



# Fernielea Features



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At last, Summer is beginning to show itself and we have had some beautiful weather - perfect for trips and outdoor learning. We are already nearing the end of May and, after a computer outage, we are now back online and able to share our news and achievements with you.

## Staffing

We were very sad to see Mrs Muir go earlier this month. She has taken up a new position in a school and we wish her good luck in her new post. Mrs Cameron and Mrs Craig will be teaching P1/2 until the end of term. Both are very experienced early level teachers and are excited to be working with the children.

## School Lunches

The new school menu has had one rotation and there were some definite favourites. The children really enjoyed the chilli wedge bake and the meatballs in gravy. The macaroni and the chicken pie is, of course, still a firm favourite. If you would like your child to have a school lunch and they are P4-P7, then you can load money onto their card by visiting :

<https://online.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/accordpayment/TopUpOnline.aspx>

or by placing CASH into one of the envelopes in the reception area of the school and writing your child's name and class on the front then it can be popped it into the secure box by the reception.

**No dinner tickets are accepted.**

## School Visits

Our Early Learning Classes went on trips to Crathes Castle which were a huge success. They met with the Ranger service and looked for minibeasts and collected natural items. The sun shone on both trips and everyone was thoroughly exhausted - including the parents & staff! More pictures can be seen on their blog.

Our P1/2 class went on a trip to The Aberdeen Science Centre to learn how to make "The Perfect Pool!" Of course this was a great hit with the pupils! They also visited the Aberdeen Sports Village for a range of activities.



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## Primary School Idle Campaign

Aberdeen City Council are due to commence an 'engine idling' campaign which will involve officers from Aberdeen City Council undertaking patrols at schools. Children are more vulnerable to air pollution because they breathe 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults. Engine idling occurs in schools every day when children are dropped off and picked up and this coincides with the time children will be concentrated in these areas.

To promote positive behaviour their officers will approach non-idling drivers and reward them with a small promotional item. This will hopefully reinforce the no idling message to drivers. Idling a vehicle unnecessarily is an offence and their officers will warn any driver found to be doing this. If the driver fails to turn the engine off they may be issued with a £20 fixed penalty notice.

## School Uniform

School uniform will continue to be available from WCS, 687, George Street, Aberdeen AB25 3XP.

An ethical school uniform is also available on the KoolSkool Website. The direct link is:

<https://www.koolskools.co.uk/product-category/fernielea-primary-school/>

A new page has been added to the school website with all the information needed to order new school uniforms.

We will also be having a **uniform swap day** again on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June so please look out any old items that are in good, clean condition and hand them into the school via your child. The Eco Committee will be sorting and organising the swap which will also be available during the school disco.

## Digital Schools Award Scotland



It was with great excitement that we invited Mrs Jelly, an assessor from Digital Schools Scotland, to evaluate the use of Digital Technologies in Fernielea School. We demonstrated how digital technologies enhance and enrich learning experiences and that we can do this safely. We received a glowing report which highlighted the knowledge of the pupils and the commitment of staff in ensuring that the children are equipped with the skills to flourish in their future lives.

We are only the second school in Aberdeen to receive the award and we are now a mentor school, helping other schools achieve the award. A huge thanks goes to the Digital Technologies group and to Miss Forno for ensuring that we achieved the award.

## Community Week

Our planned Community Week is fast approaching. It begins on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June through to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. All classes will be improving a feature of our community by taking action. The children identified various issues/areas in our local community that were 'hot' or not and they are currently planning how to address these issues. They will be calling on you to help them during Community Week so please come and be part of the community and help us to improve it.

On the Friday afternoon, we will be inviting local groups and services to showcase their organisation so that everyone in the community can find out about the groups, services and activities available to them. It should be a fun and exciting afternoon. If you are involved in any groups, or know any that would like to be involved, please let the school office know.



## School Summer Fair

Our school Summer fair will be held on a Friday evening this year. The pupils and the parent council decided to give a Friday evening a try to see if it allows more people to come along. The fair will be from 4.30-6.30 pm with lots of stalls and refreshments on offer. Let's hope for a sunny and warm evening. You can find out more information via the Fernielea Parent Council Facebook page.

## P7 Residential Trip

Our Primary 7 class headed off to Ardeonaig today and they were very excited. We look forward to the updates on their exciting activities over the course of the week. While they are away our Primary 6 pupils will be taking over the P7 prefect duties.

## P6 Leading the Learning - Google Classroom

Primary 6 are holding 2 workshops this week. They will be teaching parents and families all about Google Classrooms. It is a tool that will be increasingly used by the children to access their work at home and to share their learning in the classroom. It allows collaborative approaches to learning and **will be used by the children when they move in to their secondary education.**



Google Classroom™

On Wednesday 24 May, 11.00 am - 12.00 pm, they are training their own parents/family members in the use of Google Classrooms. They will then train the P5-7 parents on how to make effective use of Google Classrooms on Thursday 25 May 9.30 am-10.30 am. It is a fun and engaging session so please let us know if you intend to come along.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will be held a little later this year due to planned works in the field (which have now been delayed).

The P1-7 Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, starting at 1.15pm with an opening parade and a Zumba warm-up session with our Zumba coach - Rhonda. So be prepared to join in! Nursery Sports Day will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June with the morning pupils starting at 10.30am and the afternoon pupils starting at 1pm. The Primary 6 pupils, who have all been trained as Play Leaders, will be leading the Nursery Sports Day.



## Parental Consultation

At May's Parent Evening, we asked you to comment on the children's Snapshot Jotters which they completed over the course of a week in April. The jotters are an opportunity to gather evidence of your child's progress but they are also a very focused way to develop your child's ability to reflect on themselves as a learner. The children gave the jotters the thumbs up as did the staff. The feedback from parents and carers was as follows:

Did your child tell you about their Snapshot Jotter?	Yes - 41.8%	No - 58.2%	
Did you read your child's Snapshot Jotter?	Yes - 73.7%	No - 26.3%	
Would you like more opportunities with your child, to view and discuss their learning?	Yes - 83.3%	No - 16.7%	
Which format would suit you best?	Online updates via app/link 40.9%	Home 43.9%	School 50%

**As you can see the response was very positive. Some responses to what you learned about your child as a result of reading the Snapshot Jotter were:**

*"It's good to read all about their work and how they are getting on."*

*"I found out that she is at a very good level in her learning."*

*"That what she is learning, she is taking in and using throughout her work."*

*"He is a bit hard on himself when reviewing his work."*

**We aim to do another Snapshot Jotter every term and share it with you so that we are encouraging families to learn together.**

**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>
22 May - 26 May	P7 Residential Trip to Ardeonaig
26 May	P5 (All) Sports Event at Aberdeen Sports Village
31 May	Primary 1 Induction talk 10.15am
2 June	Parent Council Summer Fair 4.30pm - 6.30pm
6 June	New to Nursery Talk 10.30 am- 11.30am
8 June	School Closed to pupils - Used as an Election Unit
9 June	P1 Assembly
12-16 June	Community Week
14 June	P1-7 Sports Day 1.15pm
21 June	Nursery Sports Day AM 10.30am start, PM 1.00pm start
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**

#### **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**
- In-Service Day - **Friday 17 November 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**
- In Service Days - **Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 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**
- In Service Day - **Tuesday 8 May 2018**
- Term Ends - **Friday 6 July 2018**