



# CRAIGIE PRIMARY NEWS 30 April 2015



Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have enjoyed a restful Easter break. Term 4 is traditionally a very busy one in terms of sporting events such as the Orienteering at Strathallan and Cricket at Doo'cot Park. In addition we have the music events such as Show in a Day. This year the theme is Songs for Time Traveller. I am listening to the pupils rehearse as I type and the singing sounds fantastic. We are very fortunate to have such talent in our school.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Friday 1 May** - P4 visit to Frankie & Benny's
- Monday 4 May** - Holiday (School Closed)
- Tuesday 5 May** - SSPCA Workshops for P1-P4
- Friday 8 May** - Songs for Time Traveller (Show in a Day) for P5, P6 & P7
- Monday 18 May** - Cricket Final at Doo'cot Park for P4 & P5 Team
- Wednesday 20 May** - Fun Run
- Monday 25 May** - M & M Productions (Wizard of Oz) for whole school
- Wednesday 27 May** - P7 Transition Day at Bells
- Thursday 28 May** - P7 Safe Taysiders
- Friday 29 May** - Scottish Opera (Puffy McPuffer and Crabbit Corals) for P3

**Head Teacher Awards**

- Nursery (am)** - Franco Mangolini, Ewan McMullan and Patryk Zarek
- (pm)** Julia Makowska, Isla Reid and Ben Morrison
- P1** - Lena Nowrotek, Aaron McCormick, Sami Diyenli and Maia Austin
- P2** - Isla McGarvery, Rojan Ross, Manon Schembri, Jorja Smith and Morgan Stephen
- P3** - Dennis Lonie, Colby Brett-Pitt, Brodie McPherson and Jayden Donald
- P4** - Rachel Cameron, Scott Haig, Cole Ward, Dylan Murchie and Lewis Shanks
- P5** - James Dyke, Sam Duncan, Millie Alexander, Bruno Nowrotek and Adam Douglas
- P6** - Cameron Orrock, Freya Sutherland, Bobby Rough and Dean McGilvray
- P7** - Brodie Wotherspoon, Jack Milne, William Hunter, Louise Falconer and Kylie McGilvray

Well done everyone!

Full details of holidays for the next few years are available on [www.pkc.gov.uk](http://www.pkc.gov.uk)

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**Parent Council**

The Parent Council are still looking for a representative from Nursery and P6. If you can help please contact Colin McPherson, Chair, via the school office. The next (AGM) meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 June at 7pm in the school. In addition the post of Clerk is currently vacant. This is a paid position and anyone interested should contact the school office in the first instance.

**Contact Details**

Please ensure we have your most up to date details, in particular email addresses for correspondence.  
Many thanks.

**School Security**

A gentle reminder that all parents and visitors to the school should report to the school office after entering the school via the main entrance buzzer system. School office staff will thereafter make arrangements for class visits and or appointments to meet with school staff. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**Parents' Association**

A huge thank you to all who helped us raise a grand total of **£193.00** at our recent Easter Cake Bake!



**Pupil Arrival at School**

Recently a few pupils have been arriving at school prior to 8.30am. Whilst staff are on the premises from 8am there is no supervision in the playground before 9am. As a general guide, pupils should arrive at school from around 8.45am. Many thanks.

**Orienteering - P7**

On 28 April our class went to Strathallan to do the orienteering competition. Keir, Flynn and Jake came first and Lee, Noah and Alex came 6<sup>th</sup>. The top 20 teams from 80 teams of three got through to the final at Scone Palace on the 12 May.

There were 27 points to find and 45 minutes to do it in. You got a dibber that you had to insert in the checkpoint and it would add up your score.

By Flynn P7

## Nursery News

Welcome back after the Easter break - we hope you enjoyed the fantastic weather.

Here are a few dates for your diary:

20 May - Fun run

5 June - Reports issued

15 June - New Nursery induction presentation for parents 9.30-10.30am

18 June - New nursery children and parents visit to Craigie Nursery, times TBC in a letter

12 June - New P1 children induction presentation for parents and class visit for children 11am-12noon

19 June - New Primary 1 children visit school 11am - 11.45am or 1.20pm-2.05pm

26 June - New Primary 1 children visit school 11am - 11.45am or 1.20pm-2.05pm

26 June - **Nursery Open Day 4 for Parents and families** *LITTLE BLOOMS UK* session (9-10am-10.10am & 2.30-3.30pm) **Please note the change of date from 22 June**

Mrs Falconer will be taking part in the **Incredible Years Parenting** training and will be out of Nursery on the following dates:

4 June, 11 June, 15, 16, 17, June and 26 June

Please remember to take time to look at the website section for 'This Week at Craigie' and 'Diary Dates' which are updated regularly.

## Information

There are a couple of spaces remaining on an upcoming **Cycle Trainer Assistant (CTA) course at North Inch Community Campus**.

Courses are for volunteers/teachers/parents who would like to train pupils at the school in cycle training.

**Course details:** The training date is Friday 8 May, 9:00-16:30 a *bike and helmet are essential*.

**Please contact the school office at first instance if you are interested**

## Strengthening Families



### What's it all about?

The Strengthening Families Programme is a 7 week programme that helps families with young people aged **10 years old** to prepare for their teenage years.

Becoming a teenager can be a challenging time for young people and parents alike.

Strengthening Families is proven to support both parents and young people through this time of change.

### What happens?

Each session is held in the evening and lasts for 2½ hours.

During the sessions you learn by watching DVDs, taking part in activities and discussions. In the first hour parents and young people meet in their own groups to take part in activities with group facilitators. In the second hour everyone comes together again to be involved in family activity. An evening meal is provided for all the family and crèche and transport is also available.

### What are the benefits?

#### Parents and carers

With each session your confidence will grow as you...

- Learn about different ways to support your young person; and
- Learn how to set boundaries as they get older.

Most of all, Strengthening Families helps your whole family to experience your young person's teenage years more positively.

#### Young people

With each session your confidence will grow as you..

- Develop skills for handling peer pressure, which helps to avoid problems such as drugs and alcohol;
- Develop skills in learning how to better appreciate the feelings of others; and
- Learn how to set your own goals for the future, helping you to achieve greater success when you move onto secondary school.

#### Your whole family

By the end of the 7 week programme you will have a much better understanding of each other's strengths and qualities, helping you to become much stronger as a family and better able to support each another.

#### How can I access this programme?

The programme will be running in:

- Fairfield Community Centre, Royal School of Dunkeld from Monday April 27
- Glenearn Campus, and Strathearn Campus from Tuesday April 28
- Community Connect Rattray from Wednesday 29 April
- Loch Leven Campus from Thursday 30 April

If you would like to join in the programme just complete an application form which you can get from school or contact:

Evidence2 Success 01738 477836, e mail [evidence2success@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:evidence2success@pkc.gov.uk) or visit the website [www.pkc.gov.uk/strengtheningfamilies](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/strengtheningfamilies)



Kind Regards

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