



Fernielea Features

HAPPY SAFE ACHIEVING



SAFE



With the changes in restrictions we will be able to revert back to everyone in P1 to P7 starting school at 9am and finishing at 3pm. This will start from Monday 28th February. Children still enter by the gates they are entering by at present and proceed to their lines.

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience over the last 2 years. Some restrictions remain in place for the time being ie face masks in communal areas, adults distancing from children and enhanced cleaning and safety procedures.

Pupils will be undertaking Bikeability training after the Easter break. P5 will have the opportunity to participate in Level 1 training and P6 will have the opportunity to participate in Level 2 training which involves cycling on local roads. Look out the bikes now and make sure they are in working order. If your child doesn't have a bike but can ride a bike, please let the school know and we can arrange for a loan bike for the training.

HEALTHY



This term, our P6 and P7 pupils will take part in the SHINE survey which our ASG is participating in to plan for supports and improvements for our young people. Pupils participated in the SHINE survey last year and this enabled us to plan, as an ASG (Hazlehead feeder schools), for improvement in Mental Health & Wellbeing. As part of this, a transition teacher Mr Crowther, was appointed to co-ordinate activities and supports for transition to secondary school with Health and Wellbeing in mind. P7s took part in den building with the Country Ranger service. Some P6 and P7 pupils participated in Forest Schools sessions with our Forest Schools trained teacher, Miss Steel and 2 other trained teachers from ASG schools. Transition activities have had a focus on the main areas of self-image and managing new situations. The feedback from pupils has been very positive and the model will be continuing next session to further improve the transitions for our P7 pupils.



ACHIEVING



Every week we focus on our achievements in assembly celebrating:

- Successful Learners
- Confident Individuals
- Effective Contributors
- Responsible Citizens

 	<p>We would like to encourage children and parents to share achievements from outside school. You can submit this via the school email or the school Facebook Messenger, your child could bring in a photo or get their photo taken in school. We love hearing what they children are doing and the clubs they are part of. An achievement is being able to do something they couldn't do before. Don't be shy – start sending them in.</p> <p>We are delighted to share that Fernielea School have been shortlisted for an award, as a result of the innovative ways that the school and community responded to the Pandemic and the challenges of lockdown for our community. Mrs Webster, our PE teacher, along with 2 members of staff and 2 P7 pupils will attend the award ceremony at TECA in March. We are very excited and proud.</p> <p>All P7 pupils will be attending a concert performed by the RSNO Gaspard's Foxtrot on 14 March. We were very lucky to receive tickets for free and we also received support with the transport to the Music Hall. https://www.rsno.org.uk/world-premiere-of-gaspards-foxtrot-in-concert-for-rsno-national-schools-concert-programme-2021/</p>
<p>NURTURED</p>  	<p>We have been working very hard this year as part of our School Improvement Plan to ensure that all of our staff have the appropriate training to support and work with all learners taking into account their individual needs. We have been focusing on – Mental Health and Wellbeing, Dyslexia, ADHD, ASC and Speech and Language. The pupils will also be sharing their thoughts on supports in place and those needed to ensure all learners can achieve.</p> <p>We were very lucky to have training from Marion and her colleague from the One Stop Autism Shop (now Autism Understanding Scotland) and PSAs also attended an additional session on the most recent Inservice Day.</p> <p>Miss Simpson, our P6/7 teacher, has been training our staff on the trauma informed approaches that should be embedded in a school community via the Connected Compassionate Community model.</p> <p>Mr Hardy (PSA) and Miss Steel (ASN Teacher) have completed the training for LIAM (Let's Introduce Anxiety Management) and they will start working with pupils this term.</p> <p>Mrs Angus (PSA) has been carrying out ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) sessions with pupils for over a year now. These sessions have been successful and have been a great addition to our Health and Wellbeing supports in school.</p> <p>Mrs Valentine (PSA) and Miss Keith (PSA) will be running Seasons for Growth groups this term and next term which is for children who have had a loss of some kind ie bereavement, separation of parents, loss of a pet etc.</p>
<p>ACTIVE</p> 	<p>We are delighted that the school football is well underway for P5 and P6 & P7. We will also be restarting the netball club run by Mrs Angus and Miss Petrie.</p> <p>Mrs Webster, our PE Specialist, is also going to run an activities club after school. Information to follow. We are looking for volunteers to help run clubs for our children to expand their opportunities. If you would like to run a club or volunteer to support a club please contact the school office. Training for volunteers will be provided.</p>

	<p>We are always looking for information of clubs and activities open to our families, if your child participates in an activity please let us know and we can share it on the Active Schools notice board.</p> <p>We have a health challenge coming up for March, organised by Mrs Webster and the House and Vice House Captains. Look out for the information coming your way soon.</p>
<p>RESPECTED</p> 	<p>We are incorporating the UNCRC into all aspects of our school community and this has meant that we have are reflecting on current practices. One aspect that is to be considered is the loss of Golden Time as a behaviour management approach as it does not reflect the Rights of the Child. We will be consulting with the children and their families about the way forward. We have trialled reflection sheets for over a year now as a way to facilitate a restorative way forward.</p>
<p>RESPONSIBLE</p> 	<p>Our P7 pupils have the opportunity to have roles of responsibility which include Prefects, buddies, playground leaders and Vice and House Captains. Our second group of Prefect took on their new roles this week and the classes are keen to get to know them and work closely with them.</p> <p>Our House and Vice House Captains have been instrumental in some fundraising initiatives and will continue to support he school in the improvement process.</p>
<p>INCLUDED</p>	<p>All of our children are part of a House – Crathes, Fraser, Edinburgh and Stirling. This allows them to contribute to their team and be part of a larger group within the school while demonstrating the school values. We have a few House Challenges coming up which aim to promote health and wellbeing.</p>

Dates for Your Diary	
Thursday 24 th February 2022	Parent Consultations via online appointments – letter issued via email/Xpressions App on Friday 18 th February. Booking open from 6pm that day.
Monday 28 th February 2022	All P1-P7 pupils start school at 9am and end at 3pm.
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day – information to be sent out this week.
Friday 18 th March 2022	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
Friday 1 April 2022	End of Term 3
Monday 18 th April 2022	Term 4 starts
Monday 2 nd May 2022	May Day holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	In-service day
Friday 3 rd June 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Friday 1 st July 2022	Term 4 ends
Tuesday 23 rd August 2022	Session 2022/23 begins for pupils