

Fernielea Features



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Now that the clocks have gone forward, it is really beginning to feel like Spring is here and Summer is not too far away! This term has been a very busy one with many exciting activities taking place. There have been numerous visitors in and around the school enriching the learning experiences for the children.

Staffing



We would like to offer congratulations to Miss Thomson who has been appointed Principal Teacher at Dyce Primary School for the next 12 months. This is a very exciting opportunity for Miss Thomson, although we will be very sad to see her go. She takes up her post at the beginning of Term 4 so the Primary 7 classes will be joining together after the Easter break to form one P7 class until the recruitment process has been completed. Miss Gardiner will be their teacher. Miss Thomson will be returning to meet with parents on the planned Parents' Evening on Thursday 11th May.

More exciting news - Miss Gardiner, from P7, is getting married in the Easter holidays and will return to school as Mrs Amato. We wish the future Mr & Mrs Amato best wishes for their wedding day.

School Lunches

A new school menu will be in place for the children returning after the Easter break. It will be distributed to pupils and it will also be available on the school website.

Quizzes

Well done to the P7 Rotary Quiz team for a great performance in the Primary Schools Quiz. They did really well. Hazlehead Primary School were the worthy winners on the day. The quiz team was made up of: Damilola, Logan, Oliwier, Ciaron and Chloe.

A team of P6 pupils also represented the school in the Euro Quiz on Friday 17th March. They performed really well and demonstrated a wide ranging knowledge of Euro facts. The team consisted of: Kyle, Elizabeth, William, Ross and Sumaiya.

Red Nose Day

We had a very busy and exciting Red Nose Day last Friday. We managed to raise approximately £236 which is fantastic! Thank you all so very much for your generosity. The children had great fun singing the Red Nose Day song in assembly and dressing up as their Future Me. The costumes were so creative. Pictures of the day will be on the school blog soon.

Appeal for Items

Some of the children would like to use remote controlled cars during lunch break in a designated area. So, we would like to ask if anyone has any remote controlled cars (no flying items) that they would like to donate to the school for the children to use. Our intention is to run a RC (Remote Controlled) Club when we have enough items. Children shouldn't bring in their own items unless they are donating them to the school.

School Nurse

Our school nurse, Claire Reid, will be running drop in sessions on a Thursday. She currently works with a few families in the school. She can help by giving advice regarding toileting issues, behaviour, nutrition etc. If you would like to see the nurse in the drop in sessions after Easter, please contact Claire on: 01224 498118 to discuss making an appointment.

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 21st 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

We had a very busy week last week with lots of visitors coming in to share information about their jobs. The children met engineers, nurses, medics, hairdressers, charity workers, coaches to name but a few! The children all focused on creating their Future Me based on what they wanted to be when they grew up. The children shared their learning during Friday's family group's session. They had the chance to tour every class and talk about what they had learned. There are lots of photos on our Twitter @FernieleaSchool and on our school blog.



P7 Residential Trip

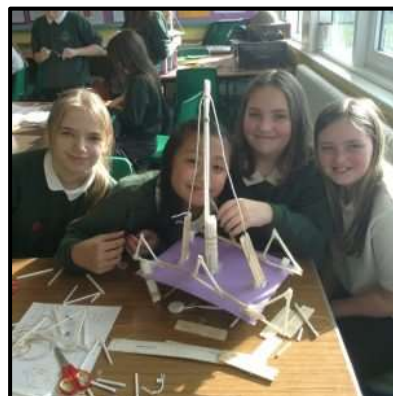
It is fast approaching the time for P7s to go on their annual residential trip to Ardeonaig. As part of the trip, the children take part in fundraising activities such as bag packing, to cover the cost of the transport which is in excess of £1000 every year. This year, however, this was not possible so they turned to local businesses for help. We have been overwhelmed by the response. Peter Vardy donated money to cover the cost of the bus. We also received donations from City Blinds and Farmfoods which, as I'm sure you'll appreciate, is a very generous gesture in the current financial situation in Aberdeen. We say a huge **THANK YOU** to all of these businesses.

The Charity Champions from Peter Vardy visited the school to present the cheque.



Flood Week

The Primary 5-7 classes had a very exciting week finding out about Floods - causes, preventions, effects on communities and how to react during a flood. They built rafts, pumps, pulley systems, gauges and then shared their learning in a Flood Showcase. It was a fantastic week which allowed the children to demonstrate their resilience, creativity, skills and knowledge.



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

Date	Activity
31 March	Easter Service
31 March	Last day of Term
17 April	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 18 April 2017	School Starts
25 April	Tempest Photographer (Individual photos)
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
5 May	P5 Sportshall Athletics at Hazlehead Primary School
11 May	Parents' Evening & Half Price Book Fair
17 May	P7 Transition Event at Hazlehead Academy
19 May	P1/2 Assembly
22 May - 26 May	P7 Residential Trip to Ardeonaig
26 May	P5 (All) Sports Event at Aberdeen Sports Village
9 June	P1 Assembly
12-16 June	Community Week
21-23 June	P7 Pupils at Hazlehead Academy for 3 day visit
22 June	P7 Parents' Evening at Hazlehead Academy
28 June	Parent Council Disco
29 June	Leavers' Assembly
30 June	Last Day of Term
21 August 2017	In-service Day School Closed
22 August 2017	School Starts

Holiday Dates for Next Session - as displayed on Aberdeen City Council Website - 3 more In Service Day dates are still to be confirmed

Term 1

- In-Service Day - **Monday 21 August 2017**
- Term Starts - **Tuesday 22 August 2017**
- September Holiday - **Friday 22 September - Monday 25 September 2017**
- Term Ends - **Friday 13 October 2017**
- October Holiday - **Monday 16 October - Friday 27 October 2017**

Term 2

- Term Starts - **Monday 30 October 2017**
- Term Ends - **Friday 22 December 2017**
- Christmas Holiday - **Monday 25 December 2017 to Friday 5 January 2018**

Term 3

- Term Starts - **Monday 8 January 2018**
- Mid Term Holiday - **Monday 12 February 2018**
- Term Ends - **Thursday 29 March 2018**
- Spring Holiday - **Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April 2018**

Term 4

- Term Starts - **Monday 16 April 2018**
- May Day Holiday - **Monday 7 May 2018**
- Term Ends - **Friday 6 July 2018**