

Fernielea Features

Happy Safe Achieving



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It's hard to believe that the clocks went back last weekend! Where has this term gone? Well, it has been very busy in all our classes, more recently with Red Nose Day fun and also our Technology Showcase. Both these items are on our website and I've included the link here for your convenience <http://fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk>

This last week of term is always busy, we have our P3 classes finishing their learning about Aberdeen by touring many of the places they have been learning about, our Parent council are hosting an Easter Bonnet parade on Wednesday afternoon in the school hall and then P3R will be leading our Easter celebrations in Summerhill Church on Thursday morning. School finishes on Thursday at the normal time for the Easter Holidays. I hope we will all get some good weather to allow us all to enjoy the break.

Staff

Firstly, congratulations go to Kathleen our nursery nurse who got married earlier this month. Kathleen is now Mrs Reynolds. It was a beautiful, joyous sunny day for Kathleen and her family. Also, good luck to Mrs Craig who will be starting her maternity leave during the Easter Holidays. We look forward to hearing news of the new addition to the Craig family. I would also like to congratulate our students -Miss Manifold, Miss Ross and Miss Waddell for joining into the life of our school over the last few months.

Parent Council

On Wednesday 01 April, our Parent Council have organised a Daffodil Tea in aid of MacMillan Cancer where the children can take part in our Easter Bonnet parade. Please help to support this worthy charity.

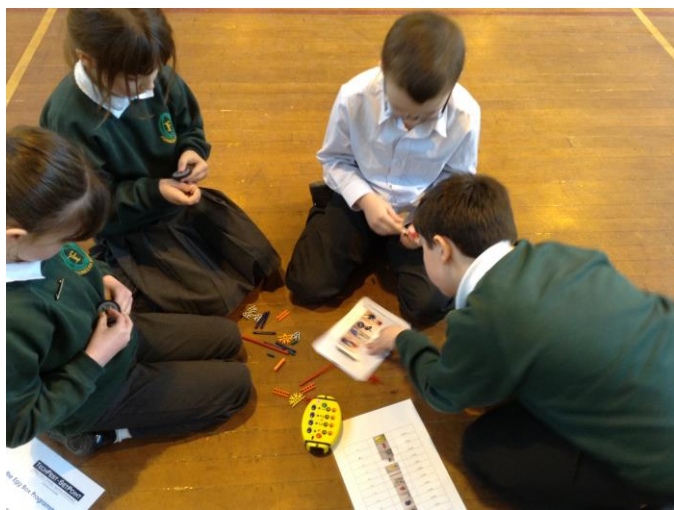
Signage Around School

You will hopefully have noticed the new signs around the entrances of the school to support our Health and Safety requests about pedestrians using the proper paths (NOT walking through the car parks) and also closing gates to ensure all our children are safe. Please help us with this.

Technology Week

All our parents comments about our technology week were very positive. This as you may know has been the result of us developing out technology programme of work across the school year and Miss Thomson is teaching most classes every week. The children who ran the stalls were all very knowledgeable and confident about the learning which supported their work. I would like to thank all our visitors over the week and Miss Thomson for co-ordinating the event.

Enjoy some of the photos



Cross Country Run

On Friday 13 March Miss Hodge, Mrs Angus and Miss Thomson took a group of P5 - 7 children to the Cross Country Championships at Balgownie Playing fields. Once again our children represented the school really well and managed the challenges of a very tricky cross country course. It's always a difficult skill to pace yourself well and the staff were very impressed with how well the children ran.



Comic Relief

Please visit our website and have a browse through our Red Nose Day celebrations. There were some fantastic "funny faces". We took class photos - some of them are entertaining! On the day, we collected £297.49. Sainsbury's kindly donated some Red Nose goodies, albeit, after the event and these were sold during break time last Wednesday and raised a further £56. This now gives a total of £353.49 which we will be sending to Comic Relief. Thank you for your support.



New School Meal Menu

Your child should bring home the new menu for the summer term before the holidays. We will also post this on the school website. There is a significant change to the menus for the summer term. Please have a look at them with your child so they know what there is available for lunch. This avoids children being upset at lunchtime.

Holiday dates for session 2015 - 2016

The main dates for the holidays for next session have been approved by the council. Please note that next session there is a significant change with no September holiday weekend.

Four inservice days are yet to be agreed.

<u>18 August 2015</u>	School starts for pupils Term 1
12 - 23 October	Holiday
26 October	School starts for pupils Term 2
21 December - 5 January	Holiday
<u>6 January 2016</u>	School starts for pupils Term 3
15 February	Holiday
25 March	Holiday (Good Friday)
4 - 15 April	Holiday
18 April	School starts for pupils Term 4
02 May	Holiday
1 July 2016	Last day of term

Dates for your diary

02 April	School Closes for Easter Holiday (Good Friday 03 April)
20 April	Summer Term Starts
01 May	Inservice Day - School Closed
04 May	May Day Holiday - School Closed
07 May	Election Day - School Closed
14 May	Parents' Evening
21 May	P7 pupils Transition Visit to Hazlehead Academy
25 May	P7 Residential Week at Ardeonaig
2 June	Sports Day P1- 7 - weather permitting
24 - 26 June	P7 pupils to Hazlehead Academy -3 day visit
02 July	Parent Council Disco
03 July	School Closes for Summer Holidays
17 August 2015	Inservice Day
18 August	School starts for pupils

Please try to take your holiday during the children's breaks as holidays during term time will usually be classed as unauthorised.