



# Fernielea Features



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Happy New Year! I hope 2018 is a great year for you all. Looking back at 2017 - what a fantastic year it was! We rounded off the year with wonderful Christmas shows, a carol singing event, Christmas parties and our Christmas Service at Summerhill Parish Church.



## Christmas

This year saw the Nursery→P3 pupils entertaining you all with 'Hey, Ewe!' and the P4→ P7 pupils performed 'Lights, Camel, Action!' Both shows were a huge success and everyone involved is extremely proud of the pupils and how well they performed in front of an audience. Thank you all for coming and supporting our school. A huge thank you must also be said for the amount of donations that were given as you left the performances. An amazing total of £246.88 was raised for Roxburgh House and it was handed over to staff at there by members of our Charities Committee. We would also like to thank the parents who came along to help in the Santa's Workshop. Your help was greatly appreciated and Santa was delighted with your wrapping skills!



## Christmas Jumper Day Total

On Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, we all wore our Christmas jumpers to school to raise money for Save the Children. We are pleased to announce that £137.00 was raised for the charity. Thank you so much to everyone who donated. We had a fantastic day!



## Parent Council Christmas Fair

Again our Parent Council Christmas Fair was well attended and everyone who was there had a great time. Thank you to all who came along and to all of the volunteers who made it run smoothly.

## Outdoor Learning

We have been wrapping up warm and going outdoors to learn. Outdoor learning is very important to all of our pupils and it is a wonderful way to enable children to engage with the world outside but also to apply skills in a meaningful and exciting environment. Some classes have been applying their measurement skills by measuring objects they find in the playground. P3 and P4 demonstrated their technology and design skills when they built their "City of Dens" at the Burnie before Christmas. They even managed to get some tinsel in their dens! Miss Roberts is leading the learning in Outdoor Education and we hope that it will become an everyday part of school life. We have purchased some waterproofs for the more muddy activities and whilst every effort is taken to ensure the children don't get too mucky, some muddy shoes and muddy trousers may still happen.



## P7 Residential Trip

It is not long now until the P7s head to Ardeonaig for their residential trip. In order to raise funds for the bus which transports us down to Perthshire, the pupils took part in 'bag packing' at Morrisons on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January. They were so motivated and polite and they managed to raise a huge £641 towards the bus. Well done to all the parents and pupils who came along to help. More fundraising will have to take place to cover the remaining cost of the bus, so if anyone has a good fundraising idea, please let us know.

## Scottish Theme

This term all classes will be focusing on an aspect of Scotland. One of the highlights of this term is our Burns' Ceilidh where we recite poems and perform Scottish dances to each class. Your child will have been given a Scottish poem to learn for homework. Please encourage them to learn it as they will have the opportunity to recite it in front of their class or the school.



## Nursery and P1 Enrolment

If you would like to enrol your child for Nursery or Primary 1, please visit the school office to collect the relevant forms and information.

The deadline for applications to be handed in is:

**Primary 1 - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**Nursery - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

## Flood Consultation

Aberdeen City Council's Flooding and Coastal Team would like to invite you to attend a public consultation on the 'Maidencraig Flood Management & Wetland Scheme', which is to be built in the Den of Maidencraig next to the Local Nature Reserve. This event will be hosted in the main hall of Fernielea School from 15:00-17:30 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The Council officers will be there to explain the project and answer any questions you may have.



## Parking

Over the last few weeks of term, I was observing the parking situation around the school. It became clear that a number of parents and carers were making use of the school car parks to drop off or collect their children. I spoke to a number of parents and grandparents to make them aware that they are not permitted to use the car parks for this purpose and they were putting their child's life in danger by allowing them to walk in the car park. Both of our car parks are VERY busy with cars, vans and lorries reversing at all times of the day. There is a **clearly marked path** that should be used at **all times** for children to safely walk into the playground.

I also observed parents stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines and double yellow lines to 'quickly' drop their child off. This is not acceptable as it put your child's life and the lives of others in danger. It is a very busy road to cross and the children need clear visibility to check for oncoming traffic.

We are currently looking to recruit a crossing patroller for Fernielea School so please spread the word to anyone you know who may have some spare time and would like to help to keep our pupils safe.

## Projects for This Term

All classes are focusing on Scotland this term. The class focuses are:

Green ELC	Scotland through various	P4 (all)	Vikings in Scotland
Red ELC	topics		
P1C	Scottish Fairytales and	P5 (all)	Jacobites
P1M	Castles	P6B	
P2	Katie Morag - a comparison of Island life to life in Aberdeen	P6P	Victorian Scotland
P2/3	Scottish Myths & Legends	P7A	Scotland during WW2
P3	Aberdeen - Aparadion	P7S	

## Adverse Weather and School Closures

In the event of severe weather or school closure Parents/guardians can access the relevant information from 2 sources - the Aberdeen City Council information line and website. A letter will be issued this week with the relevant information which you should keep safe. This information is also included on the back of this newsletter.



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

Date	Event
8 Jan 2018	Term 3 Starts
22 Jan	P7 Last Class Photograph - Evening Express
2 February	P6P Assembly
12 February	Holiday
13 February	Inservice Day - school closed to pupils
14 February	Inservice Day - school closed to pupils
23 February	P4/5 Assembly
9 March	P4 Assembly
29 March	P3 Easter Service
Thurs 29 March	Term 3 Ends
16 April	Term 4 Starts
24 April	Photographer - Class Photos
4 May	P2/3 Assembly
7 May	Holiday
8 May	Inservice Day - School closed to pupils
18 May	P2 Assembly
8 June	P1 Assembly (both classes)

Holiday Dates for This Session - are displayed on Aberdeen City Council Website

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/view-school-term-and-holiday-dates>

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### Information Line

In the event of severe weather or school closure Parents/guardians can access this feature by dialling the National Rate number **Tel: 0870 054 1999**

A Council message will be heard followed by a request for a six digit PIN number specific to our school. **THE PIN NUMBER FOR FERNIELEA SCHOOL IS 011320**

### Website

On the internet, select <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/closure> A list of school closures will appear on the screen. This is cleared and updated at 4 p.m. on a daily basis.