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Newsletter

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# Fernielea Features

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## A Busy Summer Term!

This term has proven to be an action-packed and exciting term so far. We have had a successful Sports Day, ASG Sporting Events at the Academy, family learning sessions and even school trips! It is so good to have things back to (almost) normal.

With the sunny weather approaching – hopefully – remember to apply sunscreen to your children and pop a hat in their bag to protect them from the sun.

We encourage children to take a water bottle with them to school so they have a readily available supply of fresh water to drink. Please note, since we are a Health Promoting school, we ask that only plain, non flavoured water is in their water bottles. Bottles can be refilled easily throughout the day.

PE will be outdoors as much as possible between now and the Summer holidays. be taken to school just in case there are showers. We always have jackets here we can provide children who have forgotten to take theirs.

## Uni-Cycle

Our uniform recycling facility is now available again in the front foyer. There are jackets and uniform items available. Please help yourself to any items you require. Donations of old uniform will now be accepted – can all items be washed and in good condition please.

## Sports Day

A mixed bag of weather nearly stopped us having our first Sports Day in 2 years – but we held our nerve and it paid off – we had a wonderful afternoon. We were overwhelmed by the support from parents – thank you so much for supporting the event – it meant so much to the staff and pupils.

The winners of the Sports House Cup were **FRASER!**

The points were as follows:

<b>Crathes</b>	1945
<b>Fraser</b>	2048
<b>Edinburgh</b>	1812
<b>Stirling</b>	1772



## Staffing

We would like to welcome new staff to Fernielea. In the ELC, we would like to welcome our new Senior Early Years Practitioners, Ms Olszewska and Ms Christie, who have been busy meeting parents and getting to know the children. Ms Jairath, EYP, has also joined us as a permanent member of staff.

### Reminder to all Parents

If your child forgets something – do not bring it in as your child will manage without it. It will allow your child to develop their problem solving skills and we would never see a child go without. We have lots of coats, waterproofs, and equipment which can be borrowed. Cups will be provided if they forget their water bottle and a healthy snack can be provided if they forget their snack. Lunch will always be provided if they forget their packed lunch.

Don't worry – whatever your child has forgotten they will be fine.

The **only** exception to this is vital medication (phone school first).

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We'd like to welcome Mrs Trybus, our new School Support Assistant to the school office and we would also like to welcome back Mrs Boyd who has returned from a secondment. She is currently supporting learners in Room 14, our targeted support area.

### Inclusion and Equity



A main focus for our School Improvement Plan this year has been to ensure that all learners are supported to achieve their potential regardless of barriers. We have, as a staff, engaged in professional learning and implemented a wide range of supports for all learners. Mrs Amato, PT Inclusion and Equity, has been working with staff to restructure the supports available for learners in our school community. Over the next year, staff will be fully implementing the strategies and interventions to ensure that they are fully embedded in our school. There are a number of exciting interventions being created which we will let you know about as soon as they are ready.

Some of the interventions that are currently taking place in school are:

- *Forest School – developing life skills*
- *Talk Boost – developing communication*
- *Adventure Aberdeen – developing specific skills and collaboration*
- *LIAM – Anxiety support*
- *ELSA – Emotional Support*
- *Seasons for Growth – Support to cope with change and loss*
- *Active Schools – COVID recovery support with Nic Wood*
- *Freshstart – Dyslexia focused support*
- *Fit Like Hub – support for families*
- *Family Learning Support – PEEP training for parents, parent support*
- *Financial Inclusion – finance support for parents and families*
- *Aberlour – tailored support for learners with specific needs*
- *Community Learning and Development Team – transition focused group work*
- *A Place2B – providing a calm and safe space to go at lunchtime*

We are so pleased to be working with so many partners to help us provide our learners with the support they need, when they need it.

Some of our learners wanted to share their thoughts about the Place2B Club that is in Week 7 of operation.

I love going to A Place2B because it is quieter than the playground.

It is so good. We play board games and draw with our friends. I made new friends.

It's good to know it is there if I want to go and take time out from things.



### Our 60th Anniversary

This year, in June, we will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The classes have been learning about the decades since the school opened in 1962. They have really engaged with the music, culture and school traditions of the times. We would like to invite parents to come and see what we have been learning as part of our School Anniversary Open Day. It will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am until 11am. You will have the opportunity to visit the school, browse the learning displays and also see

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and hear the dances and songs from the decades that the classes have been learning about this term.

If you wish to attend the session, please complete the google form using the link below to indicate your attendance so that we can prepare for the day and ensure that we all stay safe. Sadly, we have to limit visitors to 2 people per family – we hope you can understand that this is necessary for safety reasons.

<https://forms.gle/cTieFdZzeJX6nKMN6>

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, pupils and staff will be celebrating the school's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday by having a fun day. Plans are in process and information will be shared soon.

### Parking

Again, I find myself having to remind parents that it is essential that safe parking and driving takes priority around our school. It will only be a matter of time until a child is injured. Police Scotland are working with the community wardens and our school to ensure that those drivers who continue to park on the grass verges and pavements are dealt with appropriately. A letter from Police Scotland was issued to all parents earlier this month but still cars are parked on the pavements and grass verges.

It is now Summer – try walking to school rather than driving – the benefits are many:

- Improved physical health
- Improved mental health
- Quality time spent with your child
- Better for the environment
- Safer for our children

Please report any unsafe parking to the community wardens

<https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/people-and-communities/community-safety/city-wardens> or Police Scotland on 101.

### Ithaca Energy Art Competition

Classes have been very busy creating works of art to enter into the Ithaca Art Competition. Entries have been shortlisted and they will be put forward to the competition. See some of the entries below:



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### Transition

Our P6 and P7 pupils visited Hazlehead Academy recently for the ASG Games and joined with pupils from the other ASG schools. Active Schools did a great job ensuring that everyone had a good time and it was a good opportunity for our pupils to meet others who will be in their year group when they make the move into S1. Our Primary 7s will be visiting their academies over the next few weeks with Hazlehead Academy pupils visiting for 2 days this week. We wish them good luck as they meet their new teachers and classmates and look forward to hearing about their adventure.

Last week, our new P1 pupils, who start with us in August, were invited in to visit the school with their families. Our P7 pupils did a sterling job conducting tours for the families and supporting them in planting sunflower seeds to grow over the Summer. We were so proud of our P7s who took on their leadership roles with confidence. All P1 pupils received a school bag with 2 tennis balls in them which can be used to support skills for school over the Summer. This is an ASG initiative, and we look forward to hearing how they all get on.

### Soak the Sevens

We are delighted to announce that the Primary 7s raised a whopping £814.11 – well done to all involved.

Dates for Your Diary	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	P7 Hazlehead Academy 2 day visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022 onwards	Pupil Reports start being issued in class groups via email
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – school closed to all
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Online Parent consultations – information to follow
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	P7 Activities Week – information to follow
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Online Q&A for new Primary 1 parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Fernielea School's 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day 9.30-11am
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2022	Meet the Teacher Day – pupils meet their new teachers
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Fernielea 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for pupils and staff
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	P7 Leavers' Assembly (PM)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Term 4 ends
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2022	Session 2022/23 begins for P2-7 pupils

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