

AUCHENBLAE NEWSLETTER

28TH FEBRUARY 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear all,

We hope this newsletter finds you all well. As the days become longer, we can look forward to enjoying lighter mornings and evenings. There are signs of Spring in the wildlife area as our crocus bulbs appear and the snow drops bloom.

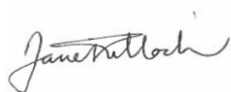
As we are now more than halfway through the term we have been reflecting on progress and all that we are achieving as a learning community. It was lovely once again to welcome all parents to our open afternoon, we invited our new QIO Jenny Glennie to attend and she commented on the positive and productive atmosphere in our classrooms where both parents and pupils were engaged in the numeracy learning. Similarly, our nursery parents enjoyed the outdoor learning session complete with fire bowl!

Please take note of the dates for the diary, due to new proposed Strike dates, we are postponing Parents evenings to next term. We would hope that an agreement will have been made by then, but new dates for parents evening will be arranged soon.

It is with reticence that we share the news that Mrs Nicoll is retiring at the end of this term. Though we are excited for Mrs Nicoll as she embarks on the next chapter of her life, we will miss her terribly, the whole school community are incredibly fond of her, particularly the children. These are big shoes to fill after 28 years of incredible service to Auchenblae School.

I hope you enjoy and are informed about other aspects of our learning community as you read on. As always – please see our Window on the Week for a weekly update on the learning that is taking place in your child's classes.

Kind regards



OUR SCHOOL VISION

'We aspire to have an inclusive, nurturing and ambitious learning environment where every member of our diverse school community can be empowered to thrive through building the resilience and skills required for successful lifelong learning'.

PLAY TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER, LEARN TOGETHER



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World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Decider skills Parent Workshops – Thursday 23rd February, 2nd, 9th and 16th March 6.30-7.30pm.

Parent Council Quiz Night – Saturday March 11th, Village Hall 7.00pm

P7 Rotary Quiz – Mearns Academy, Thursday March 16th

P1-4 Trip to Aberdeen Science Centre – Thursday March 16th

Science Week: Monday 13th – Friday 17th March

Wild Meadow digging, sowing morning: 10am, Saturday 25th March

End of term: Friday 31st March

OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY



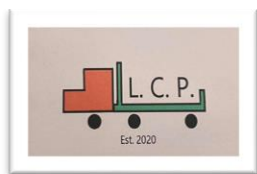
This Thursday the 2nd of March is World Book Day!

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as the character from a book. Pupils are also invited to take their favourite book in to school to discuss.



In the last two weeks the pupils have learned the first 6 Decider skills namely STOP, THIS WILL PASS, RIGHT NOW, OPPOSITE ACTION, NAME THE EMOTION and FACT or OPINION. All families should have received a booklet for reference and consolidation of skills.

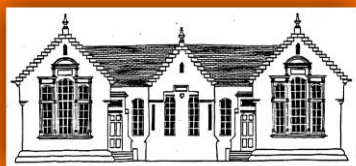
In parallel to this it's not too late to join the workshops. **These are being held in school on a Thursday evening from 6.30 -7.30pm on the following dates 2nd, 9th and 16th March.**



We would like to say a very big thank you to the organisers of the Laurencekirk Christmas Vehicle Parade who kindly donated just over £600 to our school fund. We will be adding this to our savings pot for the CleverTouch screen we hope to purchase for the Portacabin.

WILD MEADOW GROUND/SOWING PREPARATION

There is an area of our wild meadow that requires removal of some large thistles, general weeding and raking before sowing new seed before the Easter holidays. We are looking to get a squad together for the morning of Saturday 25th March from 10am. If you are able to join us your help would be greatly appreciated. We will provide refreshments and cakes!



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KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER



Emily and Molly's Krispy Kreme fundraiser was a huge success. They managed to raise £513.00

We would like to thank everyone for their support and hope you enjoyed your tasty doughnuts! Thank you to Emily and Molly too for initiating and organizing the fundraiser.



SCIENCE WEEK MARCH 13TH – 17TH

A final shout out to all parents! We are still on the lookout for volunteers to give a talk to our pupils about what their job involves and how this is linked to science and engineering. The science theme for this week is Connections and the human body.

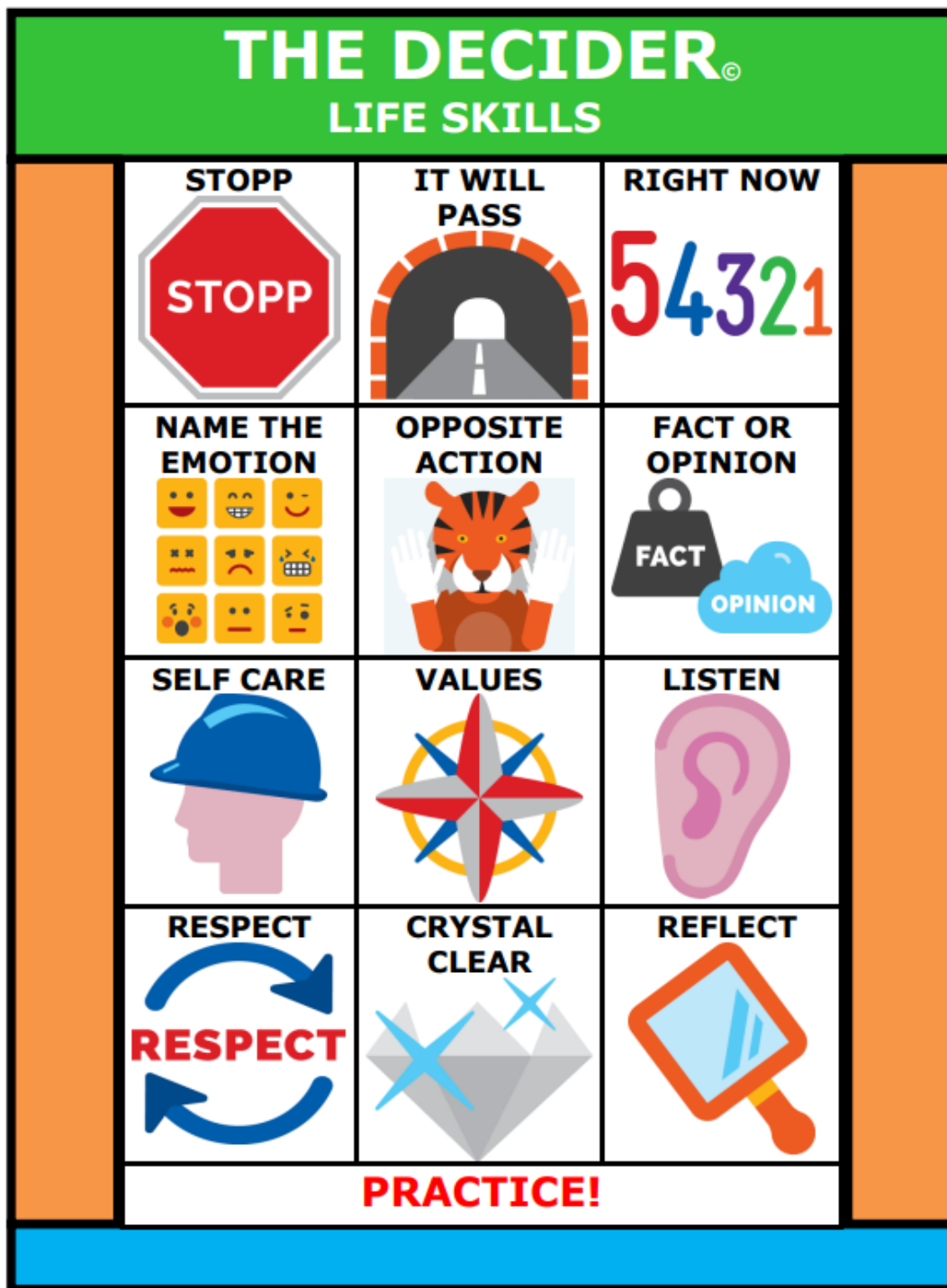
If you are keen, please do get in touch with the school.

BIKEABILITY TRAINING



We have a trainer booked to come to Auchenblae on **Thursday 27th April**. Currently we do not have enough parents to make the course viable. If you would like to, and are available to complete the training, please complete the form by following the link.

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