



# Forgandenny News

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## Diary Dates

- 5th March — Generation Science P3-7
- 6th March— P7- Maths Challenge @ Perth High School
- March 7th—World Book Day— Harry Potter themed dress up & healthy tuckshop
- 8th March - Generation Science - P1-2
- 8th March - Living Communities exhibition @ Perth Museum P5-7
- 11th & 12th March—Parent Contact
- 15th March—Red Nose Day - 1980's style dress down & Talent Show
- 18th March —Strathallan Play
- 20th March - P5-7 Anti-smoking workshop
- 20th March - P1-3 -Author Visit—Peter Bentley
- 20th March - Parent Forum - Rag Bag
- 27th March—P567 Art Bike Ride with Kelly
- 27th March—Easter Service—Forgandenny Church - Wednesday @ 2pm
- 28th March—Easter Holidays begin
- 15th April—In service Day(no school for children)
- 16th April— Return to school

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring has arrived in Forgandenny and the term has been extremely busy, with the next few weeks in the run up to Easter being no different.

A huge thanks to the parent forum for the purchase of the new digital projectors that have now been fitted and are operational in all the classrooms . These have enabled all the teachers and children to now use the smartboards on a daily basis— something that was previously a huge challenge!

During the short week we took part advantage of the extra-curricular opportunities available to us. This included the Primary 2 and 3 pupils attending an expressive arts afternoon at Dunbarney Primary, and the P5-7 pupils competing in the Perth and Kinross cross country competition. A huge thank you to Fabienne Thomson for giving up her time and energy to work with the children to prepare them for the cross country.

The next few weeks also have some exciting events planned for the children in the school. Generation Science are visiting on Tuesday and Friday next week and delivering three tailored workshops for all our classes. P5-7 are visiting Perth Museum to view the Living Communities exhibition, which includes some of the children's work from our community project. Also coming up are World Book Day (Harry Potter themed 7th March) and Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. (15th March)

On a sad note we say farewell to Christine Kinloch who has been working in the school office for the past month. Friday will be Christine's last day and all at Forgandenny want to say a huge thanks for all she has done and we wish her well. Next week we welcome Mrs Sarah Carruthers, our new clerical assistant. I am sure everyone will make her feel welcome.

Enjoy the rest of the term.

Kind regards,

**Graham Donnachie, Headteacher**

## Weekly events in school

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Music with Mrs McGaffney   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | P4-7 alternate visit to Strathallan  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Guitar with Mr Baillie   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Football Club with Mr Robb (lunch P5-7)<br>Baking and cooking club - all classes rotated |
| <b>Friday</b>    | PE with Mrs Styles<br>Chess club with Mr Campbell  |

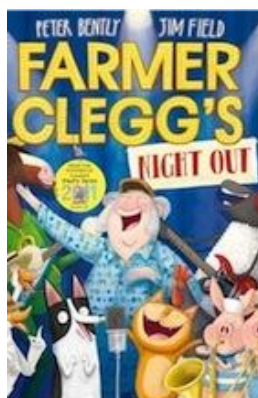


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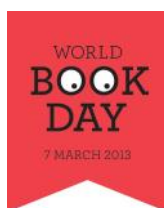
## Author Visit—Wednesday 20th March 2013

Author Peter Bently is visiting the P1-3 children as part of his national tour. On Wednesday 20th March he will be spending the afternoon reading stories and working with the children. There will be the opportunity to buy books and get them signed too! Some of the books he has written include 'Cats Ahoy!' and 'Underpants Thunderpants'. While at Forgandenny, Peter will be working with the children on his book, 'Farmer Clegg's Night Out'. We are very lucky having

such a famous author visiting the school and we hope the children will have a great afternoon with him.



**Peter Bently**



**Thursday 7th March**

**World Book Day**

**Come dressed as a character from the Harry Potter books.**



**Comic Relief  
Red Nose Day**

**Friday 15th March 2013.**

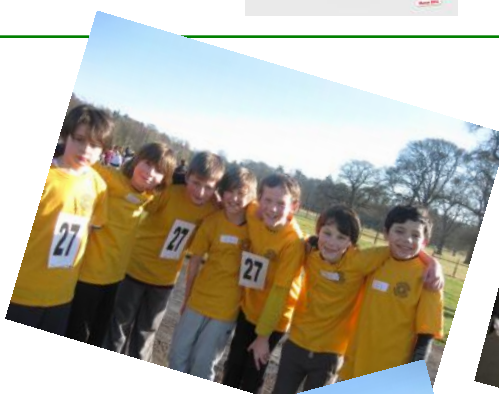
**Come dressed in 1980's clothes.**

**Comic Relief talent show  
Gold Coin donation.**

**Red Noses on sale in school  
from Monday 4th March -  
£1 each**

## Cross Country

Tuesday 19th February saw the P5-7 taking part in the annual Perth and Kinross Cross Country Championships at Perth Race Course in Scone. It was a fantastic day and for once the sun was shining (and even some sunbathing was taking place after the race!) All the children did extremely well and thoroughly enjoyed the day.



**Well done**

# The Awongalema Tree

Primaries 2 and 3 were invited to attend an expressive arts afternoon at Dunbarney Primary School, run by the authority expressive arts team. The afternoon was based around a story entitled 'The Awongalema Tree' and consisted of musical and artistic activities before a group performance. The children all worked very hard and behaved beautifully.



The Celebrations Committee has been working hard to raise the profile of Fair Trade. They created a display in the library, did some fair trade artwork and organised a fair trade fruity snack day.



## Perform in Perth.

Next week some P4-7 children are heading off to Perform in Perth. This is the 1st time we have entered this particular class of competition and we wish all the children well. Thanks to Mrs Henderson and Mrs MacFarlane for their time in working with and preparing the children for the day.



**Well done to the Charities Group who ran and organised a 'Bring and Buy sale' in aid of Water Aid.**

**The event raised over £160 which will go towards providing safe, clean water to people in developing countries.**

## FORGANDENNY POETS

January 25th saw the School celebrate Burn's day by wearing something tartan and also saw the culmination of our Scots Poetry Competition.

The winning performers recited during assembly.

P1-2—Campbell and Rory

P3-4—Molly and Archie

P5-7—Jake, Kai and Lauren

Well done to all who took part.

