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# Fernielea Features

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## ECO Group

We are very nervously waiting for an email from ECO Schools Scotland to see if we have been successful in reapplying for our Green Flag. We have to renew our flag every 2 years. The ECO Group have worked very hard to ensure that the school community are aware of litter issues, waste issues and transport issues.

The Transport pupil voice group are also in the process of reapplying for our Cycle Friendly School Award. We were one of the first schools in Aberdeen to be presented with this award and it too has to be reapplied for every few years.

## Our Month in Pictures



## Parents Evening 2

Our additional Parents' Evening on 28<sup>th</sup> February was a great success. Parents commented that it was good to discuss their child's learning midway through the year so that they are aware of progress being made and can act if any further support is required.

During the evening, we asked our parents and families to comment on our school vision, values and aims.

Our overarching aims for our pupils are 'Happy, Safe and Achieving'. This encompasses everything we wish for our learners. Almost all of the parent responses agreed with this. Parents were also asked to comment on the long term vision for our school and the response was very positive.

Two of our P7 pupils are running a competition to identify 3 animals to represent 'Happy, Safe and Achieving'. They have created a presentation to share with the whole school and the pupils will be voting on them soon!

When asked what we could be doing better some parents commented on communication methods. At present we communicate with parents and families via letters, newsletters, Twitter, Facebook, our Website, Groupcall and phone calls. Some parents commented that the letters are sometimes not received or are issued later than social media alerts. We will endeavour to ensure they are put out at the same time. As an ECO school we are hoping to produce fewer printed letters in order to reduce paper usage and also costs for the school. If there are other ways in which the school could communicate please let us know. Also if you would like to receive letters via email, please ensure that the office has your email. If you have yet to download the free Groupcall



Xpressions App, please can we ask that you do so as this is one of our main methods of communication.

When asked what we did well, parents commented on the friendly, approachable staff. They also commented on the school being a community which pleased us as this is what we have been aiming for over the last few years.

### Open Afternoon

Our Leaders of Learning Pupil Voice Group has planned an open afternoon to showcase the learning in Fernielea School. They have carried out self-evaluation tasks relating to learning and teaching using a special pupil friendly tool called How Good Is OUR School. They have completed learning walks, observed teaching and discussed what makes good learning. They think that it is important that families get to see what goes on in our school during the school day. So, you are invited to attend the Learning Leaders' Open Afternoon on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 1.30-2.45pm**. All family members are welcome! Your child will show you around their class and share their learning with you. It will be an exciting afternoon for our pupils. We look forward to welcoming you all.



### Staffing News

As per the letter that was issued to families on 5<sup>th</sup> March, I will be supporting Seaton School as their Head Teacher for the next 2 terms. I would like to reassure parents that this should have no impact on the education that your child receives. The team of staff at Fernielea will be working as hard as usual to ensure that they provide high quality learning for all of our pupils. If you wish to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team, for whatever reason over the next few terms, there will always be someone available, including me. There will be a very structured approach to the time spent in both schools. We will keep you up to date with information as usual via social media and newsletters.



### Upcoming Dates

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – P4 Assembly

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Leaders of Learning Open Afternoon – 1.30-2.45pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – P3's Easter Assembly – all welcome – Fernielea School

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – end of Term 3

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Term 4 Begins

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – School Holiday – Good Friday