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Fernielea Features

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Happy New Year!

It's the end of January – can you believe it? We are working very hard at Fernielea to make sure that all of our planned improvements are progressing. The children have been very busy representing the school in the community at Summerhill Care Home, Curl Aberdeen and at Hazlehead Academy Library.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Torrens and her husband welcomed their son, Finley, in early December and there will be more Fernielea babies arriving soon! Mrs Leslie will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of March and Miss Lamont will be taking over the reins in the P6L class. We also have Mrs Morrison, PSA for P3, going off in February to have her second child. We wish both ladies all the best and can't wait to meet their wee ones.

Fernielea Imagineers

Three of our P6 pupils: Cody Banks, Maddison Carrol and Molly Zsaki have been working this past year with Children's Parliament and Aberdeen City Council on a project called "Imagining Aberdeen: Imagineers Investigate". This project has given children a voice and allowed them to help influence how adults plan and run services in our area.

The Imagineers have carried out investigations into mental health, attainment (doing our best), alcohol and drugs and hopes and dreams for the future. They then met with Champions, adults who are the key decision makers for the city and shared with them their feelings and how their ideas could be carried forward.

The highlight was travelling to Edinburgh with Mrs Valentine to the sitting of the Children's Parliament. Our children were amazing and shone out when talking to the members of parliament about how life should be for our children in Scotland.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our young people, this is what they had to say:

Cody "I enjoyed Children's Parliament because you can speak freely and give your opinions. I enjoyed meeting and working with the other children too."

Maddison "It was really interesting getting to know more about children's rights and how we could help people".

Molly "This was a fantastic opportunity to represent Fernielea and meet all the Champions".

By Cody, Maddison & Molly P6

The children are now stars of a film which will be used to train all nursing students on how children access their school nurse. We are all incredibly proud of our Imagineers.



Absences & Lates

There have been too many latecomers to school recently. One day there were 17! The start of the day is very important for pupils and shouldn't be missed. **Please get your child to school on time every day.**

If your child is absent you must call **every day** they are off otherwise the absence will be **unauthorised**. Parents with children with attendance below 90% or with more than 3 lates will be notified by letter and attendance will be monitored until it improves as it is a **legal requirement** and a parents' responsibility to ensure that their child gets a full education.

School Uniform

Our Uniform Recycling (UNI-Cycle) is up and running now at the front of the school. Thank you to Lisa Elrick for donating a clothing rail. Please feel free to help yourself to any of the items on the rail. Please also drop off any clean items in good condition – just hang them up on the rail. We are also looking for any hats, gloves, scarves, wellies or winter coats that your child no longer needs. Hang them up or pop in the box under the rail.



Christmas Concert Collection

We are delighted to say that Homestart will be receiving an amazing total of £187.66 as a result of our Christmas Concert collection. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this collection after our Christmas Shows.

Collection to Help Helimed

In P4/5, we have been collecting crisp packets for Helimed 79 so they can be recycled to raise funds for Scotland's Charity Air Ambulances.

We are helping them to raise £6 million to launch a second charity helicopter, which will use the call sign of Helimed 79 and be based in Aberdeen.

We collected crisp packets by asking our family and friends to keep their empty crisp packets for us. We had parents from different Primaries collecting them too. At our Parent Council bingo evening they were selling snacks during the breaks, so I went round all the tables and collected all of the empty crisp packets. I collected a box full of them. My great Aunt Hazel helped me by collecting and sending packages of empty crisp packets up to me all the way from Henley on Thames in England.

We were collecting packets that had silver in them and Walkers are recycling them for us.

Helimed 76 can be up in the air within five minutes of getting an emergency call and it can reach 90% of Scotland's population within twenty five minutes. It costs approximately £2,500 for each life-saving mission.

Between July and December 16th 2019, Helimed has raised almost £4,000 and recycled nearly two tonnes of crisp packets. They will continue to collect in 2020.

I hope we can continue to support Helimed 79 by collecting even more crisp packets. We are making a drop off point at the front of our school so that everyone at Fernielea can help us and have somewhere to come in and drop them off. Everyone can see the drop off box and find out why we are collecting them.

Thank you!

By Alyssa P4/5

Active Schools Update

This term Jack Evans our RGU Sports Coaching student has been in school assisting Mrs Webster in PE. On Wednesday, he is also running a lunchtime badminton club and an after school football session for girls. A few of the badminton group will be playing in a festival on February 5th at Hazlehead Primary and later in February the football group will play against the other 3 ASG schools indoors @ Hazlehead Academy.

It is important to use physical activity to help lift our mental health especially through the dark winter nights. So where possible try to walk to and from school and get out and be active at the weekends.

Please use this link to find out what is on at school, locally and across the city <https://www.sportaberdeen.co.uk/Pages/Events/Category/fernielea-primary> also for those on Facebook you can keep up-to-date through the Active Schools Hazlehead page.

Upcoming Dates

Friday 7 February – P6S Assembly – Internet Safety

Wednesday 12 February – Parent Council School Discos

Monday 17 February – HOLIDAY – School closed to all

Tuesday 18 February – Inservice Day – School Closed to pupils

Wednesday 19 February – Inservice Day – School Closed to pupils

Thursday 27 February – Parent Consultations