



FORGANDENNY NEWS



February 2012

Dear Parents and Carers,

Dates for your diary



FEBRUARY



- Tues 7th - Curling P5-7
- Fri 10th - Trip to Sensations, P5-7
- Mon 13th - Cross Country Event P5-7 - Perth Race Course
- Tues 14th - Creative Day of Dance P3-7 - Concert Hall
- Wed 15th - In-Service Day (no school for pupils)
- Thurs 16th & Fri 17th Half-Term holidays
- Tues 14th - Curling P5-7
- Thurs 23rd - Curriculum evening for parents, GLOW - details to follow
- Wed 29th - Trip & 'Body' workshop at Sensations, P12



The time again for another newsletter and we are already into February - how time flies! 2012 has indeed started with a bang with lots going on and heaps to look forward to as the year progresses. The children are all currently practicing for either Cross Country or the Creative Dance festival and we wish them all good luck at those events in the coming weeks. Some classes are off to Sensation in Dundee to consolidate and develop their science knowledge and P5-7 have two taster sessions in Curling to look forward to.

The Green Beans (Forgandenny's Eco Warriors) have been very busy this term. They have applied for the schools 2nd Green Flag (fingers crossed) and also taken part in the RSPB Big School Bird count. Check out their blog on the website for more details. They would like to say a huge thanks to everyone for donating seeds and fat balls to feed the birds over this cold period.

Enjoy the newsletter.

Kind regards, Graham Donnachie, Headteacher

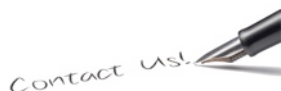


This year, Forgandenny Primary school is hoping to move towards achieving the Rights Respecting School Award. We have a group of children who meet on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.15 to 3.00 and will be looking at the issues of children rights and how it affects life in Forgandenny School and community. We need to involve adults from the community in this process, so would love to hear from any adult who can come and join us on a Tuesday afternoon and help us to achieve our target.



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.

- **Key things to remember!**
- PE kits for Monday
- Filled Water Bottle every day



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WEEKLY EVENT REMINDER

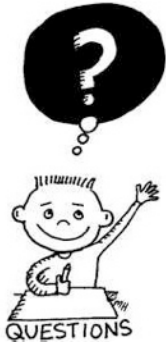
- Monday** - PE with Mrs Rofe, please remember appropriate PE kit
- Tuesday** - Library van visit - 2:00pm @ Forgandenny School
- Wednesday** - Art with Mr Radley
- Thursday** - P5-7 Lunchtime football - Mr Donnachie & Mr Robb
- Friday** - School assembly



PRIMARY 1/2



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We have begun our planning for our new topic 'My Body' and have come up with some really good questions. For example - 'Why when we talk can we not see the words coming out of our mouth?' Wow! For a full list of our question please see our blog. Many thanks to all those parents who have already offered their time and resources to support our new topic.



Chinese New Year has been the focus of much of our learning since the holidays. We are about to share our knowledge with the school at assembly and will even be doing a dragon dance!



Mrs Simpson has started a cooking club on a Friday morning. She has been taking P1/2 in small groups of 4 or 5 to make some yummy treats. Delicious!



If anyone still has a skeleton costume at home, please can you bring it in for the day of dance festival? Thank you!
Masks not needed.



P1/2 was delighted to take part in the RSPB bird watch. We made little peep holes to stick on the window so the birds wouldn't spot us. These have now been given home to allow the whole family to get involved. Get out that bird book!





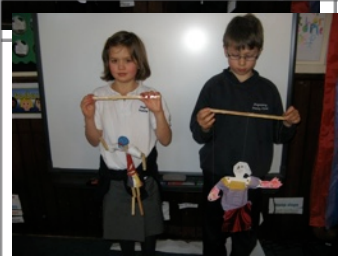
PRIMARY 3/4



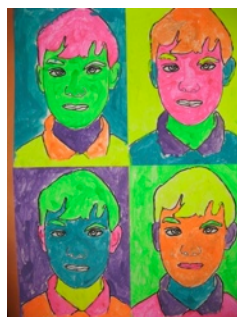
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P3/4 were delighted to finish their Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker jointed puppets after many weeks of working on measuring, sawing, jointing and clothing them. The faces on the Aunt Spikers were fantastic. They used them to perform a play that they had written, and everyone had understood the characters really well - they are not nice people in 'James and the Giant Peach'.



We are really getting into the 1960s topic - the class have been great at bringing in things from that time. Our dance for the Creative Day of Dance is coming along well, with most of the class being able to twist now. It is fantastic aerobic exercise and if your children are practicing do join in!



Our 1960s topic has also involved looking at art from that era, and we have used Andy Warhol's iconic prints of Marilyn Monroe as inspiration to create pop self portraits. This involved taking photos, using the computer to show the edges, tracing the outlines of our faces and photocopying these traced outlines four times. We then picked the brightest paint we could find and used it to paint all four pictures differently. The end product was very effective.



We are working on our multiplication tables in mathematics and will soon be using these for division as well. The table facts are one piece of maths that have to be learned, as they form the basis of a lot of arithmetic and of mathematics as well. We are also looking at tiling and some more shape work.

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3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100

Our creative dance is coming along well - watch out on the weekly homework sheet for details of what will be needed in the way of clothes for the day.



PRIMARY 5/6/7

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P5/6/7 have all been learning Scots poetry during January to celebrate Burns Day. P5 learned 'Ma Plooks' by H. Marshall, P6 were reciting 'The Magic Pizza' by Alison Fitt and P7 learned 'A Dug, A Dug' by Bill Keys. Well done to everyone in the class for some wonderfully expressive recitals.



Cross Country and Creative Dance

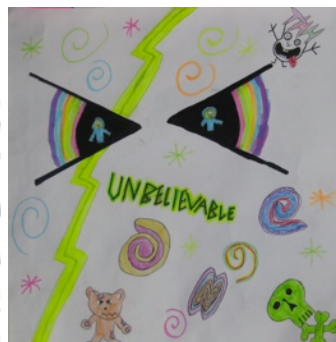
It is a busy time in P5-7 at the moment with all pupils involved in either cross country or creative dance. At the moment on a Wednesday morning we split into two groups and either head out into Strathhallan for a brisk jog or into the hall for dancing. Lots of fun is certainly being had and we are all looking forward to the two events on 13th and 14th February. Keep an eye on the school website to see how we get on. A huge thanks to Fabienne Thomson for giving up her time to train the cross country runners

We have begun work on our new topic which we are working on through the medium of the game 'Band Hero'. So far we have worked in our co-operative groups to create a band, designed logos, album covers and written biographies and autobiographies. The next step is to look at the game and plan a tour! Watch this space! Check out some of our awesome album covers. Full selection available from Monday in our class blog.



Sarah G P6

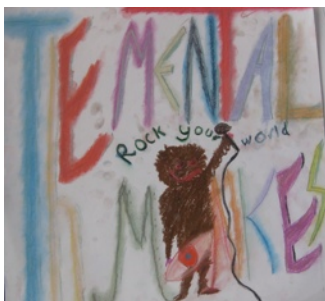
In science we have just begun our new topic of Sound, Heat and Light. We will be watching the vibrations which create sound passing from a tuning fork to water and creating a splash! We will also observe sound waves travelling through string, plastic and wire using cups, funnels and a 'Space Phone'. We can watch light from a laser pen bouncing between mirrors and use digital thermometers to monitor the transfer of heat along a metal bar.



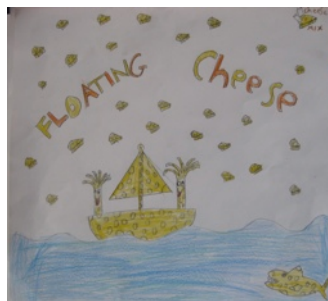
Caitlin P7



Morgan P6



Ailsa P7



Catriona P5



Joanna P6



Shannah P7