

# Fernielea Features



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We are nearing the end of Term 2 and it has been a very busy and productive term. Enterprise projects have challenged our children to think about numeracy and literacy skills that are relevant in real life situations; our pupils have performed beautifully in both Christmas shows - Angel Express and Five Gold Rings; and pupils have entertained senior citizens in our community on many occasions with songs, stories and games.

## Staffing

At the end of this term we welcome Mrs Cameron back from maternity leave. She will be working to support pupils in classes. We look forward to having her back.

## School Uniform

As from this week, we will be offering 2 new suppliers of our school uniform. The main, local supplier is **WCS**, which is situated at **687 George Street**. School sweatshirts and Nursery sweatshirts can be ordered by calling Brian at **WCS - 01224 641071** or by popping into the shop. Polo shirts with badges will be available soon. We are also looking to trial a reversible jacket/fleece in the new year. We are waiting for further information on this from WCS.

The other supplier will be Koolskools, a company that supplies Fairtrade Cotton School Uniforms. The Fairtrade uniform will only be available online and will be delivered to your home. Information about the Fairtrade uniform is on [www.koolskools.co.uk](http://www.koolskools.co.uk)

## Dogs in School

On a number of occasions, dogs have been taken into the school playground or tied to the school gates. Can I please remind you that no dogs are permitted in the school grounds and they should also not be tied to the school railings or gates. Some children have a fear of dogs and this can be very upsetting for them - no matter how friendly the dog.

## Christmas Jumper Day

We had so much fun wearing our Christmas Jumpers for our Christmas Lunch. The children really enjoyed being served their lunches and enjoyed pulling crackers with their friends.

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## **Guidance for Parents and Carers on Assessment**

A guide has been published to inform parents and carers on assessing children's progress. It gives information on the National Improvement Framework and shows how children's learning is assessed in Scottish schools. You can find the document by following this link: [http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/parent-leaflet-assessing-progress\\_tcm4-877229.pdf](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/Images/parent-leaflet-assessing-progress_tcm4-877229.pdf)

## **The Evening Express Christmas Carol Concert**

Our P5-7 Senior Choir were invited to perform at the annual Evening Express Christmas Carol Concert last week. The concert was held in St Mark's Church and it was very well attended. The children performed 2 beautiful songs - "Why We Sing" and "Love Shone Down". We were all so very proud of them. Santa even came to visit backstage!

## **Community News**

The P5 and P1 classes have been busy gardening in December! They went to 2 different locations to plant spring bulbs to ensure that we are surrounded with colourful flowers in Spring. P1 went to meet Councillor Jennifer Stewart to plant bulbs at the Burnie. It was muddy and cold but they had a great time. Primary 5 went to Hazlehead Park to help plant bulbs which will brighten up the park. We also had the opportunity to plant bulbs along our fence so look out for them popping up in Spring! A huge thanks to all of the adult helpers who came along to support us during the trips. Your help is always greatly appreciated!



## **Primary 6 Fossil Fun**

Primary 6 were visited by Mr Forno who shared his ammonite collection and expertise with them. He told the class all about the different types of ammonites and where to find them. The children got to hold and examine various examples of ammonites which included a REAL dinosaur egg and even a megalodon tooth! The class were so excited and asked Mr Forno lots of very interesting questions.

## **Car Park Safety**

I again have to urge parents to think of the safety of their child when entering school. Far too many times, children are encouraged by their parents to go through the car park at the beginning and end of the day. NO children should ever enter the school car park. It is for the safety of all children. There have been some near misses over the course of the year and it has highlighted how important it is that you do not encourage your child to enter the car park.

## Parent Council

The Parent Council are to be congratulated for organising another fantastic school event - The Christmas Fair. It was a very busy event with lots of stall holders and fantastic entertainment by local dance group - Flashdance. Some classes had items to sell and created the items as part of their Enterprise project. All classes made a profit which is great news! The Parent Council raised £1584.26 on the night which is an amazing amount to raise. Well done! Thank you to everyone who came on the night or supported us through raffles, baking or donations. It is always good to see many members of our School Community coming to join in with events.

## Coffee in the Library Sessions

The next Coffee in the Library Session will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am. The focus will be on P4-7 Maths and Numeracy. Letters will go out after the holidays with more information.

## Anti-Bullying Workshop

A number of parents came along to the Anti-Bullying workshop run by Lisa Armstrong from Respect Me. It was a very informative evening and parents gave very positive feedback on the event. As a result, a number of parents have volunteered to support the school in updating the Anti-bullying Policy. Work will begin in January which will involve parents, children and staff.



## Safety Reminder

As the mornings and afternoons are darker, please remind your child to make sure they are visible when crossing roads; finding a safe place to cross. Also take a few moments to remind your child of the Stranger Danger message. If someone they don't know approaches them, move away from them and tell an adult they know.

## School Concerts

Both concerts, I'm sure you'll agree, were fantastic! The children and staff worked very hard to ensure that an enjoyable time was had by all! There will be photographs posted on the school website over the next few days. Thank you to all who attended - your support is always appreciated. For the charity collection a fantastic £409 was raised! This will be presented to Eileen Wheeler of The Sunrise Partnership on 13<sup>th</sup> January in our whole school assembly. Thank you all once again.



**Dates for your diary - please note that some dates may change  
 Holiday dates are also available on the Aberdeen City Council  
 Website.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
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>
11 - 20 January	Primary 1 enrolment begins
16 - 27 January	Early Learning Class applications available from school office
19 January	Coffee in the Library - P4-7 Maths and Numeracy
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 - Dress as a Character
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>