



Fernielea Features

HAPPY SAFE ACHIEVING



SAFE

COVID

With the changes in restrictions, we will be able to revert back to having parents in the playground. We are excited to welcome you back and encourage you to maintain safe distances. This will start after the holidays, from Monday 18th April 2022. Children will enter and exit by their assigned gates. We would ask that parents drop and go in the mornings and stand back from the lines.

Remember that staff will not be able to have discussions about your child at the start of the school day as they are focusing on getting the children into school safely. We would advise calling the school with any information that needs to be passed on. We would like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience over the last 2 years.

As indicated in the letter issued earlier this week to parents and carers from Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director for Scotland, some restrictions remain in place for the time being:

- Symptoms of covid still require people to isolate regardless of whether they feel well or not.
- Testing positive for COVID requires isolation.
- Those who are not fully vaccinated and have been close contacts must still isolate if they are over 18 years and 4 months.
- Good hand hygiene and enhanced cleaning
- Good ventilation
- Face masks for adults will still remain in school in some situations.
- Reasonable steps should be taken by adults to physically distance from other adults.



RSHP Education

Next term, all children will be learning about Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenting via RSHPE lessons. Information will be issued shortly to all parents with our programme of work. Information will also be available on the school website.

	<p>Mrs Leslie, (Acting PT) has developed the programme using the Scottish Government RSHP education progression. If you have any queries about the information shared, please contact the school in the first instance.</p> <p>Links for parent websites are below:</p> <p>ELC-P1</p> <p>P2-4</p> <p>P5-7</p>
<p>HEALTHY</p> 	<p>We are delighted that the light nights are here and children are outside playing. It is encouraging to see the pupils using the playground after hours, It is a safe place for them to play away from traffic. Please remind them to leave the playground as they found it and to respect the grounds. We are very lucky to have a wide range of wildlife residing in the grounds and we wouldn't want them to be discouraged from sharing our playground with us.</p> <p><u>Running Club</u></p> <p>We have recently introduced some new clubs to keep children active. Running Club, led by one of our partners, Paul Coxall from Fernielea Gospel Hall, starts on 25th April. We have 2 parent volunteers – thank you for your support which has allowed the club to begin.</p> <p>We also have a dance club led by Mrs Webster, our PE Specialist. One pupil said, "It's the best club, I have been looking for a club like this." A parent commented that their child, "Had an amazing time", and they "Can't wait to go back next week."</p>
<p>ACHIEVING</p> 	<p><u>Aberdeen Sports Awards</u></p> <p>Last week, Fernielea staff and pupils attended the glitzy, Aberdeen Sports Awards and brushed shoulders with Olympic stars and legendary footballers. We had a marvellous evening celebrating the sporting achievements of so many groups and organisations in Aberdeen. We were very proud to be shortlisted for the Innovation Award along with Hazlehead Primary School and Aberdeen Virtual School. The award went to the Aberdeen Virtual School who supported children with experience of care through the pandemic. Huge congratulations to everyone involved.</p> <p>Ellie and Sadie from our P7 year group attended the event.</p> <p><u>Staff Achievements</u></p> <p>We would also like to congratulate Miss Bain for winning all 3 of her races in Inverness where she was competing in a rowing event.</p> <p>Well done also to Miss Waddell for performing at His Majesty's Theatre as part of her dance school's show and for helping to raise over £1000 for the Bosies Cancer charity. Well done!</p>

NURTURED



Pupils in school have been focusing on kindness and our Kindness Wall is almost completely full up with amazing acts of kindness and positive affirmations. We remind each other to think of others and be kind.

ACTIVE



Walk to School Week

Next week is Walk to School week for Fernielea – children will get a house point for walking to school. They will also get a house point for cycling, scooting or 'park and striding' to school as these are also healthy ways to travel. House and Vice House Captains will collect record sheets and total them up to find out which house wins!

The other benefit is that we will hopefully cut down the volume of traffic around the school if children walk to school – even if it is only for a week! We are hoping it will encourage healthy habits and you can make the most of the improving weather.

RESPECTED



Hopes & Dreams Mural

Our P6 pupils were asked to share their hopes and dreams for the future as part of a community project with Reboot Aberdeen, Aberdeen Foyer and Police Scotland that linked with the Tesco Woodend Hub. Their dreams were turned into reality by artist Marc from Fresh Paint who taught some young people from the Hub and Hazlehead Academy to use spray paints to create our wonderful new mural. The theme that came through from the P6 pupils was respect and being kind. Football was also a huge theme so it was incorporated into the mural too. Being happy, safe and achieving was also a strong theme which then resulted in our Values character – Safe Nellie, Happy Bunny and Achieving AI – being the main features of the mural. Everyone is delighted with the result. This was also featured by the Press and Journal.

<https://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/fp/news/aberdeen-aberdeenshire/4092812/fernielea-primary-mural/>

RESPONSIBLE



Comic Relief

Well done to the House and Vice House captains for supporting the school in raising a huge amount of money for Comic Relief. The total still to be confirmed as there were thousands of pennies and 2p pieces donated! We covered 62 and a quarter red noses with our pennies.

INCLUDED



New Clubs

We have some new clubs in school. On a Monday lunchtime, Paul Coxall will be running a Scripture Union Club for P6 & P7 pupils. On a Friday lunchtime, some of our P7 pupils have started their very own Chess Club. They had their first session last week and it was so well organised; they shared their knowledge of the 'characters of chess' and their individual moves. This club is for P7 pupils only at the moment to build up the skills of P7 players and then other classes will be invited and coached by the P7s. We were very lucky to be gifted 3 brand new chess sets from Jason – a friend of Fernielea School. We would like to extend our thanks for this generosity.

Netball has been up and running for the last month and it is well attended. Mrs Angus and Miss Petrie are delighted with the progress being made by the players.

ELC Healthy Eating Survey

ELC parents have been asked to complete a Google survey about healthy eating in the nursery. Please can you complete it to help ensure that improvements can be made and successes celebrated.

<https://forms.gle/2q4nahxjG8YBR6Nk8>

Additional Information

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Stephen and Miss Blakemore from maternity leave. Mrs Stephen will be working with a range of classes and Miss Blakemore is taking over from Miss Irvin who has a new position in another school. We would like to wish Miss Irvin a fond Fernielea farewell and thank her for her hard work at Fernielea.

We are delighted to welcome some new staff members to Fernielea ELC. Miss Adam, EYP, has joined the team over the last few weeks and is getting to know the children and their families. We would also like to welcome our new Senior Early Years Practitioners, Ms Olszewska, who starts with us on Monday 28th March, and Ms Christie who starts with us on Monday 18th April. Ms Jairath, EYP, currently works with us and we look forward to welcoming her as a permanent member of staff.

Dates for Your Diary

Week beginning 28 th March 2022- 1 st April	Walk to School Week. (Scoot, cycle or park and stride too!) House points for every healthy journey to school.
Friday 1 April 2022	End of Term 3
Monday 18 th April 2022	Term 4 starts
Tuesday 26 April 2022	School Photographer in school – individual and sibling photos.
Monday 2 nd May 2022	May Day holiday – school closed to all

Tuesday 3 rd May 2022	In-service day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 5 th May 2022	Election – school closed to pupils
Thursday 2 nd June onwards	School Reports start being issued in class groups via email
Friday 3 rd June 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – school closed to all
Thursday 9 th June	Online Parent consultations
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	Fernielea School's 60 th Anniversary – information to follow
Friday 1 st July 2022	Term 4 ends
Tuesday 23 rd August 2022	Session 2022/23 begins for pupils

Information regarding holiday dates can be found here

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