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What a cold and wintry start and end we have had to February! It has not stopped the children going outside to learn. Children have been out on a number of trips to learn about Victorians and World War 2. Miss Roberts has had all classes learning outdoors. It is good to see our children wrapped up warm and ready to learn outside!

## Staffing

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Fjellroth who is now our permanent Depute Head Teacher. We are all delighted.

In February, we said goodbye to 2 members of staff. Mrs Craig and Mrs Eloff both moved to schools in the Bridge of Don and we wish them well in their new posts.

We are currently recruiting a PE teacher and P6B created posters to encourage the best candidates to apply! We have high hopes that we will appoint the best PE teacher for Fernielea!

## Parking

You will see that our fantastic new banners have now been put up on the railings outside school. Please ensure that you follow the guidance from the children and park safely around the school. When the weather improves, please try to walk to school as it is a great way to stay healthy and for children to meet their friends. Thank you again to the Parent Council for paying for the banners to help to keep our pupils safe.



## Homework Club

Since August, we have offered a Homework Club for all pupils from P2-P7. This has been possible through Pupil Equity Funding (PEF). The club has grown in size and we now have over 50 pupils attending. Parents are welcome to come along to the club and learn alongside their child. After Easter, we will be offering places to P1 pupils so look out for information coming out.

When your child attends Homework Club, they get a snack and then work in a small group to complete their homework tasks. Staff are on hand to support them if they need any help.

Please note that reading still needs to be completed at home regularly and spelling needs to be practised. Homework needs to be signed by a parent or carer.

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Website [www.fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://www.fernielea.aberdeen.sch.uk)

## Dogs in the Playground

Many of our families have dogs and while they are very cute and very much loved by their families, we still don't allow dogs in the playground. Your dog may be gentle with you and your family but they may be wary around strangers and it would be very sad if your dog nipped at a child or member of the public. Many children are frightened of dogs and can be scared if a dog is around. Please do not bring your dog into the playground, even if you are carrying it and please do not tie the dog to the gates or entrances. Thank you.



## World Book Day

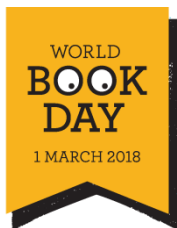
We had a fabulous day at Fernielea School for World Book Day. The weather did not put us off. We had many wonderful characters in school and the effort that you all made was overwhelming. The children participated in lots of World Book Day activities to highlight the wonderful world of reading. The children took part in a book cover design competition and prizes were awarded to the best costumes.

3rd Place - Laranya P5 - Little Red Riding Hood & Erin P6 Brave

2nd Place - Ellie P5 - Cat in the Hat & Indi P1 - Captain Underpants

1st Place - Kaylib P1 - Pinocchio

Have a look at the pictures on the school blog!



We also had a very successful book swap - many children went home with a new book to read. Thank you all for the book donations.

## The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe

We had a fabulous treat this term - M&M Productions came to Fernielea with their show. The children loved the show and the P7s were especially keen to see the show as this is the novel that they are reading at present. We have re-booked the company to provide a pantomime for the children on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Nursery Parent Sessions -Session 1 - ILD

Last week, Mrs Bruce and some parent volunteers led 2 parent sessions, focussing on the new electronic learning journals for the nursery pupils. It is called the ILD (Interactive Learning Diaries). Staff upload learning journeys for parents and children to see at home and the parents can also upload achievements and learning that takes place outside school. It was a very positive session. Thank you to the Parent Council who provided the refreshments and support. The next session will be held in the week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for the information in the Nursery. Come along for a coffee and meet other nursery families.



## Scooting/Cycling in School

We are very proud to be one of the top schools for scooting and cycling to school. However, some pupils are making it very difficult for pedestrians by scooting on the pedestrian pathways into school and in the playground after 8.30am. Work is being carried out with the P7 pupils to design and reinforce the scooting/cycling rules in order to keep pedestrians safe.



The pupils say:

- If scooting or cycling to school, you should be wearing a helmet.
- No scooting/cycling down the school pedestrian paths.
- No scooting/cycling should be done between the hours of 8.30am and 9am and 3.00pm and 3.30pm to allow the nursery pupils to go through the playground safely.
- During allowed hours, if a pedestrian is walking in the playground you must stop scooting/cycling to let them pass.
  - If you break the rules you will be given a warning which will allow you the chance to change your behaviour.
  - If you break the rules a second time you will lose Golden Time.
  - If you break the rules a third time you will receive a scooting/cycling ban for a week and your parents will be informed.

The pupils have also requested a safe scooting zone beside the bike shelters, so a trial period of this will begin after the Easter break. More information will be shared nearer the time.

Big Hopes Big Future  
Supporting parents and their  
children to be 'ready for school'

## Big Hopes, Big Futures

- We are very excited by the new project that we are taking part in with Home Start. It will focus on working with families in the nursery, helping them to support their children to get ready for starting school. More information will be issued by the Nursery so look out on the Nursery noticeboard!

## GLEE Competition

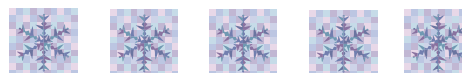
On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, our fabulous school choir performed in the GLEE Aberdeen sectionals at the Beach Ballroom. They were absolutely fantastic! They were complimented on their energy, harmonies and sharp dance moves. It was a nail-biting wait to hear if we had made it into the Regional Finals and on Friday we received an email to say that the judges, for only the second time in the history of the GLEE Schools Competition, awarded Fernielea a judges' 'Wildcard' through to the Regional Finals! So, the choir will be rehearsing as much as possible to be show ready for the competition on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Beach Ballroom. Good luck!

Tickets for the GLEE Regional Finals on 26 March 2018 are now on sale at:  
<http://www.aberdeenperformingarts.com/event/s/aberdeen-primary-schools-glee-challenge-2018> Tickets cost £8.80

Everyone is welcome!



## Adverse Weather and School Closures



Thank you very much for your patience over the period of adverse weather. We were very relieved that we were able to open every day. Some parents were informing us that they didn't receive the Groupcall messages that were sent out to all parents. This usually happens when the number we hold in school for you isn't up to date, so please ensure that emergency contact details are updated every time you change your phone number.

There are 6 ways in which we communicate information with parents and carers in times of adverse weather.

- School Closure Information Line (0870 054 1999 PIN No. 011320 )
- Groupcall - text to all parents
- Aberdeen City Council Website (<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-closures-and-transport-disruptions> )
- Northsound Radio
- Twitter (@FernieleaSchool)
- Parent Council Facebook page

### Holiday Dates - please note that some dates may change

Holiday dates are also available on the Aberdeen City Council Website.

Date	Event
9 March	P4/5 Assembly
15 March	Rotary Quiz 3pm Hazlehead Primary School
16 March	Robert Gordons & Albyn Cross Country Race Event
22 March	P1 Community Café (details to follow)
23 March	Sport Relief
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
10 May	Parents' Evening - Book Fair
18 May	P2 Assembly
21-25 May	P7 Residential Trip
31 May	P1 Induction Meeting
5 June	New to Nursery Meeting for Parents
8 June	P1 Assembly (both classes)
27-29 June	P7 3 Day Visit to Hazlehead Academy
5 July	P7 Leavers' Assembly (PM)
6 July	Term 4 Ends

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