picture and blurb about what they have been successful in. e.g. piano exam, swimming award, raising money for charity, riding bike without stabilisers etc. Please encourage your child to bring in and share these other successes that make them who they are as individuals.

Regards  
Paula Morrison

#### Achievements



- Congratulations to all our P6 & P7 cross country entrants who competed in the Perth & Kinross event. Each race had approximately 200-240 entrants. A particular mention to Naomi Kirk (P6) who came 6<sup>th</sup>, Ella MacElnea (P6) who came 11<sup>th</sup> and Kyle Maddox who came (60<sup>th</sup>) in their races.
- Well done to Jenna Ferguson, Ailie Kinnear, Tess Robertson (P7) and Rosie Robertson (P4). Their team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Schools gymnastic competition in the Level 2 category.
- Primary 3 have recently completed a 10 week block of Forest School sessions.

#### School Photos

Reminder that **CLASS** photos only will be taken on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Due to the style of photographs it is beneficial that pupils wear their red school sweatshirt/cardigan as it stands out against the white background.

#### Parking

Thank you to the JSROs and the Parent Council for their recent campaign for safer access for children to the school. As you know they have highlighted the concerns of the children and provided advice on parking restrictions around the turning circle. We hope you have seen an improvement and please continue to adhere to the restrictions.

#### Reminder

**Parent Contact** sessions will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm - 5.30pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>, 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Please wait in the school hall for your appointment.

#### PARENT COUNCIL

**Please note that the 80s disco fundraiser has been cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.**

### Bits and Pieces

- We wish our P7 team well in the Rotary Quiz on 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- World Book takes place on March 6<sup>th</sup>, pupils may dress up for this event. Information will be on their class homework log. To support this we have the scholastic book fair in school for pupils wishing to purchase a new book. We also have an Author visit on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. Stuart Reid will be visiting and talking about life as a writer and reading his new book to us!
- A Nursery Natter will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am. Parents of nursery children and P1 & P2 parents are more than welcome to attend the 1 hr session.
- Mr Dowling will be joining us on a student placement in the Primary 1 class from 17<sup>th</sup> March. We welcome him to our school.
- P1 & P2 Medieval Banquet on 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- P7 Maths Challenge at Perth High School takes place on the 14<sup>th</sup> March.
- P4 assembly on 25<sup>th</sup> March, P4 parents welcome to attend.
- Parent Council Meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm all welcome.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Eco afternoon & community café, in the afternoon. All welcome. More details will follow from our Eco and Health Committees!
- End of term Service will be in the church on 4<sup>th</sup> April at 2.15pm. Children will leave for the holidays direct from the church.

### Staffing update

We welcome Wendy Kemp as our new fulltime ECP in our nursery on the 10<sup>th</sup> March. We say goodbye to Sandra Scott, Pupil Support Assistant (PSA) who has worked with us for just over 2 years. We wish Sandra well in her new job working with vulnerable young people and adults and thank her for her involvement and dedication to the youngsters in our school. Emma Moir who currently works in our nursery as a PSA in the afternoons will join us in the Primary for the mornings also. We look forward to working with her.

We say goodbye to Lynne Fyfe our music specialist who was successful in obtaining another post back in her home town in a Secondary school. We thank her for all her efforts and support in the time she was with us and wish her well.

### Dates for Diary

<b>School returns</b>	<b>Monday 6 January 2014</b>	
	<b>Wednesday 19 February 2014</b>	<i>In-Service Day (4)</i>
	<b>Thursday 20 February 2014</b>	<i>Occasional Holiday (1)</i>
	<b>Friday 21 February 2014</b>	<i>Occasional Holiday (2)</i>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 3.15pm</b>	
<b>Spring Holiday</b>		
<b>Start</b>	<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014</b>	
	<b>Monday 21st April 2014</b>	<b>Easter Monday holiday</b>
<b>End</b>	<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014</b>	<b>In-service day (5)</b>
<b>Summer Term</b>		
<b>Start - Pupils</b>	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2014</b>	
	<b>Monday 5 May 2014</b>	<i>May Day Holiday (to be confirmed)</i>
<b>End</b>	<b>Thursday 26 June 2013, 12.00pm</b>	