

Dear Families - Just a short one this Friday. All is going very well for our return to school and Term 3.

- Nursery enrolment is now underway. If you want a place for your child in our Nursery next session (Aug 2026) please do go online and complete the forms. Even 'returning' children need to re-apply for their place next year.
- Our friend Ally Mallinson, from Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust has been in touch with us to offer 'Learn to Ride' sessions for any children who are not yet confident on a bicycle. If your child would like to have some small group sessions with Ally, in school time, please do get in touch with us (just call the office).
- Thank you to all the parents who have already completed a Primary 1 registration for August 2026. Remember – if you're not sure about whether or not your child will be 'ready' for school, do chat with a member of the Nursery Team. You can also complete a registration for BOTH P1 and Nursery and make a final decision nearer the time. (This will not be the case if your child already turns 5 before the August start date – if this is your situation, do chat with Mrs Whittet in the first instance.)
- STEM Celebration Week – at a teacher meeting this week we were excited to come up with initial plans for a week of special learning on STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths. We've selected the week beginning 16 March for this Theme Week. There continues to be a big push in our economy in the UK for this line of learning and work, and schools are doing what they can to encourage children to enjoy these subjects. How can you help? If you know of any professional who might like to come along and lead a talk or a demo of anything linked to these subjects, please do let us know. Children LOVE it when they learn from members of the family or folk in our community – please help us make this a fun packed learning week.
- SAVE THE DATE.....we are having a parent curriculum workshop on **Wednesday 1 April**, from 6pm to 7.15pm. The theme of the night is MATHS. Do you love it? Does it give you the fear? If you come along to this event, led by Chris McKenna of Count On Us, it will be fun and engaging for all. This will be a chance for you to try out some NEW ways of thinking about number and arithmetic skills. Trust me....you'll all love it. We recognise that many of the pupils at Abernethy School still aren't secure with their number recall knowledge.....and we think that this new way of learning might make it 'click' faster for many. We will write to you again in a few weeks to twist your arms to come along...perhaps even with the prospect of a creche (led by teaching staff) for the families who might struggle to get a baby-sitter for the night! We're really keen to have you join us 😊
- Are there any parents who would consider being trained as a **MIDAS mini-bus driver** on behalf of our school? The Parent Council have been smart in 'securing' free training for one Abernethy parent who might have the luxury of a diary that could free them up on days to support the school in driving a bus load of children to class trips etc. It's a big ask – but maybe you'd like to think about it? Let us know if you might consider it – please just call us. We won't hold you to it.....but we're collecting potential names now.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Fiona Whittet, HT