

# Fernielea Features

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It's hard to believe that we're at the end of September already! It has been a really busy term in school with a number of trips out of school and lots of new learning taking place in all the classes from nursery to P7. We now have 1 week until the October holidays and may I remind all parents that the weather is turning more autumnal and so every child should have a coat with them at school. We try to get the children outside to play in all weathers so being wrapped up warm is important.



It was great to see so many parents at our Parent's Evening last week. We had a very successful evening and the feedback from parents through the questionnaires was very positive. It is important that we get feedback from parents and children so that we can plan for future improvements.

Thank you also to those brave parents who volunteered to come into school in Term 3 to talk to children about their job. We will be in contact with you nearer the time. Our Early Learning team held curricular workshops to share the work we do in school with parents, and the evaluations show that these were very useful. Childsmile also came along to talk about dental health. It is always surprising to find out how much sugar is in drinks and food.



Questionnaires were issued to all parents in the Early Learning Classes to gather views on the Early Learning setting. Please ensure you return these to the box in the cloakroom area. Feedback will be shared and we will also display any planned improvements in the Nursery cloakroom and on the blog for you to see.

## Be Prepared!

Recently we have had an increase in parents dropping off items to the office that their child has forgotten. We have also had a significant increase in phone calls regarding arrangements changing for picking up children at the end of the day. Whilst we appreciate that plans can change and things can be forgotten, please try to keep this to a minimum as it can be disruptive to the already very busy office.





## Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Consultation

Aberdeen City Council is carrying out a statutory consultation exercise linked to the Scottish Government's programme for the expansion of early learning and childcare. The Government's intention is to expand the offer of funded early learning and childcare to 1140 hours per annum for some two year olds and all three and four year olds, whose parents want such a service by 2020.

It is important that they gather information from parents, carers and potential future parents regarding how best services could be provided. A series of consultation events have been organised to consider the Scottish Government's programme of expansion of early learning and childcare entitlement. A Survey Monkey questionnaire has also been launched to gather as many views as possible.

They have undertaken a strategic review of existing services and options related to the delivery of expanded provision have been identified. They would be extremely grateful if you complete the Survey Monkey questionnaire by clicking on the link below and give them your views on how best expanded services might be delivered in your area. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FZZR7S5> The survey will be open for 6 weeks until Friday 28th October 2016.

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council met on Friday for the first time this session. Unfortunately there was not the required number of Parent Council members present so the meeting could not go ahead.

Moses Ida-Michaels (Zebida P3, Talia P6 & Adia P7) was present at parents' evening and spoke to parents at the Early Learning Curriculum talk. A number of parents expressed an interest but we are still looking for more. Look out for further information on how you can help the Parent Council. You can keep up to date through their Facebook page (Fernelea Parent Council). The current Parent Council members would like to encourage parents to help out at the disco on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. **Please note that the AGM of the Parent Council is being held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October at Fernielea. Please come along to find out how you can be involved.**

## Pupil Groups

We have many pupil groups in school and they are all actively planning improvements and setting targets. We have 2 new groups this year: **E-Safety Group** led by Miss Forno and the **Rights Respecting Schools Group** led by Mrs Torrens. The Rights Respecting Schools Group has been very active and they created a questionnaire on Survey Monkey for parents to complete. This was trialed on Parents' Evening. If you would like to complete the survey you can find it here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R22LNMJ>

The survey will close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The **Charities Committee** organised a very successful Macmillan “No Uniform Day”. They had set a fundraising target of £200 but raised an amazing £276. The Design a Teacup competition was also very successful. The winners were Ethan P1 and Jaiden P4. Staff are also fundraising this week by baking sweet and savoury treats for the staffroom.



## School Football

Mr Anderson has kindly agreed to continue with the role of football coach for the P6/7 and P4/5 teams. This year we are part of the Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust League. He will be assisted by James McAllister (Jaiden P4) and Matthew Cameron (Kaiden P4). Kevin met with the new players in P4 and P5 along with their parents, to share the rules and expectations as they differ slightly from the P6/7 team. Matches should begin after the school holidays.



## Rainforest Fun in P3

Primary 3 had a whole day of Rainforest Fun and shared their learning with the whole school and their families in an assembly. They created a drama and music presentation which was very exciting.

**P3 are making a 3D model of the Rainforest and require shoe boxes. If you have any, please drop them off at the school.**

## Community

This year we are focusing on Our Community. We aim to create partnerships with organisations, businesses and families. Miss Thomson has organised weekly visits to Summerhill House and Rosewell nursing homes. The children have been baking, creating crafts and playing board games with the residents.



## Anti-Bullying Parents' Workshop

We are holding a Respect Me Anti-bullying workshop for parents on November 30<sup>th</sup> 6-7pm in the hall. It will aim to introduce you to bullying behaviours and to recognise the range of responses that can be used to address bullying.

Look out for more information after the holidays.



## Dates for your diary - please note that some dates may change

\*Please note that the November In-Service Day is FRIDAY 18 November 2016 (NOT Monday 14 as previously published).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
7 October	P7T Assembly
7 October	Last day of term
<b>24 October</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
25 October	P7 Absafe Trip All Day
27 October	Parent Council AGM
11 November	P5 Remembrance Assembly
18 November	In-service Day - School Closed*
25 November	P5/6 Assembly
30 November	Respect Me - Anti-Bullying Event for parents
1 December	Parent Council Christmas Fair
23 December	P3 Leading the Christmas Service at Summerhill Church
23 December	Last day of Term
<b>9 January 2017</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
3 February	P6 Assembly
13 February	Holiday - School Closed
14 February	In-service Day School Closed
15 February	In-service Day School Closed
24 February	P4 Assembly
2 March	World Book Day
10 March	P3/4 Assembly
20-24 March	World of Work Week
24 March	Red Nose Day
31 March	Easter Service
31 March	Last day of Term
<b>18 April 2017</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
1 May	Holiday School Closed
2 May	In-service Day School Closed
5 May	P2 Assembly
19 May	P1/2 Assembly
22 May	P7 Residential Trip to Ardeonaig
9 June	P1 Assembly
12-16 June	Community Week
29 June	Leavers' Assembly
30 June	Last Day of Term
21 August 2017	In-service Day School Closed
<b>22 August 2017</b>	<b>School Starts</b>

