



FORGANDENNY NEWS

March 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for your diary



March - Diary dates

8th March - P7 Maths Challenge @ Perth High

12th March - Sport your Trainers Day

21st March - Police Dog trials in Kinross

29th March - Easter Assembly times tbc

30th March - End of Term- Easter Holidays

16th April- Inservice training - no school for pupils

17th April - School returns

17th April - P4-5 Cricket begins for 4 weeks

25th April - P5-7 Orienteering @ Strathallan

7th May - May day holiday

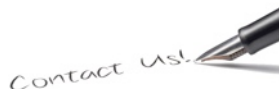
It is a sad time at Forgandenny when we have to say farewell to Mrs Brenda Simpson. Brenda is leaving Forgandenny this week to take up a new position at Blackford Primary School. Brenda has been at the school for over 6 years and she will be missed by all the staff and pupils of the school. Forgandenny's loss is certainly Blackford's gain. We wish her all the very best for the future.

The Green Beans, Forgandenny's eco team were celebrating some great news last week with the awarding of the school's 2nd Green Flag. This award is recognition of all the hard work they have done over the past two years and they deserve a huge pat on the back. The new flag has now arrived and is flying proudly in the school grounds.

Many thanks to everyone who made it along to the Glow curriculum meeting a few weeks ago. On the night we asked for ideas and improvements for our school website and blogs. If you have any ideas please let us know.

Enjoy the newsletter.

Kind regards, Graham Donnachie, Headteacher



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Key things to remember!

- PE kits for Monday
- Filled Water Bottle every day

WEEKLY EVENT REMINDER

Monday - PE with Mrs Rofe, please remember appropriate PE kit

Tuesday - Library van visit - 2:00pm @ Forgandenny School

Wednesday - Art with Mr Radley

Thursday - P5-7 Lunchtime football - Mr Donnachie & Mr Robb

Friday - School assembly



PRIMARY 1/2

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We have been delighted by the response from parents to our Body topic and would like to thank all those who have come in to speak to the children or provided the class with resources. It has been a real team effort!



Didn't we do well? P1/2 performed like professionals on the big stage. Hopefully we encouraged everyone to move their bodies!



P1/2 is very sad to be losing Mrs Simpson. She has been a super help to us all and we are going to really miss her. Thank you for everything Mrs Simpson.



Check out our costumes from World Book Day!



We had lots of fun at Sensation Dundee and enjoyed our workshop on healthy body bits with 'Stuffee' the giant doll. We spent a good deal of our time in the senses section brushing up on our knowledge and we were able to recognise all the major internal organs.



We had an interesting visit to the Synagogue in Dundee. The weather even stayed fair for us to have lunch & a play at Camperdown Park afterwards.





PRIMARY 3/4

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P3/4 with five extras from P5-6 had a great time at the Creative Day of Dance on February 14th. After changing at school and getting the coach into Perth, we got off at the Concert Hall and went into get seating. Everyone was on edge as we knew we were first on stage. After what seemed like a long wait, we were called onto the stage and we opened the show. Everyone remembered their moves and the dance went well. The whole effect was enhanced by the great costumes –well done to everyone for getting into the mood.



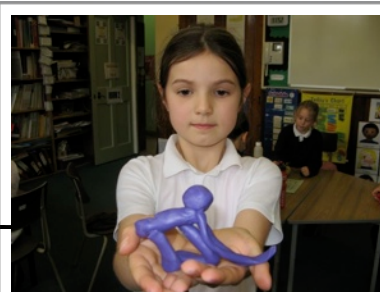
As it was a leap year this year, and February 29th only happens every 4 years P3/4 had an upside down day, where the pupils became the teacher. Everyone prepared a lesson, teaching the class something they particularly enjoyed, or something they thought the class should know. Mrs Henderson joined the other pupils and learned some amazing and interesting things - although she still can't do a cartwheel. There are some natural teachers in the class, who have maybe had the first taste of a potential career!



In writing we are concentrating on sentences and paragraphs. Everyone should be able to write longer pieces of writing with all the capital letters and full stops in the correct places, and some are moving on to look at how paragraphs are used. You can help with this by linking the writing and reading, and drawing attention to punctuation and paragraphs in the reading books, and ensuring that there is a pause at the end of every sentence when reading.

The parent forum have decided to get the school new playground markings after last winter's weather removed the remaining lines. P3/4 looked at all the markings available and decided which ones were good value for money and were suitable for Forgardenny. There was a good selection, so the whole school has voted on the ones that they would like, and this will be fed back to the parent forum at their next meeting.

In maths we are looking at money, as we have not yet quite got to the cashless society. We have looked at all the coins, and are beginning to work out how to give change by counting on. This is a skill that will help with addition and subtraction too. You can help you child by letting them sell you household items, and 'paying' with pound coins or £5 notes, and asking the child for change. If you would like this explained further do ask after school or at parent contact meetings.



We are well into our 1960s topic now and have looked at school life, art, food and toys in the 60's as well as learning to twist for our creative dance. Our Henry Moore sculptures are on display in the classroom if you want to drop in and see them.



PRIMARY 5/6/7

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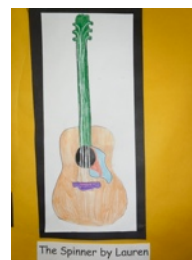
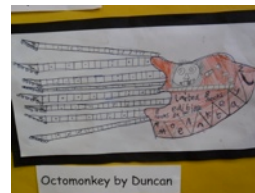


We have been working hard on our guitar hero project. We have created bands, written biographies, designed guitars and are currently planning a tour to Paris. This has involved us booking return flights on a budget, choosing a suitable venue, advertising the concert and researching places to visit while there.. We have worked in our co-operative band groups for this and have shared the work with our class. Check out some of our guitars.



Cross Country

We had a great day of running at Perth Race Course a few weeks ago at the Perth and Kinross annual cross country event. Many P5-7 took part and did extremely well in their age races. Check out some of our pictures.



In Science we had a great trip Sensation in Dundee where we had a workshop involving the use of liquid nitrogen - not something we can use in school! We were very fortunate that it was quiet on the day which really allowed us time to explore the centre in great detail and try the various experiments that were on offer. In class we have been looking at sound and how it travels. Next for us will be developing some of the themes explored during our visit to Sensation.



Curling @ Dewars

We have been learning how to play the game of Curling at the ice rink in Perth. Curling is a game played on ice and you need to make sure you have very clean shoes otherwise you won't be allowed on. We learned how to throw the stones correctly and how to sweep to keep the stones moving. We even got to share the ice with the current Scottish and European Champions!

