

# Fernielea Features

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

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It was great to see almost all of our parents at our second formal parents' evening earlier this month. We launched our new school website

[www.fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://www.fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk)

We hope that you will find the information you require about our school available there. Every class now has a class blog, where information will be posted regularly to allow you to see what your child has been learning in school. Class newsletters will be posted here as well. Last Friday all the classes went on line to have a look.

As part of our school improvement plan this year, every week children review their learning in their profile jotter or on their personal GLOW blog. Evidence shows that through spending a little time every week reflecting on new learning, children have a deeper understanding and better recall of new pieces of information. If you spend a little time with your child looking at their class blog on line, they can explain to you what they have been doing at school. This again will reinforce new learning and allow you to chat confidently to your child.

Please have a look! Thanks to Mr Robertson and all the teachers who have worked hard to create the new website and class blogs. We will continue to develop and update information so please log in regularly, and if there is anything you would like to be added, please let us know.



**Welcome to Fernielea**

If this is your first visit, then take the time to explore our website and become aware of the wide variety of learning activities on offer at our school from Nursery through to Primary 7, particularly our new Class Blogs. We welcome any feedback on our website, which we are adding to and improving regularly.

Fernielea School serves the Summerhill area of Aberdeen City. The school was built in the early 1960's and is of traditional build with two nursery classes and ten primary classes. The school roll is currently around 330.

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## Your Views Count!

Thank you to everyone who completed questionnaires at parents evening. This year we had different questionnaires for nursery and primary school parents. Your responses really allow us to reflect on our practice and make appropriate changes if necessary.

From the school questionnaire, the newsletters are obviously giving you information about the science being taught in most classes as 90% of parents who responded were aware of the science being taught in classes. I was delighted at again 90% of children are talking to you about their science experiences in school. However, only 16% of children are getting any scientific experiences out of school, most of these being our own science club. A few children had been going to Satrosphere which was encouraging. 64% of parents would like to have more information about science at school. We will try and organise an event next school session to share this with you.



## Access to the internet

Almost all parents and pupils have access to the internet. I appreciate that a few parents indicated that they supervise internet access. This is what we would certainly be recommending. Last school session all our P5 - 7 pupils were given talks about internet safety and all class teachers warn children frequently about safe use of the internet when at home. In school we only have access to secure sites and many sites children access at home are blocked. As all our children are under 13 no-one should have a Facebook account, however I am aware that some parents have approved this for their child. Please make your child aware of the difficulties which can arise from social network sites and supervise your child closely.

We have leaflets in school **How to stay smart and safe online** - to support parents in this area or you can access this through [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk).

## Nursery

Nursery parents were asked for their views on their child's Learning Journey. This is a folder where examples of work show new learning and achievements both in and out of school. Our nursery pupils are encouraged to share them regularly with their parents, and have the opportunity every Wednesday, during our "Wednesday Wander". It was very encouraging to see that 97% of parents who responded had looked through their child's learning journey, and 90% of parents had taken the folder home to look at in greater detail. 63% of parents responded that they had added additional information about their child into the folder which is great as it is a shared document. However only 40% of parents had managed to come along to the Wednesday Wander. This number was particularly low, however, parents did reflect that they were happy that they were aware what their child was doing at nursery.



## Commonwealth Baton Relay

We had a wonderful day taking our commonwealth baton from Fernielea up to Kingsford at the end of April. Although it was a foggy day the pictures tell the whole story! It was great to see parents cheering us on along the route!



As a final celebration of all our work looking at the Commonwealth over the year our P6 children will be attending an ASG Commonwealth Games at Hazlehead Academy on 17 June. There will be an opening ceremony where all the baton messages will be read out, with some dancing and singing. We hope it will be a memorable experience for our pupils, as well as giving them their first experiences of our local secondary school.

## Class Assembly

P2P led the school assembly last Friday. They retold the story from the bible about the Wise man and the Foolish man. Although a number of the children were absent from school the class all worked together and performed really well. Leading our school assembly develops children's confidence! The class did a great job - well done!



## Sports Day

Our plan for School Sports day this year will be to link in with the Commonwealth Games. Although the weather hasn't been great over the last few weeks, we hope that the grass will be dry and we will manage to get outside and practise!

Weather permitting

Tuesday 10 June	10.00 - 11.00	Primary 1 - 3
Tuesday 10 June	1.30 - 2.30	Primary 4 - 7
Wednesday 11 June	10.30 - 11.15	Morning Nursery classes
Wednesday 11 June	2.00 - 2.45	Afternoon Nursery classes

If the weather is not good on those dates we will try again on Tuesday 24 June for the Primary classes and then on Wednesday 25 June for the Nursery. Let's hope that the sun shines and we can all enjoy ourselves. The Cocket Hat, our business partner will be supporting us with fruit for the children.

## Engineering 'n' Our Lives

All Primary classes are going to be involved in a very exciting Engineering Week next week. We are very fortunate that some engineers from Chevron will join us and share their practical experiences. Classes will be set a challenge and children will work in groups to solve the problem involving everyday engineering. The programme will be delivered by Techfest-Setpoint and Live Wire Productions. The aim of the week is to teach our children how engineering links materials to everyday things. Please ask your child about this!

## Dates for the rest of this school session

7 June	Parent Council Family Fun Day 10 a.m. - 12 noon
10/11 June	School Sports
3 July	P7 Leavers Assembly
3 July	Parent Council - School Disco
4 July	Last day of term

We now have the **Inservice days** for next session confirmed

**Dates for next session are:**

Monday 18 August 2014

Monday 17 November 2014

Tuesday 17 February 2015

Wednesday 18 February 2015

Friday 1 May 2015

## PLEASE NOTE:

The school **may** be closed on Thursday 18 September for Election purposes.