

Coupar Angus Primary School
Newsletter 6
23 March 2015

Respect Yourself; Respect Others, Respect the Environment

Garden Room



The Shoots group in the Garden Room did a fundraiser for the John Muir Award. We raised £23.00 by selling pots of snow drops. We worked for several weeks hand painting the pots with beautiful designs. We sold the pots at the Snowdrop Bingo Tea on Friday the 27th of February. The money will

go towards our project to help pollinators like bees and butterflies.

Global Citizenship

On Monday 16th March children from the Polish Youth Group visited us. They showed P5-7 a wonderful presentation all about Poland. We heard about famous Polish people and about customs and traditions of Poland. The children also talked about their school day and the subjects that they learn about. The children were able to tell their visitors about our school day and the clubs that we have, trips that our children take part in and life in Coupar Angus. The visitors were treated to freshly made shortbread which they enjoyed very much. Members of the group also visited P2, P3 and P4 and talked with the children about life in Poland and life in Coupar Angus. They were pleased to see that we have many Polish language signs around the school and were very excited to talk in Polish to some of our children and staff. We have exchanged email information with the group and intend to keep in touch.

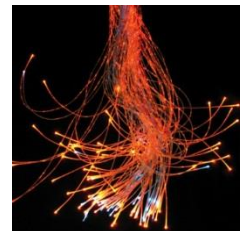
Visit the school website
www.couparangus.pkc.sch.uk

Families and Schools Together (FAST) Club

Our FAST Club has now been running for several weeks and is approaching the end of the programme. The families taking part have all reported that it has been great fun and an opportunity to get to know other families, members of the community and school staff better. The children have learned how to cook different kinds of soup. The group was recently filmed by the National Library of Scotland as part of their Lifting the Lid: History of Food and Drink project, which aims to encourage people to know the history of their food and recognise the benefits of eating together as a family and social event. Each family taking part in FAST has won a hamper with books, games, cooking utensils and soup bags. The partners in the project are Saranne Davies (Coupar Angus Youth Activities Group, Community Partner), George Mudie (Parent Partner), Mrs Barcas-Buchan (School Partner) and Miss Sinclair (School Partner/Project Co-ordinator). Coupar Angus Food Focus have donated soup bags for the hampers and CAYAG kindly provided the services of Youth Worker, Richard Cameron on cook with the children.

Rotary Club Donation

The Rotary Club have very generously donated £500 to help us refurbish our Light Therapy Room. The Rotary Club support many local groups and causes and have been generous supporters of Coupar Angus Primary School. We will use the donation to replace the fibre optic 'spaghetti' which encourages development of motor skills, helps to focus attention and provides a calming sensory experience. We will also be able to replace our



Bubble Tube which again provides a calming sensory experience for children

A Plea from P1-3 Playground Staff

When Nursery parents are dropping off or collecting their children from Nursery, can you please close and bolt the playground gates. It's everybody's job to keep children safe.

Change of Date

Please note the end of term service will now be held on Wednesday 1 April at 2pm.

Upcycling Coupar Angus

Our Upcycling Group is working on making dog blankets from old blankets and hankies and aprons from old shirts. They are learning how to use a sewing machine.

We have also had our first Make Do and Mend Day for P4-7. During the afternoon children were learning how to fix split seams, replace buttons and how to darn holes.

We have also been learning how to make items from felted wool and patchwork quilts using a technique known as strip piecing.

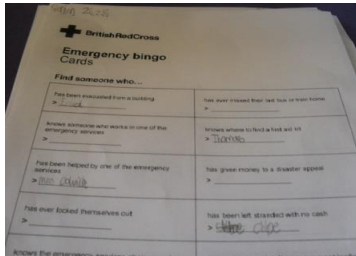
UNICEF Day for Change



On Tuesday 24th February 2015 children in classes P1- P7 learned about the different ways UNICEF help to protect children in emergencies. Through donating money to dress down for the day, attend a lunchtime disco and to make a child from loose change, the children raised over £170 . This money will provide a 'school in a box' containing materials for at least 40 children to continue their education during an emergency situation and 4 emergency water kits for families to collect, store and purify water.



During the day, children learned how to build shelters, pack a suitcase with things they would NEED in an emergency instead of things they might WANT. The older children played a game of



Emergency Bingo.

Thank you to all who took part.

Taking Action

This term, children have been involved in taking action to ensure that all children have their universal rights respected e.g. P5 have been learning about Malala and her fight to ensure children's right to an education is achieved. They are now writing to MSPs and MPs to ask them to support Send My Friend to School Campaign. They planned and carried out fundraising activities for Comic Relief. One of the activities was to design a red nose. Competition winner – Andrew Mands P6
Runners Up - Kalisha Stewart P4
Julia Olender P1S
Sikira Shanks P7

Snowdrop Bingo Tea (SOC)

A huge thank you to all who made our Snowdrop Bingo Tea such a success. We were very well supported on the night, through donations and support from businesses in the local community.

We made a profit of almost £500. This money will help fund phase 3 of playground developments.

We were also honoured to host the first public display of the fantastic Snowdrop quilt. This is such a very tangible product of what can be achieved by the whole community working together.

We raffled a 'Snowdrop Cake' that raised almost £30 for Snowdrop Festival Funds. Special thanks go to Mr F French for calling the bingo.

School Meal Price Increase

Following a Special Meeting of the Council held on 13 February 2014, it was agreed that following a school meal price freeze for 2014-15, a 10p increase would be implemented for 2015-16. The revised charging structure is detailed below for clarification.

There is a 20p increase being applied to a two-course staff meal.

School Meal Prices (from Tuesday 21 April 2015):

Nursery and P4-P7 School lunches - £2.00

P1-P3 lunches – free

Secondary School lunches* - £2.15 (two course meal equivalent)

Staff lunches* - £3.20 (two courses)

Copies of new menus/meal photos for primary and menus/price lists/*Meal Deals* for secondary schools will be available on the PKC web pages from Easter

www.pkc.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Parents are encouraged to take advantage of the P1-P3 free meal arrangement and all other free meal registered families to take full advantage of their allowance - the *free meal*

value is worth over £375 per annum per primary pupil and over £400 per annum in secondary school.

UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award

On 19 March, two assessors from UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award visited our school. They talked to staff, children, parents and community partners about the work we do, I am delighted to inform you that they were very impressed with the children, our vision and values based on respect for self, others and the environment, the involvement of children in decision making and our willingness to take action on local and global issues. They are recommending that we move from Level 1 up to Level 2 Rights Respecting Schools Award.

I would like to thank everybody for their hard work and in particular Mrs McCulloch and the children in the Rights Respecting Vertical Group.

Facebook

Over the last two weeks we have had two incidents of cyberbullying. Both incidents have been carried out over Facebook.

The first incident involved children saying unpleasant and untrue comments about another child. The second incident involved parents saying unpleasant things about a family.

No person under the age of 13 should be using Facebook and adults need to be very careful about what they place on Facebook.

To help parents and children understand the implications of inappropriate behaviour using social media we are planning some information sessions for children and parents – more details to follow. In the meantime any further incidents of cyberbullying will be referred to the police.

Every child has the right to feel safe. It is every adults duty to ensure this right is addressed.

Dates for your diary

Day/Date	Event
30 March	P1-3 Disco 6-7pm £2 entry
1 April	End of Term Service 2pm – please note change of date
2 April	School closes at 3.15 for Easter holidays
3 April	Holiday – Good Friday
20 April	In-Service Day
21 April	School restarts for children
29 April	Coupar Angus Counts Family Event 3.15-4.15pm
4 May	May Day Holiday
4- 8 May	York Trip for P7
14 May	Sports Day