

AUCHENBLAE NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear all,

The nights are fair drawing in, the leaves are turning, and Autumn is here. We have continued to enjoy some lovely days of sunshine in our ever-evolving school grounds. The wildflower meadow is really coming on, pupils are making full use of this area - we hope to get the rest planted up soon along with starting phase 2 of the development.

The pupils are back into the rhythms of the classroom, and I know have made plans for lots of learning and interesting enterprising projects. Our new starts in nursery have also settled in so well. I am particularly looking forward to the 'Cosy Clothes Swap' currently being organised by p2/3 and p3/4. The P5-7 have already had their first trip of the year to Aberdeen Science Centre and Duthie Park. We are not sure who enjoyed it most...the pupils or Mr Colbenson and Mrs Broomfield, who both threw themselves into all the fun! It really was a worthwhile 'hands on' visit and there was lots of learning taking place.

The rugby sessions, through our community links with Mackie RFC have been much appreciated by our P3-7 pupils. P7's are beginning to develop their roles as leaders in the school by reading with their buddies in the P1/2 class - this is a really special time to witness and is equally enjoyed by both age groups.

Please read on to discover other things that are happening in our learning community. As always, if you ever have any queries at all, please pick up the phone or send me an email and I will do my very best to try and help.



URGENT: PARENTS PORTAL

Can you please ensure that you register for Parents Portal. It is important that you complete the annual data check for your child. There is a wealth of information and access to a wide range of school-related online services via Parents Portal.

PLAY TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER, LEARN TOGETHER



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Literacy Open Afternoon: Thursday 29th September 2.00 - 3.00pm

Cosy Clothes drop off day: Monday 10th October

Cosy Clothes Swap event: Thursday 13th October 2.00 - 3.00pm

October Holidays: Monday 17th - Friday 28th October (inclusive)

Flu Vaccinations: Monday 31st October

Parent Council Halloween Discos: Friday 4th November P1-4 5:45-6:45pm
P5-7: 7.00-8.00pm

Parent Council Meeting: Monday 7th November 7.30pm

School Photographer: Monday 14th November

In-service Days: Thursday 17th & Friday 18th November

OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

PUPIL COUNCIL



The Pupil Council have had their first two meetings and have already come up with some very worthwhile ideas. Two have already been actioned and another is on its way! It was suggested that a 'Buddy bench' would be a good addition to the playground. If a child cannot find anyone to play with - they can sit on the bench as a signal that they need a friend and some kindness.

In a strange coincidence, on the day of the meeting, a letter arrived to notify us that we had been left a legacy from a former pupil called Mrs Siddley. She attended our school; in the late 1930s and early 1940s and later became a teacher. We could not think of a better way to invest this legacy than in the purchase of the buddy bench and look forward to its arrival. Mrs Siddley's generosity and kindness will live on in our playground and we are very grateful for this.

PANTOMIME



A reminder about P1-7's exciting trip to the Pantomime on Tuesday the 20th of December. If you haven't already done so, please send £10.00 for each of your children in cash or by cheque made payable to "Auchenblae School" in a clearly marked envelope. Please also complete the online consent form by following the link by **Wednesday 5 October 2022**. Huge thank you again to our Parent Council for their support, without it the trip would not be possible.

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ECO SCHOOLS



Our Eco-committee have had their first meeting and have many actions planned. This includes renewing our Eco-code, so watch this space! David from 'The Habitat People' will be meeting with them this week to discuss phase 2 of our school grounds development. One part of our wild meadow is looking good - we have spotted lots of butterflies and other interesting beasts here already! Their goal for increasing biodiversity is becoming realised.

'WRAPPER FREE WEDNESDAY'

Our Eco-committee would like to remind everyone about 'Wrapper free Wednesday'. The idea was introduced last year to significantly reduce waste in our school. We are encouraging pupils to bring snacks into school that do not have a single use wrapper. Alternatives to single use wrappers include taking snacks in tubs (fresh fruit & veg, crisps) or fruits that have their own natural wrapper such as a banana, orange etc. **Let's keep up the good work this session!**



LITERACY OPEN AFTERNOON

A reminder that in response to parent feedback, we are keen to open the school again and invite you in to see teaching and learning in action. This will give you an opportunity to see and engage in an example of literacy learning contexts with your children. **This will be held this Thursday 29th September 2.00 - 3.00pm.** *There is no pressure to stay for the full hour, many parents will have multiple classrooms to visit. Therefore, a short while to get a sense of what happens is absolutely fine.*



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COSY CLOTHES SWAP

Pupils have been learning about U.N.C.R.C.

Article 27: The right to a proper house, food and clothes.

To help families provide warm clothes this winter P2/3 and P3/4 are organising a Cosy Clothes Swap at Auchenblae School Hall on **Thursday 13th October 2022 from 2-3pm** and they need your help! They are looking for: Warm jackets, waterproof jackets, waterproof trousers/salopettes, snow boots/wellies and hats, gloves, scarves. In sizes that would fit pre-school/nursery up to P7. These clothes must be clean and good quality with working zips and fastenings. If you have any of these items that you would like to donate, please hand them into school on **Monday 10th October 2022**.

We are hoping to provide teas, coffees and biscuits for a small donation too. We hope you can help and join them on the day.



We would like to sincerely thank everyone that came to our workshop on SeeSaw last week. It was very well attended. We explored research into the significant impact that parental engagement has on learner success before looking at how SeeSaw can be used as a reporting and profiling tool to support this. We also explored briefly the role of feedback and how parents can best engage with this via the platform.

On reflection, we do wish we had more time for discussion and consultation – we packed lots of detail into one session. It was very beneficial to hear a parent’s perspective and consider how this might marry up practically in school. The discussion will help to create policy that we will share in time. We are still at the beginning of our SeeSaw journey and look forward to shaping it together.



THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

At Auchenblae, we are taking steps to ensure that children know and enjoy their rights, as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). There are 54 articles (please see below) and it is our aim to be reaccredited as a Rights Respecting School. We can do this by implementing the UNCRC into our policies and ensuring that they underpin learning and teaching practices. So far this session we have begun to introduce the children to a new article each week.

If you would like to know more about children’s rights, Aberdeenshire council are running a **Parent session on Children’s Rights - 2nd November, 4.00-5.30pm.**

Anyone interested in attending should contact christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for the meeting link. This session is for Parents/Carers, school-based staff and community learning staff. It is an opportunity to find out more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and what this means for children, parents and families within the school community. It is an interactive, discursive session and an opportunity to identify what is going well, and what needs to change.



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