

FORGANDENNY NEWS

December 2012



Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for your diary



17th December P5/6/7 Christmas Party

18th December P3/4 Christmas Party

19th December Christmas Carol Service Forgandenny Church, 6.30pm

20th December Ms Lyttle's Christmas Lunch

21st December P1/2 Christmas Party School closes 12pm

7th January 2013 School opens Mrs Mae in P5/6/7 for 4 weeks

30th January P3-7, i-Bike road skills P1-7, Helmet fitting and safety class



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Another busy term at Forgandenny has flown by and it is hard to believe we are only a matter of days from the end of term.

We thoroughly enjoyed our Living Communities Topic and are very grateful to Garance and her colleagues for all the work they have done with the pupils in school. Thank you also to all our parents, families and members of the community for giving up their time to work with the children and teach them new skills.

The Parent Council have been very busy with the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Disco, raising essential funds for future projects within school. A special thank you to the ladies who have come in every week to bake with the children and to Mr Campbell for running the chess club. A huge thank you also to Mrs van Aswegen for helping support the learning in class every Monday afternoon. This has been greatly appreciated.

As you know Mr Donnachie will be returning in the New Year. In his absence Mrs Styles has done a magnificent job with Primary 5/6/7. I know the children are going to miss her greatly and we all appreciate Mrs Styles's commitment and hard work since August. Thank you also to Mrs Keir who has quickly become part of our school team and provided stimulating drama lessons for the children. We wish to pass on our congratulations to Mrs Rofe, our PE Specialist, who has successfully obtained a secondment to Blackfriars where she'll be working as a PE Support Officer. We would like to thank her for all she has done for the school over the last eighteen months. We will miss her lots.

A personal thank you to all the staff for their continued support and encouragement since August - I couldn't have done it without you!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year!

M Duffy Acting Headteacher

> Many thanks to Mr Ross for donating our enormous Christmas tree!



We are an eco school and prefer to send our information by email. Parents/Carers who receive paper copies of our newsletter may wish to view it on the school website – the quality is far better & photos much clearer. Also, if you do receive a paper copy but would now prefer to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please let the office know.



CLASS NEWS

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Our 'Community Skills Exchange' was a great success. We were delighted to welcome the ladies from the local 'Banner Group' as well as some grandparents and other members of the Forgandenny community. The children were able to try knitting and lace making among other skills and taught our visitors how to weave. Ms Lyttle also made delicious cakes, which were very well received.



Our JRSO competition winners were Mia, Harry, Katie and Aaron. Prizes were presented by Sarah and Connor at assembly. Well done to all those who took part.

Kelly visited us to make some i-bike snow globes. They were a little tricky but looked fantastic!



Thank you very much to all those who supported our showcase afternoon. We hope you enjoyed seeing all the work we have been doing as part of our Living Communities project. Hopefully all who wished, were given the opportunity to be part of our community piece which will be displayed in the museum as part of the living communities project in February. It was lovely to see our friends from Traidcraft again this year too.



Well done to Joanna, Sadie and Euan who won their class eco bauble competition. It was very difficult to choose with many imaginative entries. Parents are welcome to see the winning baubles, which are now displayed in the school hall.

