



Grandtully Primary Newsletter

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Dear all,

Welcome to the third term of the year.

The pupils have made very exciting plans to research the wildlife in their locality and will be studying various lines of enquiry related to biology and interpreting these through the arts, literacy and outdoor learning. The Day of Dance on Monday 13th in Perth Concert Hall offers a great opportunity to create a beautiful dance to share with other schools and the pupils will perform the dance in the hall on the night of the showcase for everyone. Our dance is called "The Aquarium" and parents can go to see all the performances if they are able to.

We are looking forward to having more parents involved in the learning especially on a Friday for Genius Hour. Rachel Rowley is coordinating and will give you an update as soon as there is progress on the PVG applications. It's important, especially with the press coverage recently, that we can assure all parents that their child is as safe as is possible during their time at school.

We are pleased to report that PKC Early Intervention team have given us £500 for the purchase of resources that will support opportunities for children to develop their curiosity, inquiry and creativity through active learning in the Primary 1 classroom.

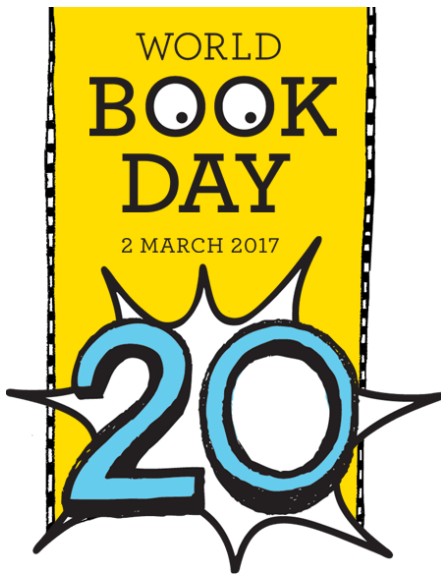
The pupils have been invited to a couple of events at Breadalbane Primary which is such a good opportunity to meet and share learning with other schools. The recent ceilidh was great fun and we are visiting them again for a live performance of The Jungle Book which should be a super experience too.

Lastly, if you would like to see our current school fund audit please contact Mrs Stirling and she can send you a copy. Our current school fund constitution is posted on the Parent noticeboard outside the school office.

We will be seeing you all in March for Parent Contact meetings but if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning please contact me through Mrs Stirling.

I hope to see you all very soon,

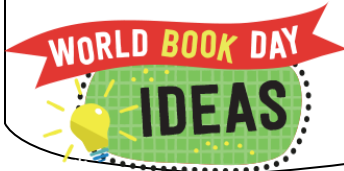
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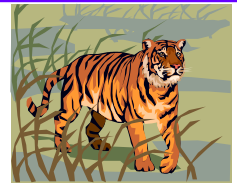
See

<http://www.worldbookday.com/ideas/>

For loads of things to read, do and make ...



Sharing our Learning Showcase



Our showcase this term will be an open evening when you can visit the class and see what the children have been working on. Please join us, on Tuesday 28.3.17 from 5-6pm Please bring friends and relatives along to meet and chat to the pupils about their skills, knowledge and attitudes.

☺ There will be animal themed home baking available to buy with funds raised going to Wildlife charities

☺ We will be performing our The Aquarium dance sequence that will be shared in Perth on 13.2.17.

Please remember to send pupils with appropriate clothing—jackets, gloves, hats and sturdy shoes for playing outside this term. We are an active school and we will always encourage the children to be outside if at all possible and get the chance to play outside in the playground. We have had some pupils who have not had sufficient layers on and have felt cold and uncomfortable.

Thank you!



Inset Days + Holidays

15th to 19th February

3rd April-17th April

1st May

Please note the dates and enjoy the break!

Parent Council News

Next meeting is provisionally on Tuesday 28th February-TBC

PE Health and Wellbeing

In P.E. the pupils are continuing to learn skills in gymnastics. We continue to run each day for 15 mins/a mile to develop stamina, fitness, cardiovascular capacity and all round feel good factor-that's your endorphins!



***Please ensure all pupils have warm leg and body clothes- leggings, tracksuit bottoms, warm tights etc. every day as we are learning out side every day and bare legs can get very, very cold...**

Active Schools

Athletics Course for teachers and parents

Wednesday 15 February 2017, 9.30am - 12.30pm

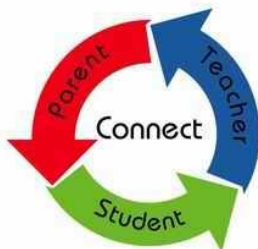
Perth High School (new games hall)

For teachers and adult volunteers who wish to deliver athletics in primary schools

This interactive and practical course is packed full of teaching tips and ideas. Each candidate receives an extensive teaching resource which includes:

- Several examples of schemes of work and lesson plans
- Over 20 activity cards covering running, jumping and throwing for pupils aged 5-12 years

Please phone Mrs Stirling if interested



Parent Contact Meetings

Meetings will be held on 20th and 21th March. Please indicate your preferred day [on form on last page](#) and we will send you out a appointment notification.



GLOW

Glow is Scotland's nationally available digital environment for learning. A Glow account provides access to a number of web services and procured resources that allow users to create, collaborate and innovate.

Take a look at his short video that gives you the key information about how **GLOW** is supporting learning in Scotland today.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6dzlVhjKoQ>

Supporting the Learning- Rachel Rowley is coordinating the PVG applications and they are being processed currently.



Interdisciplinary Learning

Biology, Expressive Arts, Literacy and Learning Outdoors are all elements of the project work this

term. The class are working in partnership with Scottish Schools Camera Trapping Project, working with Heather Hamilton, HPCLT Project Officer to capture footage of what animals might be visiting Grandtully Garden .

Opportunities to get involved:

- Mondays from 3.20-3.50 - Drop in to talk to staff about the learning
- Every Monday from 1.20-2.00 - Work with Health group to develop the life and ethos of the school
- Monday 20th and Tuesday 21th March -Meet teachers to discuss the progress of your child
- Parent Council meetings to work with other parents, community members and staff to keep improving the experiences and opportunities for the pupils, their families and the community.
- Showcase event Tuesday 28.3.17—look at the work in the class, meet other parents and pupils to share the great work the pupils are doing in school and their community.

'Housekeeping' Information

Dinner / Tuck Money

This should be paid for the week on **Mondays** or using Parent Pay online . Cheques made out to Perth and Kinross Council please.
£2.00 per meal - £10.00 for the week.

Healthy tuck is available every day and is free!

Suitable Clothing

All pupils should bring **rain jacket/coat and suitable footwear** for playtimes/lunchtimes and outdoor learning.

Lost Property

To help keep this to a minimum please have your child's name marked on sweatshirts, polo shirts and gym shoes (it makes it so much easier to match pupil to lost property). Please feel free to come in and check the lost property box if your child has missing clothing.

Indoor Shoes

Please ensure your child has an appropriate pair of indoor shoes for the classroom, every day.

PE kit

PE kit should stay in school through the week, it can be taken home on a Friday for washing. Please ensure pupils have trainers and jogging bottoms for their daily mile run – and spare socks are handy too!

Communication / Changes in Arrangements / Absence

We would really appreciate Family Folders to be returned the next day.

Please **phone in** to let us know if your child is off for any reason to ensure we know they are safe.

All absences should be followed up with a brief note to explain the reason for the absence.

Sharing Learning

Drop in to have a chat about what's going on in the classroom, look at work every Monday 3.20 -- 3.50pm

Playground

The playground is supervised from 8.45am for transported pupils. Bags can be put in from this time and pupils may use the time as a playtime.

Curriculum for Excellence

This term pupils will be asked to evidence and demonstrate how they are Responsible Citizens in their school community and will share this at an assembly on Thursday 23rd March 2107. Pupils should be thinking about how they contribute positively to ensuring their own community is a great place to live, work and play.



Parent Contact Meetings

I would prefer appointments for(pupils)

Monday 20th March from 3.30-5.30pm

Tuesday 21th March from 5.00-7.00pm

Signed.....



Your feedback is important to us....

Please return with comments, suggestions, queries and
volunteering comments...

From.....