

Fernielea Features



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I can't believe that it is the end of February already! We seem to have avoided any significant snowfalls. We have had a very active term so far and there have been a lot of busy children participating in a number of after school activities and lunchtime clubs. The children have also been very busy participating in a number of competitions. The P5/6 class won a trip to Pittodrie last week and 30 P4-7 children have won a trip to meet a real NASA Astronaut and NASA scientist on Monday!

Upcoming Events

On Thursday 2nd March we are celebrating **World Book Day** by asking the children to bring their favourite character to life by dressing up. We are very excited to see everyone's favourite characters and guess who they are! We will be having a parade in the morning to see all of the costumes.

The Parent Council are holding a school disco next week, on Wednesday 8th March. Nursery pupils will have their discos during the day and the P1-3 pupils disco is 6pm - 7pm and the P4-7 disco is 7.15-8.15pm. They are still looking for volunteers to help on the night and if you can help, please contact them via the Fernielea Parent Council Facebook page.

A team of 5 Primary 7's will be representing Fernielea in the Schools Quiz organised by the Rotary Club. It will take place on Thursday 16th March at Hazlehead Primary School at 3pm. We wish them the best of luck!

Parking

The JRSO reps (Junior Road Safety Officers) and the parent council have requested that parents be reminded that parking on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school is not permitted nor should vehicles mount the pavements to park. This is a very dangerous practice and the wardens will be informed of any vehicles parking in this way.

Rev Shewan has kindly permitted parents to use the Summerhill Church car park for parking before and after school. We have also been informed that the Fernielea **Gospel Hall car park** can also be used before school for parking. The gates will however be locked after 9.10am. We are very grateful for the help of both churches and we hope this alleviates some of the unsafe parking that has been taking place.

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Staffing

We would like to congratulate Mr Galbraith on securing a new post in a secondary school. Sadly, this means that we are losing him but we wish him all the best in his new post. His last day at Fernielea will be on Friday 10th March. Mrs Lamb will be taking the pupils for PE.

World of Work Week

Our World Of Work Week (WoWW) is approaching fast. We have secured a number of guest speakers and are very grateful for their participation. We have engineers, hairdressers, physiotherapists, nurses, medics, football coaches, personal trainer, hotel duty manager and a Head Teacher coming to talk to the pupils. It is all very exciting! If you would like to come and demonstrate your job or talk about your job, we are looking for more volunteers for any day between 20-25th March. Let the school know by contacting the school office.

School Football

Kevin Anderson, school football coach, requested that I inform all of our parents and children involved with the school football teams that SHMU radio 99.8fm announce the fixtures on the Sports show every Friday between 2 and 3pm and then again on a Saturday morning, between 7 and 8am. This will keep you up to date with the Primary School Football fixtures. A huge thank you also goes to Kevin and also Paul Young for sourcing a container which will be used to store the football goals. This was organised through Pandarosa Metals and Colin Lawson Transport at no cost and it is much appreciated.

Red Start Football

Many classes took part in the Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust's health and fitness programme - Red Start. It was a 5 week programme that focused on health through learning football skills. It was a huge hit with all of the children and at the end of it the P5/6 won a tour of Pittodrie Stadium. They had a fantastic time. They also won 2 tickets each for the Aberdeen v Ross County game. Many of them attended and the spare tickets were issued to the Red Start Competition winners and runners up. Everyone had a fantastic time - and the Dons won!



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Absences

All through the year, I monitor absences and late arrivals for all pupils and I share this with our Home School Liaison Office, Mrs Laurenson. It is very important that your child attends school and I have included an interesting diagram which highlights the importance of your child attending school every day. We do understand that when a child is ill and they are unable to attend school, however, there are number of pupils who have an attendance rate below 85% and this can have a huge impact on their learning. It is recommended that your child should not have an attendance rate of below 95% as this gives them the best chances in making progress in their education. Every school day counts!



Bike Found

Mr King the janitor, found a bike beside the kitchen carpark. It is a girl's bike, with Hello Kitty decoration on it. If it is your bike, please contact the school office.

Community

Some of our Primary 6 pupils went to visit Summerhill Lodge last week and they had a fabulous time baking with the residents. Due to the large class size, only half of the class went on this occasion and the other half will go on the next visit. During the visit, the pupils demonstrated that they are sociable and polite. They worked alongside the residents to decorate fairy cakes. The cakes were then given to the residents along with their afternoon cup of tea.



There are a number of future visits planned for Summerhill Lodge - P3 are sharing their Easter service, P7T are organising an afternoon tea and P7G are making Easter bonnets with the residents.



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

Date	Activity
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
18 April 2017	School Starts
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
11 May	Parents' Evening and Book Fair
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
22 August 2017	School Starts