

# Auchenblae School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> October 2016



## End of term 1

Term one is rapidly coming to an end. It has been a quick term with lots going on in school. The children certainly deserve their up coming holiday.

### Nursery

Both nursery classes organised a Macmillan Coffee morning/afternoon. The children baked lots of lovely treats for pupils, staff and parents. They raised £200 and would like to thank everyone who attended for their generous donations.

Both nursery classes also hosted a 'Stay and Play' for their parents. The sessions were very successful and the feedback was very positive.

In the interests of safety, it would be greatly appreciated if the nursery entrance areas could be cleared as quickly as possible. The entrance area, both inside and outside, can become very crowded during drop off and pick up time and it would make these times run more smoothly.

### Admin Requests

#### School Buses

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the school office know if your child's travel plans change and they are not going home on the bus. We need parental permission to change the travel plans and allows the children to get home quicker.

#### Contact Information

If any of your contact details change then please let us know. This can include addresses, phone numbers and emails.

#### Reply Slips

To allow the school office to organise events, it would be greatly appreciate if reply by dates could be adhered to. The dates allow the office time to make any arrangements.

## In the classes

Sharing the Learning jotters and the parents meetings hopefully allowed you to see what your child/ren have been covering individually this term. In addition, each class has been thinking about what they have enjoyed this term. Obviously the Friday Den sessions were high on their list, as well as Roald Dahl day. Here is a mini glimpse into each class.

Nursery Classes – Both classes have enjoyed making a big book about Night and Day

P1 enjoyed exploring 2D and 3D shapes.

P2/3 are enjoying their new Class Dojo points system.

P3/4 enjoyed participating in a class debate, which they then turned into a piece of persuasive writing.

P4/5 enjoyed creating a Harvest piece of artwork that was inspired by Gustai Klimt's 'Tree of Lie'

P5/6 enjoyed hosting Roald Dahl day and their trip to Satrosphere.

P6/7 enjoyed weaving using twigs and wool. Many of them would like to make another piece of weaving.



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### Den Fridays

The Friday sessions in the Den have been a huge success. All of the classes have been engaged in exciting learning activities such as PE, Art, Writing and even some Maths.

The sessions would not have been possible without the support of many parents. We would like to thank all the parents who have helped, both in the Den and in the classrooms, this term. We hope that you have enjoyed the sessions.

### Sports for Champions

Our Sports for Champions day certainly had us all sweating. The fitness circuit was definitely a challenge but good fun. We raised a fantastic £800.

The inspirational assembly from Kimberley Renicks certainly made us all think about where hard work and dedication can lead. Hearing about her daily training schedule made the fitness circuit seem easy.

We also learned a lot about Judo and the level of respect that the competitors have for each other. Judo will not feature in the next Commonwealth Games, but hopefully we will see Kimberley represent Great Britain in Tokyo 2020.

### Roald Dahl Day

Roald Dahl day saw an array of fantastic costumes. Everyone put in a lot of effort and looked amazing.

The day started with an assembly from P5/6. They created a very detailed PowerPoint on the life of Roald Dahl. They even created an interactive quiz for the audience as well as a new version of *Chinese Whispers*.

P5/6 also organised activities for the whole school during the afternoon. The class created four different workshops that the whole school moved around.

The four activities were based on famous Roald Dahl novels. There was a chocolate bar challenge from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, a dream jar challenge from The BFG, a whole school art activity and a treasure hunt relating to Danny the Champion of the World.

The children put in a lot of hard work to create their workshops and did a great job organising the rest of the school. The activities certainly received a lot of positive feedback from the pupils and the staff. We have some amazing managers amidst us, even some potential teachers!!

### Harvest Service

The Harvest Church service was on Monday and we would like to thank Brian Smith, the minister, for the service. The food bank donations were greatly appreciated and made a good display at the front of the church. The food bank donations will now be forwarded to Aberdeen Cyreians.

### Winter Weather

Winter is fast approaching and we would like to remind the children to come dressed in the appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. It's certainly been much colder this week and we have noticed a few children coming to school without jumpers and jackets.

As the pitch and woodland area are becoming wetter and muddier, the children should remember to bring waterproofs and wellies to school if they wish to play in these areas. The children will be allowed to change into their clothing before break time and lunchtime. If anyone has any old/spare waterproofs or wellies that they no longer require, then we would happily use them. All donations would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, remember to think about your safety when travelling to and from school. If you are walking or cycling, always make sure you are visible in the darker months and can be seen easily by motorists. Reflective or brightly coloured clothing, as well as bike lights, will help you to be easily seen.



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## Parent Council

Following the AGM held in September, the following roles were appointed and we would like to welcome everyone on board.

Mark Strickland & Paula Harris - Joint Chair people

Dini Dubber - Treasurer

Sophia Sives – Secretary

Football will be heading inside over the winter. A note will be coming home to update you on the timings, location and cost of these sessions.

Halloween Scarefest will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall from 2.00pm-4.00pm. P1 – P7 children can purchase tickets from the local shop at £2.50 per child.

Winter Wonderland will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 2.00pm-4.00pm. The entry cost will be donations only and all are welcome.

## Parking

Anyone wanting to get involved in any event, please contact Paula Harris, Mark Strickland or email your contact details to: [garynpaula@btinternet.com](mailto:garynpaula@btinternet.com)

Just a reminder that the zig zag lines should not be parked on outside school, even at drop off and pick up times.

They are there for the safety of the children and other road users.

## Dates for the Diary

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| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October                              | Last day of term 1  |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October                             | First day of term 2   |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October                             | Halloween 'Scare Fest' Disco, 2.00pm-4.00pm in the Village Hall |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Teacher training days – school closed                           |
| Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October                             | Tempest Photographer in school – Individual Photographs only    |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November                          | Flu Immunisations   |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December                           | Winter Wonderland 2.00pm – 4.00pm                               |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December                             | School Christmas Church Service                                 |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                           | Pantomime Trip to Arbroath                                      |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                             | Community Christmas Church Service                              |

## Reminder - Dates for Session 2016/17

- **October** - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016
- **Christmas** - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016 to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017
- **Mid Term** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- **Spring** - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- **May Day** - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017
- **Summer** holidays start Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

## In-Service Closure Dates for 2016/17

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- Occasional days school closed Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- Occasional days school closed Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February
- Midterm school closed Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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## **Feedback**

We welcome feedback on how we are doing and will use this to plan for improvements. Please note any points you have for the areas listed below and return to the school office.

Friday afternoon sessions in the Den

Sharing the Learning Books

Any other comments about school



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