

Auchenblae School

Newsletter

9th October 2015



We have been busy this term with a wide range of exciting events and topics. We enjoyed a visit from the Alec Caravan, Portlethen Panthers Basketball team, Child Line, First Aid and a big green tractor. We have been to Mearns Library, the Church and the Den. We have enjoyed taking part in the Sponsored walk, World Porridge day and the Harvest festival. We have been inspired by the Rugby World Cup, eagerly following our team and joining into lunchtime challenges. We have started the journey to achieving Sport Scotland Gold award. We have benefitted from a Kodaly specialist teacher, Craft club and Cross Country club. We have learnt about Global Goals and the right to an education and had our voice heard in the Big Conversation. We have helped our community by litter picking in the school and Den and become Young Aberdeenshire Volunteers. We raised money by hosting a coffee morning for Macmillan. We have learnt about volcanoes, rainforests and autumn. All these events have enhanced and enriched our curriculum and we look forward to another full and challenging new term ahead. Enjoy the break.

Staffing

This week we say good bye for now to Miss Thomson who starts her maternity leave for the rest of the session. We hope she has time to relax before welcoming a new baby into the world and we all cannot wait for her first visit.

Mrs Millard has been appointed as our new acting DHT. Mrs Millard will unfortunately need to work her notice at her current school so won't be able to start until two weeks into term. Mr Forrester will be covering the teaching commitments in the meantime.

Visiting Specialist teachers

Over the last few years Aberdeenshire's Education and Children services has been reviewing how they deliver teacher's McCrone (planning and preparation) time. For many years this has been delivered by a Visiting Specialist teacher who would come in and teach a specific subject such as drama, music, art or PE. From next term this will change and the class teacher will deliver these subjects. We will no longer have Mrs Robertson, Mrs Miller and Mrs Morrison visiting our schools but we will have a new permanent member of staff, Mr Colbenson, joining us for three days a week from Wednesday to Friday. When Mr Colbenson starts we will decide which subjects he will teach.

I would like to thank the Visiting specialist staff on behalf of the children and you for all their work and expertise they have given our children over the years. We will still see Mrs Quinn (French) every third week who will be working alongside our teachers to help deliver French to all our children.

Nursery News

We had good support from parents during the come to play week and the Macmillan Coffee morning and raised £91.71.

The children have settled well and we look forward to a great next term.



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Parent Council News:

Parent Council are getting geared up for the up and coming "Scare Fest"

October 31st will see some spooky fun and games inside the Haunted Village Hall between 1:30pm -3:30pm. Come along if you dare!!

Tickets are on sale in the local shop priced at £2.50 each. To promote the Scare Fest we are selling squares priced at £1.00 in the shop, the prize is a fantastic toy hamper containing lots of Minecraft goodies and lots more.

Thank you to the P6/7 year group for taking time to design the brilliant posters. The winning one (Rebecca's) has now been placed around the village. Good work.

As always the committee will be dressing up for this event. We would like to thank the many volunteers who have offered to help support this event, an email will be out soon.

Thank you to all who took part in the sponsored walk total monies raised is a massive £2,000 thank you for organising this Sue Barrie.

Netball are looking for new members from P4 to P7 year group , why not come along and have two free sessions on a Friday between 5.00pm to 6.00pm during term times at Mearns Sports Hall £2 per session.

Just for fun, a game of rounder's is being offered to P1 to P7 year groups starting every Tuesday for 3 weeks 27th October until 10th November 3:15pm-4:15pm. Please check your child's pack for details.

Info on all our events is pinned in the new playground notice board.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be on 12th Nov 3:30pm.

Thank you

Paula

Dates Term 1 2015/16:

9 th October	P5-7 First aid training
9 th October	World Porridge Day
9 th October	Last day of term
26 th October	First day of New term
31st October	Halloween Scare Festival and Disco
2 nd November	Tempest Photography will be in school.
11 th November	Flu Immunisation Programme
12 th November	P6 science visit to Mearns
16 th November	Inservice day – School Closed
17 th November	Inservice Day – School Closed
8 th December	Pantomime – Arbroath
22 nd December	Last Day of term



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