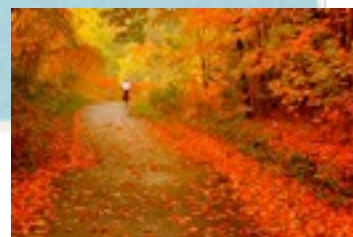




FORGANDENNY NEWS

September 2012



Dates for your diary



October - Diary dates

6th - 2pm Harvest Church Service

22nd - Back to school

26th - Rag Bag collection

31st - P1-3 i-Bike
Dress your bike for Halloween

November - Diary Dates

2nd - P7 Citizenship Day

11th - Remembrance Service at Forgandenny church

13th - P5-7 St Andrew's Day of Dance

15th & 16th - In Service Days

30th - P3-7 i-Bike - Dragons Den

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very productive term we have had! With visits from RAF helicopters, fire engines, ambulances and road safety officers, we have certainly all made a great effort with this term's Safety topic. Thank you to all our visitors. Having specialists into classes makes a huge difference to the children's learning. It is worth mentioning that all visitors to school have commented on the excellent behaviour and manners of our pupils.

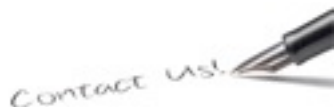
There was also tremendous effort made by all for our dress-up days. Thank you to the i-Bike crew & Mrs Lowe for organising our 'Hi-Vis' Day. Prizes were awarded to pupils in each class for their efforts. Our Dahlicious Day was also a lot of fun and the costumes were fantastic. All monies raised will be donated to Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. Thank you to our charity group - The Left and Rights - for organising.

We are working hard in class in preparation for our Harvest Service in Forgandenny Church. This will take place on Friday 5th October at 2pm. Donations of non-perishable food items are being collected in school from Monday. I thank you all in advance for your generosity.

I hope you all have an enjoyable October break and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 22nd October.

Thank you to all staff for their continued support and hard work this session.

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- **Key things to remember!**
- PE kits for Friday
- Filled Water Bottle every day
- Homework diaries

WEEKLY EVENT REMINDER

- Monday** - Music with Mrs McGaffney
- Tuesday** - Library van visit - 2:00pm
- Wednesday** - Remember guitars - Mr Baillie
- Thursday** - P5-7 Lunchtime football - Mr Robb, Drama with Mrs Keir
- Friday** - PE with Mrs Rofe, School assembly



PRIMARY 1/2

September 2012



We all had lots of fun on the i-Bike trail with Kelly (especially the bike limbo)! Well done Mia and Jessica who came in first and second place respectively in our 'Wear it Bright' Competition!



Visits from the ambulance and fire services added real value to our topic. We were lucky enough to climb inside both vehicles.



We had a visit from A. K. Bell Library for a storytelling session. We have also paid our first weekly visits to the library van.



We have all been brushing our teeth in class every day to our toothbrushing tune. Get us to show you at home!



What a wonderful surprise we had on David's farm when the search and rescue helicopter arrived! P1/2 were first up for a tour, a chat and a seat in the cockpit. I don't know who was more excited - teachers or pupils?



We have had some very interesting show and tell and we have been working hard to develop our questioning skills.

Mia and Mason performed a difficult operation on a snappy character as part of their vet training with Mrs Galloway!





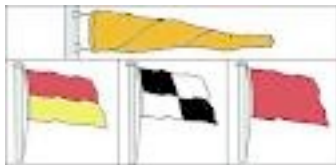
PRIMARY 3/4

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P3/4 have had a very busy month looking at how to keep safe in our local environment. The children created aliens from their names and have thought how these alien visitors would have to be kept safe if they visited us in Forgandenny. We thought that the aliens might visit our homes, the beach, use the internet and cross the road as well as going to various places and even a farm.

Our helicopter visit was a complete surprise to the class (and the whole school) and many thanks are due to Mrs Lowe for organising such an amazing experience. The weather was perfect too and Mr Angus kindly allowed the helicopter to land on one of his fields. We all got the chance to sit in the pilot's seat and look at the vast array of dials and switches. We saw the winch and spoke to the winch man who was called Sprokkel! Some of the class would like to be pilots when they are adults and maybe they will come back to the school when they achieve that ambition.



We discovered that to keep aliens safe on the beach, they should swim between the red and yellow flags and watch out for currents and tides. If they went on an inflatable they should make sure an adult was holding on to the inflatable on the beach. The aliens were helped to make postcards to send back to their planet to tell their parents all about this.



In maths we have looked at place value and strategies for mental addition. Do keep practising this with the children over the holidays. Shopping, buying tickets, football games and all sorts of other activities offer chances to think about number. In October we will be continuing with addition and will look at ways of writing addition calculations and completing them.



We have also found out how to keep ourselves safe on our bikes as the evenings get darker - and everyone was very colourful and could be seen on Wear it Bright Day. The combination of hi viz, flashing lights and reflective clothing showed that the children and parents had really been thinking about this. It is an important safety issue at this time of year and as a driver, a cyclist and a horse rider I see it from both sides - hi viz works and is very necessary. The bike skills course was great fun. Well done everyone!



Having learned how to call an ambulance with Heartstart training, the children got to see inside an ambulance as well. The paramedic explained the equipment used and showed the children where it was kept. As most people only get to see this when things go wrong, it was great to be able to introduce this in a calm and controlled way.



PRIMARY 5/6/7

September 2012



The whole school had a fantastic trip to see the Search and Rescue helicopter. They were treated to a tour of the helicopter and each had a chance to sit in the cockpit and pretend to be the pilot. They found out about the important rescue work that is carried out by the RAF and had all their questions answered. It really was a memorable day and it has made some of the children think what they might like to do when they grow up. As always, it was a pleasure taking the children out of school as they are always so polite and interested in everything.

What a busy month we've had with a range of visitors supporting our work for Keeping Safe. It has been an exciting time and the children have learned important skills about keeping themselves safe and how to look after themselves and others in emergency situations.



We have also talked about keeping ourselves safe emotionally through our Bounce Back work. Next week we will be looking at internet safety.



In Maths we have been looking in depth at place value and the children have been evaluating their progress. In Language we have been focussing on using connectives and adjectives to enhance our imaginative writing. We have explored the structure of instruction writing and the class produced very clear instructions about giving CPR which were then peer evaluated.



We had lots of fun on the i-bike skills course. Remember to dress brightly in the darker months to stay safe.



Helen Brady from Heartstart came into teach the children the importance of learning the skills of calling 999, putting a casualty into the recovery position, giving CPR and dealing with bleeding and choking. The children were amazing.



The children also had a visit from Heather who works for the Ambulance Service. They then had a visit from Tayside Fire and Rescue. They learned about the role of the firefighter and how they help in emergencies. They now understand how all the emergency services work with each other.

