

Friday 26th May 2023



AUCHENBLAE SCHOOL

A message from the Head Teacher

Dear Families,

That is us halfway through the term! We hope you are all making the most of Gala week, there are so many fun events going on; a reminder of the fabulous community that we are part of. A number of children are excited to be getting their dancing shoes looked out for the Gala Discos being run by the parent council this evening.

The weather has really cheered up and we have had some excellent growing weather with a mix of sunny and rainy spells. Fingers crossed our newly sown area of the wild meadow will benefit. The children have been thoroughly enjoying getting on the pitch to play, and into the wildlife area for adventures.

Well done to our P1/2 class on their Litter Muncher Show, a tremendous effort from everyone and a very important message was shared about looking after our environment.

You will be receiving end of session reports later this afternoon, it was a pleasure to read about the progress and achievements over the session. Our teachers know all our children very well and this comes through in the reports. We are incredibly proud of each and everyone of them.

There are lots of things coming up over the next 6 weeks, please make note in your diaries and hold on to your hats as it will be the end of term before we know it. As always, if you have any queries about any part of school life, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Enjoy the weekend!

Kind regards, *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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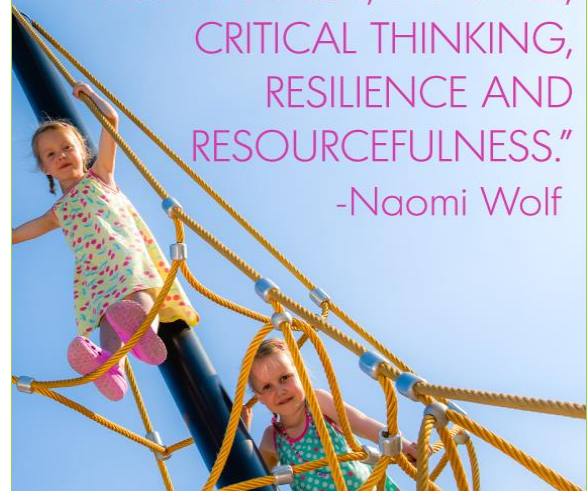
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**"OBSTACLES, OF COURSE,
ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY
NECESSARY: THEY TEACH
KIDS STRATEGY, PATIENCE,
CRITICAL THINKING,
RESILIENCE AND
RESOURCEFULNESS."**

-Naomi Wolf



OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

SCHOOLGROUNDS DAY

We had a very successful Schoolgrounds day on Saturday the 13th of May; we would like to thank the families that attended. The biggest job was the meadow, we managed to remove a whole trailer load of thistles from the meadow area and prepped it for wildflower seeds. Lots of hard work was involved! We also spruced up the front of the school by replanting all the pots with colourful flowers for bees to enjoy.



IMPROVING SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

We have really missed Seesaw this past 2 terms to communicate events, essential information and life at school in general. Until we have a suitable replacement, we would like to improve the ways in which we communicate with parents and would like your feedback and thoughts please. If you could please complete our survey by following the link below it would be much appreciated.

<https://forms.office.com/e/zJyiYch7Ey>

ORIENTEERING!

Our P5-7 enjoyed orienteering sessions with Sue Barrie this term. This was a rich learning experience covering mapping skills, teamwork, communication and developing stamina. Pupils attended an Orienteering event in the grounds of Crathes Castle last Friday where they applied all the skills learned. The sun shone and we all had a glorious time in spectacular scenery.

We also had some winners and took some medals back to Auchenblae! Katie and Jack achieved bronze for the P5 age group. Isla, Jessie and Isabelle took home silver for the P7 group. Well done to everyone that took part, as always you represented Auchenblae impeccably and gave it your all.

We would like to say a big thank you to Sue Barrie and Grampian Orienteers for organising the event and the Parent Council for funding the bus, without which we would not have been able to attend.



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SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES AND FAMILY LEARNING

Please see below the plan for assemblies for the remainder of this term. We hope that this will give you a change to reinforce and discuss topics at home should you wish to.

We will be holding achievement assemblies once a month so that children can share their successes both in and out of school with everyone. The achievements are linked with our school values and noted in a special achievement book. Pupil pictures will be put on our 'Wall of Champions'. Pupils are invited to come and tell Mrs Tulloch of their achievements so that they can be included.



Our last Rag Bag collection raised **£28.00**. We are still waiting for a date for another collection but hope to have one before the end of term. Please think on us if you are having a clear out and we will let you know the next date as soon as we know. Thank you.

Date	Assembly Themes	GIRFEC, VALUES, DECIDER SKILLS, UNCRC	Parental Engagement Support
Week 7 Monday 29th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of asking questions. Inquisitive Izzy – Why is it important to ask questions? 	VALUE/LEARNING POWER: Inquisitive Izzy DECIDER SKILLS: SELF-CARE GIRFEC: UNCRC: Article 28,29 – right to an education and to have talents/skills developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the importance of asking questions and being curious.
Week 8 Tuesday 6th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Oceans Day (8th of June) Reducing our use of plastics taking responsibility for our planet. 	VALUE/LEARNING POWER: Respectful Ralph DECIDER SKILLS: VALUES GIRFEC: SAFE UNCRC: Article 6 – right to survive Article 24 – right to a clean environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore and discuss as a family how you might reduce the use of single use plastics.
Week 9 Monday 12 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respecting each other's differences (Dyslexia Assembly) 	VALUE/LEARNING POWER: Eco-Eddie DECIDER SKILLS: LISTEN GIRFEC: Responsible UNCRC: Article 28,29 – right to an education and to have talents/skills developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce the importance of diversity to our society. Talk about your talents, skills, and interests
Week 10 Monday 19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindness Challenge 	VALUE/LEARNING POWER: RESPECT DECIDER SKILLS: Safe Serle GIRFEC: INCLUDED UNCRC: Article 31 – right to leisure, play and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce the importance of kindness and how we demonstrate respect.
Week 11 Monday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement Assembly 	VALUE/LEARNING POWER: Supportive Sonny DECIDER SKILLS: OPPOSITE ACTION GIRFEC: ACHIEVING UNCRC: Article 28,29 – right to an education and have talents/skills developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate achievements and learning powers used to achieve.
Week 12 Tuesday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leavers Assembly 	VALUE/LEARNING POWER: Persistent Parker DECIDER SKILLS: FACT or OPINION GIRFEC: ACHIEVING UNCRC: Article 28,29 – right to an education and have talents/skills developed	

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School reports out- *Friday 26th 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 9.30am – 12.00pm (backup day Tuesday 13th June)*

Neurodiversity Day - Dress as you please - *Friday 16th June*

Family BBQ - *Friday 16th June 4.30pm onwards*

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*

Thank you Tea - *Friday 30th June 10am**

P7 Leavers Assembly - *Tuesday 4th July 2.00pm-3.00pm*

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

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

*Everyone that has helped support school activities this year is warmly invited to attend a special thank you tea for giving up their time to help with parent council, discos, school grounds, supporting workshops, Bikeability, Science week, talks in school etc. If you have helped support the work of the school in any capacity, we would love to say thank you on Friday 30th June from 10-11am by coming together for an informal cuppa and fine piece with our P7s to express our gratitude.

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