

Fernielea Features

March 2014



If you have any comments about any of the information please let us know

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Thank you all for your patience last week when we had a problem with our water. Apparently a contractor at the new building development off Countesswells Road had gone through one of the mains water pipes and our school along with about 2000 home were effected. The water only came back on at 3.50pm in the afternoon. I appreciate how difficult it is for parents, and appreciate all you support. On the positive side it allowed us to check the efficiency of our emergency procedures. It highlighted that a few parents had not updated contact numbers, which have now been done. The Groupcall text worked for almost everyone - if you think you are not being included in the list, please contact Mrs Smith or Mrs Reid in our school office.

Staffing

Last week we said farewell to Mrs Emma Morrison, as she has a new post in Aberdeenshire, much closer to her home. Mrs Morrison has taught at Fernielea School for the last 8 years and had contributed to us moving forward our science curriculum. For one session she taught all classes science which was the start of our significant improvements in that curricular area. I would like to thank Mrs Morrison for all her hard work and we wish her well as she starts her new post.

School Visits - Consent Forms

Thank you to everyone who has returned the consent forms for school visits. We are still waiting for a few to be returned. As the weather is improving and we plan to have more children going out and about the local area I would appreciate if you could make sure that your child's form has been returned to school.

Parking

Yet again we have had another very near miss in the car park at the front of the school with a pupil walking through the car park on the instruction of her parent. **NO CHILD SHOULD BE WALKING THROUGH ANY CAR PARK UNACCOMPANIED.** This is for the safety of your child.

I am also aware that there are still parents blocking the exit on Stronsay Drive, although the builders may not be working we need entry points for emergency vehicles at all times. This also applies to parents using the Out of School Club before and after the school day.

PLEASE support us in this safety matter keeping your child safe.



Living the Olympic
and Paralympic Values



Commonwealth Update

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting us with some of our Commonwealth Activities. The first challenge this year was to create a message from our school to go inside the ASG Commonwealth Baton.

Some of the quotes / messages were very inspirational and it was finally decided that the message from Fernielea will be :

**Believe in your dreams, but most of all believe in yourself and remember
Win if you can,
Lose if you must
But never quit.**

If you always try your best you will always be a winner.

Well done and thank you to Laura Cameron in P5, Stephanie Innes in P2D and Ellie Simpson P1S for their winning contributions.

We hope this will inspire our P6 children when they are at our ASG Games at Hazlehead Academy in June to be great athletes and try their best.

This week almost all our children wore their trainers to support the countdown to the Commonwealth Games. Again the trainer competition was well supported. The designs were judged in 2 age groups - Nursery - P3 and P4 - 7. Well done to the winners (see their pictures below).

N - P3

- 1st Luca Bancroft (P3)
- 2nd Morgan Low (Red Nursery)
- 3rd Alfie Morgan (P2D)

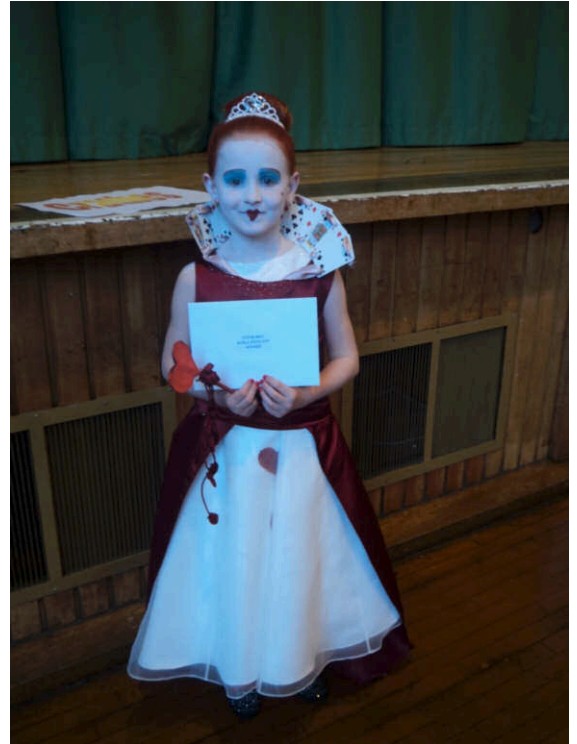
P4 - P7

- 1st Cameron Harold (P7)
- 2nd Simon Romantico (P4)
- 3rd Faye Catto (P4)



On Thursday morning this week we received the ASG baton. All the children from Nursery to Primary 7 welcomed the runners from Hazlehead Primary School. It was a dry day more photos and the story in the next newsletter!

World Book Day



Thank you to everyone who supported our children dressing up on World Book day last week - we had great fun guessing the characters from different books! There were some amazing and creative costumes.

Vouchers for Schools

We have already started collecting Sainsbury vouchers for schools. At our last pupil council meeting children were once again requesting more equipment for playtime. This is a great way we can get some of these toys for free!

If you or members of your family shop at Sainsbury please can you collect the vouchers and send them into school.

Eco Update

We went to Hazlehead Primary School to watch a fashion show. The children set a challenge to make new clothes out of old clothes and curtains. It was good fun to watch. We liked the outfit which had really high heels, because it was really funny and the boy struggled to walk. We learned that you shouldn't throw old clothes and material away because you can reuse it. Maybe we will have a go soon!

By Bradley and Skye P3 Eco reps



Dates

13 March	ASG Commonwealth baton arrives at Fernielea
1 April	P1 - 7 reports issued
4 April	School Closes for Easter holidays
21 April	School Closed - Local Holiday
22 April	School reopens for Summer Term
2 May	In-service Day - school closed to pupils
5 May	Public Holiday - School Closed
8 May	Parents' Evening
22 May	European Elections - School Closed
3 July	P7 Leavers Assembly
3 July	Parent Council - School Disco
4 July	Last day of term