

Auchenblae School Newsletter

20th May 2019

Learn together, play together, grow together



School and Nursery
aim for May:

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Self-Evaluation and Parental Involvement

This is the time of year we begin to collate data for our self-evaluation review, to find our strengths and areas for improvement. Parents are an important part of this process and with the help of Parent Council we have been exploring ways to involve all parents in the school improvement planning process. To begin, we have created a survey focussing on Literacy and Numeracy. A paper copy will be available or you can fill in an online version by following the link below. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7FZTXVX>

To encourage more participants, any replies we get will be entered into a prize draw winning £20 of Amazon Vouchers. Please note, entries are anonymous so to enter the draw you will need to send a separate email to the parent council email address. auchenblaezca@gmail.com confirming you have completed a survey.

Summer Fair

Can I say a huge thank you to all who made our School fair a success. We weather was not kind but it didn't dampen the spirits and we all enjoyed the cakes, ice creams, stalls and the unusual site of a bouncy castle in P5/6!

Bikeability

Thank you to the parents who are volunteering their time and energy in delivering the Bikeability scheme. It is great to see all the bikes in our bike shelter on Thursday and I would encourage those who have already been through the training to think about cycling to school.

Oor Wullie Statue

A huge thank you to Elaine Gowans- Ouvray and Paula Harris who came into school to help the children paint our 'Oor Wullie' statue (we will publish a picture soon!) It is looking amazing and it will become be part of a nationwide Oor Wullie trail raising money for a variety of children's hospitals including Archie's.

End of Year School reports

These will be coming out soon and we hope they let you know how your child has progressed and give you another opportunity to feedback on school.

This week, the whole school will focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Within the week, children will take part in two STEM challenges which will develop their science investigative skills while applying their maths knowledge.

During literacy, we will be investigating the wide range of STEM careers, from Archaeologist to Zoologist.

On Tuesday, P2 and P3 will also be attending a workshop hosted by Generation Science called Bricks and Blocks. In this workshop we will discover what robots are, why they are useful and how we tell them what to do.

On Thursday, the children from P2 – P7 (except P5 who will have workshops in the morning and Bikeability in the afternoon) will mix with other classes to move around a carousel of STEM activities, run by staff and parent volunteers. P1 will have workshops in the morning only as they have a visit from Child Smile.



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Nursery News

We are speeding through this last term very quickly with lots going on in nursery.

Thank you again for supporting our bake sale. We raised an incredible £113. This has been spent on lots of plants, flowers and fruit trees for the garden.

We had our snack at Isobel's Pop up café at the den. Everyone enjoyed it so much we hope to do it again near the end of term.

The boys and girls going into P1 at Auchenblae are having a great time doing activities with their buddies so they can get to know them before starting school in August. All the children are enjoying listening to the stories from the reading buddies.

We are looking forward to our trip on the 13th June to Camperdown Park.

We are focussing on a Literacy based topic this term, looking at stories by the author Julia Donaldson particularly focussing on the Gruffalo. All our learning is shared in our big book!

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22 nd May	Changing Faces Bake Sale
Monday 27 th May	P4 start their block of swimming lessons
Wednesday 29 th May	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Thursday 30 th May	P5 Forestry DYW day at the House of Dun
Wednesday 5 th June	New nursery children come for a visit.
Friday 7 th June	Sharing the Learning going out
Friday 14 th June	End of session Reports going out
Monday 17 th June	Start of P7 transition visit to Mearns
Tuesday 18 th June	Nursery to P1 transition meeting and lunch
Tuesday 2 nd July	P7 presentation afternoon
Thursday 4 th July	Nursery presentation



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