

AUCHENBLAE NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear all,

2 sleeps until Santa comes! The excitement and festivities in the final two weeks of term has really been building and what fun we have been having.

The highlights have been the nursery nativity, the P7 show 'Inter-nativity' and the trip to His Majesties Theatre in Aberdeen to see the professionals in pantomime.

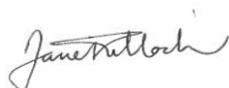
All the shows were thoroughly enjoyed - the incredible effort from all pupils and staff resulted in quite magical ambitious performances that brought smiles to many faces. These Christmas traditions bring out the best in everyone and it was so good to see how confidence had grown in each and everyone of the children. They should all be very proud of themselves.

The Pantomime in Aberdeen allowed staff and pupils in P1-7 to sit back, relax and enjoy others take to the stage. There were some quite hilarious scenes and the whole bus and theatre experience was just what was needed. It was a privilege to see faces light up and hear belly laughs at the ridiculous antics of the pantomime Dame and her side kick Smee. We are very grateful to our Parent Council for providing a significant contribution to the cost of this trip. Without this we would not have been able to facilitate such a worthwhile and memorable experience.

During this last week of term we have enjoyed Christmas crafting and had a fantastic time with our Christmas parties. All the children are well and truly ready for their holidays. The whole staff would like to thank everyone very much for all the generous gifts that have arrived in the staffroom this week - they are very much appreciated.

On behalf of everyone here at Auchenblae we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year when it comes. Enjoy all of the special things that come with Christmas, and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2023!

Kind regards,



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Beginning of term- Monday 9th January

Strike Day (schools closed to pupils) - Tuesday 10th January

Parent Council meeting - Monday 16th January 7.30pm

P1 Enrollment - Monday 16th - Friday 20th January

Burns Competition - Thursday 26th January

Nursery Enrollment Monday 23rd January - Friday 3rd February

February Break - Thursday 9th - Wednesday 15th (inclusive)

Numeracy open afternoon - Tuesday 21st February 2.15pm - 3.00pm

OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a great big, heartfelt thank you for our brilliant Parent Council that have provided so much over the last two terms. Lots of work goes into organising events and we are truly grateful for the resources and activities that we can have due to funds raised.

We want to thank the Parent Council for:

- The much-needed shelving and boxes for the garage, this is now in place and our outdoor equipment is now clearly organised and accessible.
- All the generous gifts that were given to the classes for Christmas – right now, pupils are enjoying the various games they requested. These build vital social skills, and all children were really excited to receive them this week.
- Providing the snacks for the Christmas Parties.
- Substantial contribution to our trip to THE PANTOMIME! As afore mentioned, – a very enjoyable and worthwhile addition to our festive activities.



At Auchenblae Primary we have all benefitted hugely from Seesaw for communication with parents/carers, sharing learning and also for home learning tasks.

As per the recent letter regarding its suspension, we would like to thank all parents for the valuable feedback provided. While the platform is suspended, we will be looking at other methods of communicating and reporting learning in the New Year. We will update you on our plans as soon as they are finalised. We fully realise and are disappointed by the gap that this creates and will be working hard to provide similar updates as far as possible. Your patience and support while we develop this is much appreciated.



CHILDREN IN NEED

All of our pupils enjoyed 'Auchenblae Pyjama Day' held on Wednesday the 16th of November in aid of Children in Need. We raised £330 in total from holding this event. Thank you very much to everyone that took part and donated!



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