

AUCHENBLAE NEWSLETTER

31ST MARCH 2023



Easter ☺
Holidays

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the term, it has been a real joy to reflect on all we have accomplished since January, and it is not surprising time seems to have passed at warp speed with all we have managed to fit in!

Highlights must include the Curling Competition, Science week, creating our new school logo, learning the Decider Skills and World Book Day. Activities such as these always provide something 'extra' to the usual rhythms and routines. However, it is sometimes the usual rhythms and routines in which you find the real highlights and this term often sees the children make huge leaps of progress in both their academic studies and personal and social development and they certainly haven't disappointed this year!

Writing was an area that was most affected during lockdown and progress in this area alone is fantastic. We are seeing much more enthusiasm and motivation for writing. All the staff are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked this term. In the nursery we welcomed the Care Inspectorate and look forward to the very positive report soon.

The most significant event is the retiral of our much-loved Mrs Nicoll – she has had a lovely send off in the last two days and we wish her a well-deserved healthy and happy retirement.

We would like to wish everyone in our learning community a well-deserved and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday the 17th of April.

Jane Rutlock

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

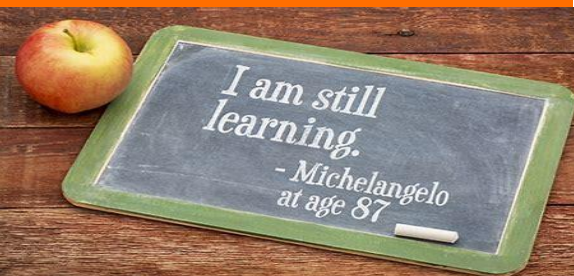


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OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS



Our Parent Council ran a very successful Pub Quiz on Saturday the 11th of March. Well done to Kayleigh on winning the Bunny that was raffled! The Gala disco is being run by the parent council and is planned for **Friday the 26th May**, there will also be a stall at the Gala on **Saturday the 27th of May**. A huge thank you for the generous donations and all the hard work that goes in to organising these events.

SCIENCE WEEK

Science week was a huge success again this year. Many thanks to the parents that gave up their time to come and speak with the pupils about their careers. This was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by everyone.

The theme this year was all about 'Connection' and as a school we looked at connections in the human body. The children enjoyed a fun-filled week of learning

To end science week we had a morning at the Den – this was particularly special as it is the first time in a few years that we had been down as a whole school. All pupils enjoyed a rotation of activities about the senses.



RAG BAG

There will be a collection for the ragbag on **Friday the 28th of April**. Please think on us if you are having a clear out during the holidays! This is a very worthwhile fundraiser for our school.



CURLING COMPETITION



On **Friday the 10th of March** we held the final of our Curling competition. Our winning team were aptly named 'The Winners' who beat 'The Curling Squad'. All involved whether taking part in a team or as part of the support on the day really lived up to all of our school values.

A big well done to all the teams that took part and also a huge thank you to Archie, Rhys, Ciaran and Jack for all their organising and Mr Colbenson for giving up so many breaktimes to provide this activity.



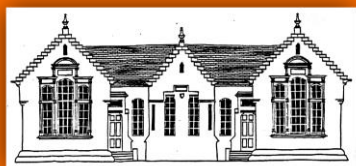
AUCHENBLAE PITCH NAMING COMPETITION

Yesterday pupils should have taken home an entry for an exciting opportunity to contribute to our community. Enjoy your research and coming up with relevant names over the holidays. We look forward to accepting entries up until Friday 21st April. Good luck!

DECIDER SKILLS

A big thank you to all parents that attended our Decider Skills workshops and special thanks to Jo Mitchell who provided her expertise in this area running it jointly with our school. We had good attendance, and the feedback has been really positive.

We look forward to embedding Decider skills into our curriculum and continue to develop resilience and positive mental health in our school.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School term starts - *Monday 17th April*

P6/7 Bike Ability - *Every Thursday, 20th April to Thursday 15th June*

Parent Council Meeting - *Monday 24th April 7.30pm*

Orienteering Afternoons (P5 - 7) - *Tuesday 25th April and Tuesday 2nd May*

Pre-school Parents transition meeting - *Friday 5th May 11.00am - 12.00pm*

Rag Bag collection - *Friday 28th April*

May Day holiday (school closed) - *Monday 1st May*

Pre-school Parents transition meeting - *Friday 5th May 11.00am - 12.00pm*

King's Coronation (school closed) - *Monday 8th May*

P1/2 Litter Muncher Show - *afternoon of Friday 19th May (more details to follow)*

School reports out- *Friday 26th May*

P5-7 First Aid Training - *Wednesday 24th May*

Gala Disco (Parent Council run) - *Friday 26th May*

Gala Day (Parent Council will have a stall) - *Saturday 27th May*

Parent Appointments - *Tuesday 30th May and Thursday 1st June*

Occasional Day - *Monday 5th June*

Sports Day - *Thursday 8th June (backup day Tuesday 13th June)*

Pre-school pupils to visit P1 class and school lunch - *Tuesday 20th June*

P7 Visit to Mearns - *Tuesday 20th June - Thursday 22nd June*

CSN Trip P7 pupils - *Monday 26th June - Thursday 29th June*

P7 Leavers Assembly - *Tuesday 4th July*

Last Day of Term 4 - *Friday 7th July*

School term starts for new session - *Tuesday 22nd August*



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