

NURSERY NEWS

Happy New Year to one and all!! The festivities seem a distant memory now! Everyone has settled back into the Nursery routine and we're eager to learn and find out about Scotland. We have been busy designing our clan tartans, finding out where Scotland and Perth are on the map and finding out about St Andrew and the importance of his flag to Scotland. We have had great fun reading Katie stories illustrated by Karen Sutherland and learning Scottish words - some of our favourites are coo, haud yer wheest and jigging. We have been learning the Gay Gordon's and Dashing White Sergeant during our gym sessions. A big thank you to Connor's Daddy who came in wearing his kilt, we found out about sporrans, **Sgian Dubh's** and kilt pins and to Lauren Marshall for showing the children Scottish Country Dancing and the shoes they wear.

A warm welcome to Kianna who has joined our Nursery morning class, and to Oliver who is joining our Nursery afternoon class, we hope they will have as much fun as we do and enjoy making new friends and learning new things.

Now for some domestic matters -

Suitable clothing - Please can the children come to nursery with the appropriate clothing e.g. gloves, hats, coats. We are outdoors daily in all weathers so it is important that the children are suitably dressed and feel comfortable and warm.

Snack/Toy Monies - Please can you put the money in an envelope (any one will do) with your child's name, class, date and amount paid. Nearly all parents have paid for the term, which we have found easier to work with. We are proposing to ask for the full amount next term, however, should anyone wish to discuss this, please see Mrs Falconer.

Nursery Registration

We have two dates for Nursery Registration these will take place on

Wednesday 11 February between 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm & Friday 13 February between 11.00 - 12.00 noon

Please bring all of the undernoted documents with you:

Child's Birth Certificate, Recent Utility Bill and Council Tax Letter (March 2014 or later)

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Lewis Shanks - Earned player of the week in Judo

Holly O'Sullivan - Certificate in Ballet for doing all the right movements in ballet

Katie Souter - Moved from orange to blue book in guitar lessons

Lily Whyte - Moved up group in swimming lessons and given longer times to swim

Howie Brown - Gold Medal in Harriers for 800m run

Kyle McCormick- Boys' Brigade Medal for attending a sports event

Olivia Currie - Moved to Level 8 in swimming - last level!

Esme Fulton - Level 9 in Swimming for doing 20 lengths

Neave Wilson - Brownie Buddy Badge for being a Brownie Buddy

Alfie Hammond - Trophy in Boys' Brigade for BEST BOY

Lilia Simpson - Moved to Level 7 in Swimming

Hugo Hay - Trophy in Badminton for knowing all the badminton moves



Recent Changes

It has been brought to our attention in a recent letter from Perth & Kinross Council that there are new Food Information (Scotland) Regulations 2014 in place, we are legally obliged to provide the correct allergen information about ingredients in the food we provide to our customers. Should you wish to know more information about the contents of the food that your child consumes in school lunches and or during school baking activities, please do not hesitate to ask.

Teaching and Learning Communities

All teaching staff have been participating in improving Learning and Teaching with staff from Moncreiffe and Forteviot Primary Schools. Each teacher has observed another teacher in school to support one another and to make suggestions for improvements. This has been working really well.

REMINDER - School Uniform

The Staff have noticed a trend towards wearing self-coloured Plimsolls in the upper classes. A gentle reminder that our school uniform is black shoes. If you are purchasing new shoes for your child in the near future we respectfully ask that appropriate seasonal footwear is purchased. Many Thanks.

Kind regards

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