

# Auchenblae School Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> September 2017



## Care Inspectorate Nursery Inspection

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we had an unannounced nursery inspection. We did very well and I would like to say a huge well done to the staff for all their hard work and dedication. The inspector was very impressed with the friendly welcome she received from all the children and enjoyed talking to them about their learning. Thank you to all the parents/carers who gave their time to talk to the inspector and fill in the questionnaires. It was a very successful visit and we received an improved rating on the themes we were inspected on.

- Quality of Care and Support– **Very Good**
- Quality of Management and Leadership – **Very Good**

Throughout the day, we received very valuable feedback and we look forward to working with you all to move the nursery forward.

## Easy Fundraiser

Easy fundraiser is exactly what it says on the tin. An easy way to raise funds! All you need to do is click on the Easy Fundraiser link on the school webpage (in the Parent Council section) and log in. When you shop online, the stores that have signed up to the scheme will donate a percentage to school.

## Parent Council AGM

We had a successful AGM with new office bearers being elected:

Co Chair – Lynne Leslie and Jennifer Taylor

Treasurer- Alyson Tulloch

Secretary – Kate Russon

A huge thank you to Paula, Dini, Sophia and Mark for all their outstanding effort over the last year.

The next Parent Council meeting will be **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm**. Please come along and support your Parent Council. Children will be looked after while the meeting takes place.

## School Photographs

Individual and siblings photographs will be taken on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> October. **The first day back from the holidays.**

## Harvest Assembly and Appeal.

This harvest we will once again be supporting our church's appeal to collect for **Aberdeen Cyrenians**. Over the next few weeks we will be collecting:

**Tins:** Tomatoes, Beans, Spaghetti, Fruit, Tuna/Fish, Soup, Puddings, Meat, Vegetables.

**Condiments:** Condiments: Cooking Sauces, Soup Mix, Rice, Pasta, Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate, Powdered/UHT Milk, Sugar/Salt/Pepper/Spices, Biscuits/Long Life Snacks, Instant Noodles, Tomato/Garlic Purees, Stock Cubes, Lentils/Pulses.

Please bring items in at any time, to add to our school display before we take them to church. The service is on Monday 2nd October at 9.30am. All are welcome to attend.



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### Times Table Olympics

Once a month the children (P2 and above) will have an opportunity to take part in our Times Table Olympics. This is a series of short tests that get progressively harder as they work through the medals. Starting at Numbers bonds to 10 to the very hard times tables sums that will earn them the coveted Olympic Champion! Some of our older children have dived straight into the Bronze medal and will be heading for Silver next.

Red Medal – Number bonds to 10

Blue Medal – Number Bonds to 20

Green Medal – 2 and 10 times table

Bronze Medal – 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times table

Silver Medal – 6, 7, 8, 9 times tables

Gold Medal – all timetables

European Champion – all times tables including multiples of 10.

Olympic Champion – 100 mixed questions (with the odd fraction for fun!)

### Developing the Young Workforce

Developing the Young Workforce is an Education Scotland led programme that has been given a prominent place in our curriculum. The headline aim of Developing the Young Workforce is to reduce youth unemployment by 40% by 2021.

In school, this means we will be supporting children in developing skills for work. This will take the form of enterprise projects, visiting work places and inviting speakers in to talk about their jobs.

It is recommended that we also develop a partnership with a local business. What this means is to be decided by the local business and school.

If you think your business might be interested in becoming our partner then please contact me at school.



### Growth Mindset

This year we will be looking at how we can all develop a Growth Mindset. Helping children and staff to develop a Growth Mindset is a proven way to help children improve their progress and attainment.

Have a look at this link to see what it is all about:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

### Dates for the diary

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent interviews
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Alec Visit
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Alec Visit
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisation – school pupils
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term 1
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of term 2 Tempest Photographer – individual and sibling photographs
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> /Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	In service days – school closed



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