

# Auchenblae School Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> January 2016



## *A guid New Year to ane an`a` and mony may ye see!*

Although rather belated, Happy New Year to you all. We have started this year with a celebration of the Scots language culminating in the Scots Poetry Recital Competition. Well done to all those who learnt their poems and a special well done to the finalists and eventual winners. The judges, Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Mennie and Mrs McLaren were very impressed with the standard of performance this year. They also made a very nice comment on the respect the children showed each other during the event. Weel done!

### **Nursery News**

We started the term learning some Scottish words, songs and traditions. We tasted Scottish foods, baked our own oatcakes, had a ceilidh and invited Sheila to show us how to play the Chanter and Bagpipes. P1 girls then treated us with some Highland Dancing.

We are now learning about winter and thinking about how different animals stay safe and warm. After the mid-term break we will be finding out about people who help us.

### **Highland Games**

Well done to the Sports Committee and Miss Currie for organising the first (hopefully annual) Auchenblae Highland Games. The first day was rained off but we look forward to a drier day when we will be tossing cabers, flinging wellies and testing our strength on the school field.

### **Active Schools**

Look out for leaflets advertising Morning Multi Sports club and Hip Hop club coming soon. Thank you to the parents who volunteer their time to run these events. If you would like to volunteer for any of our clubs please contact school.

### **Abernethy News**

Just a reminder that the January payment is due for Abernethy. Thank you to all those who have paid so far.

On a personal note, I won't be able to go to Abernethy again this year as I am expecting another addition to my family in June!

### **Next Terms Key dates:**

Mid-term break: 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February  
2016

Occasional Day 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Last Day of term 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016

### **Staffing**

We say goodbye and Good luck to Elaine, one of our fabulous kitchen ladies who has moved to Redmyre.

We say hello to Miss McGillis our new Cello Tutor

P6/7 are still waiting for the paperwork to allow Miss Calhoun to start but, fingers crossed, it will be any day soon.



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## Sewing Club

The sewing club are looking for materials to upcycle two chairs which will be auctioned for charity.

If you have anything we can use please can you bring them into school. Thank you.

## Parent Council News

Netball for girls is at Mearns Campus every Friday night, 5.00pm-6.00pm and we are looking for new members. If you are in P4 to P7 and you are interested, please pop along. Your first two introduction sessions are free.

Football is in full swing and has seen a friendly match between a mixed P4 to P7's team and a S1 and S2 team from Mearns thank you to all involved.

Football for P1 to P3 now has a waiting list. If you would like your child's name added to the list please contact Paula, Susan Maynard or Steph. Thank you Susan and Steph for the offer of taking the weekly register. It's also good to have the offer of Dads getting involved (thank you Dads).

Karen has now handed over the running of the latter session to Amanda Watter's. We would like to say a huge thank you for your weekly support.

Our next PC meeting will be 18th Feb 3:30pm in School

Looking forward to hearing some new ideas,

Paula



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