

# Fernielea Features



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What a great start to the New Year and Term 3. We have been busy throughout the school learning about different aspects of Scotland. We have had a Burns' Ceilidh and Assembly. Pupils learned Scottish poems and songs and they demonstrated excellent performance skills when dancing in the Ceilidh.

Only a few snowfalls this term so far..... but hopefully we will escape any further significant snowy events! The school closure information letter was issued a few weeks ago just to refresh everyone on the procedures to follow should there be very inclement, snowy weather.



## An update from Mrs Webb

As you know I have been out on secondment, working for Education Scotland as the Attainment Advisor for Aberdeen City for just over a year now. Over this time, I have been in regular contact with Mrs Walker, and the school staff. I check the school website most nights and look at the class blogs to find out what is happening. I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed coming back to watch the Christmas Concerts, which were really great. The children were, as always, fabulous and I was truly entertained all afternoon.

I wish to inform you all that last week, I was interviewed and I have been appointed as the Head of the Junior School at Robert Gordon's College in Aberdeen, starting on August 1 2017. I leave Fernielea School with a very heavy heart as I have been privileged to be the Head Teacher for almost 15 years. Fernielea children are amazing! They achieve so much in every aspect of school life - whether it is academically, in sport, music or drama - they have made me very proud. Over the next few months, you may see me in school as I prepare to leave, and hopefully I'll get the chance to catch up with many of you.

Working together, parents and staff can really make a difference to children's lives and that is all I have ever hoped to achieve. Thank you all for your support.

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## School Clubs

We have also welcomed back the after school clubs that the staff run for the pupils. Peter from Active Schools has also supported a Multi-sports Club which runs on a Monday and has been very successful.

## Parking Restrictions

Notification has been given in the local media and through signage that the road outside the school, Stronsay Place, will have parking restrictions from **9 a.m. on Friday 03 February until 10 p.m. on Sunday 12 February 2017** to allow for utilities to be upgraded in the street. This would be an opportunity for families to try out healthy methods to travel to school. Every step counts! After a few "near misses" recently, again, I have to remind parents that access to our car parks (front and kitchen) are for **staff and deliveries only**. Children should not be dropped off/picked up in either of these car parks, nor allowed to walk through them.



## School Uniform

A reminder of where to get our school uniform: There are 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.

The other supplier will be Koolskools, a company that supplies ethical 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 found on [www.koolskools.co.uk](http://www.koolskools.co.uk)

## Anti-Bullying Policy

We are continuing to review our anti-bullying policy. Children will be participating in reviewing and improving it to make sure it's fit for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Some parents from Fernielea Parent Council are participating in the citywide review of the new Aberdeen City Council Anti-bullying Policy. It will be good to get feedback from their experience.

## World of Work Week

This term, we will be hosting our very first World of Work Week (week beginning 20 March). Children will be investigating and learning about employment opportunities and pathways to careers. There will be a focus on how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) is used in a wide range of jobs.

A number of parents kindly volunteered to come into school and share information about their jobs with the children. They will be contacted soon. If you are keen to share information about the work you do, please contact the school office.

## P7 WW2

The primary 7 classes have been learning about Scotland in World War 2. We learned about Evacuation and what it would have been like for all of the evacuees. We learned about the axis countries and the allies and the roles they played in the war. Mr Patterson came in to deliver a workshop to our class and he showed us some amazing artefacts like helmets, gasmasks, examples of nose art from the fighter planes. It was all very fascinating. Tomorrow, we are going to see a real air raid shelter. We hope it doesn't rain!

By Adia and Max P7



## P6 Victorians

We have been learning about Victorian Scotland. We went on a Victorian trail round Queens Cross and Rosemount. We saw Victorian railings on houses and some fake railings that were made to look Victorian. We also looked for other Victorian items outside houses i.e. a footscraper. We stood outside George Washington Wilson, a famous photographer's house and we learned that it is now a bank! We also visited the Maritime Museum and searched for Victorian artefacts. It was also good to get in to a warm building as it was very cold that day. We learned about crime and punishment in a workshop with Mr Patterson. We also compared Victorian toys with toys we use now.

By Sienna and Macaulay P6



**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>
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
4 May	School Closed - Used as an Election Unit
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>