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Fernielea Features

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Another year over!

What a fast year! We always look back and can't believe how fast it has gone. I am sure the parents of the P7 pupils feel exactly the same!

It has been a very busy year and we have had so many highlights. It has been the first 'almost normal' year in a while and we eagerly look forward to a fully normal year next year.

As we move into the Summer holidays there a few pieces of information to share.

On Thursday afternoon (30th June) Primary 7 will share their Leavers Assembly with their families, starting at 1.30pm. We look forward to it very much.

On Friday at the end of the day, P7 will be piped out of school by an ex-pupil, organised by the P7 parents. Please feel free to join us in the rear playground to wave them all off at 2.45pm.

We wish all Primary 7 pupils, and those moving to new schools and even new countries, a fond Fernielea Farewell.

Rag Bag Collection

Our first Rag Bag collection took place this week and a staggering £71.60 was raised for the Parent Council which will be used to support the school community.

The Rag Bag bin is in the rear tunnel accessed via the kitchen carpark. No pupils are to enter the kitchen car park – adults only. Items that can be put in the bins are:
Wearable clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts.

P7 Activities Week

What a wonderful week the P7s had. They galavanted across Aberdeen and Shire learning new skills while having a great time with their classmates and staff.

They raised money to support their activities which included:

- A day at Codonas with bowling, laser tag, karting and dodgems.
- A day canoeing, biking and team building at Knockburn Loch with Adventure Aberdeen.
- Fireside smores with Miss Steel
- Slip and Slide in the sunshine
- Crafting

A huge thank you to the staff who supported the activities week and to the pupils who behaved so well throughout.

Next year we have secured a provisional booking for a week in Adventure Aberdeen's Cromdale Centre for the P7 year group. Information will be issued this week with a few options for parents and information on costs.

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).

HAPPY SAFE ACHIEVING

Staffing

We would like to bid a fond Fernielea Farewell to Miss Blakemore who is leaving us at the end of term to take up a new post as teacher of ASL in an Aberdeenshire school. We wish her all the best and look forward to hearing how she is settling in with her new school.

We also say farewell to Mrs Imrie who has worked in Fernielea School on and off for the past 20+ years. She has taught many pupils and their parents over the years. We wish Mrs Imrie good luck in her next adventure and say a huge thank you.

Achievements

We were delighted to learn that Fernielea School had been placed as the overall winner of the Ithaca Energy Art Competition for 2022. We are delighted to accept the huge prize of £1000 of vouchers for Amazon to support the creative curriculum. Two pupils won individual prizes for their artwork – Anam in P5 came in first place and Nakshatra, P7, came second. Four P6 pupils were highly commended for their entries to the competition. They are Summer, Kyla, Jessica and Karina. Congratulations to all – their artwork was beautiful.



Next Year

As things return to normal a few things will be refreshed and we will be asking the children to wear their uniform at all times rather than coming in with PE kit on. We will return to pupils changing for PE in school so they will require to take a PE kit with them which can comprise of trainers/plimsoles and shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Older children will require a change of top. We discourage the wearing of football kits/tops in school.

Jewellery

All jewellery including watches must be removed before participating in PE.

Piercings will also be required to be removed in line with Aberdeen City Council policy.

Taping of face piercings will not be permitted. They must be removed for PE days.

If your child cannot remove their own earrings in school, please remove them at home on a PE day. Take advantage of the long school holidays to practice this.

Hoops and dangling earrings should not be worn in school.

If piercings cannot be removed by yourself or your child then the activity will be modified, where possible, to ensure the safety of your child otherwise your child may not be able to participate in the lesson to avoid injury.

School Entrances

Children will be able to enter and exit from any gate. They will enter/exit via the main playground doors rather than their class doors. Information about the entrance/exit for each class and their coloured dot for lining up, was shared in the letter sent home detailing who your child's teacher is for next year.

Clubs will also continue and more will start up. Please get in touch if you wish to support a club for pupils.

Bikeability

In Term 1 we will start with Bikeability training Level 1 for pupil in P5 and P6. This would be an ideal time to brush off the bikes and get them into working order. Look out for Bike Check sessions in the local Hazlehead Park. We do have a few bikes which can be borrowed so let us know in Term 1 if one is required.

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Football Awards Ceremony

The football season ended on a high this year with a celebration of the football teams with their families and coaches. A huge thank you to the coaches for the commitment they have shown towards football in Fernielea – the children really appreciate it.

The ceremony recognised the following pupils:

P5 Most Improved Player – Logan Booth
P5 Players' Player – Cole Young

P6 Most Improved Player – Nathan Skinner
P6 Players' Player – Kyle Gibb

Well done all and thank you to Kavin's parents who cooked a beautiful range of Indian food to share with staff and families. It was delicious.

We look forward to another team starting next year for the current P4 class.

| Dates for Your Diary | |
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| Thursday 30 th June 2022 | P7 Leavers' Assembly (PM) |
| Friday 1 st July 2022 | Term 4 ends |
| Monday 22 nd August 2022 | INSERVICE DAY – school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 23 rd August 2022 | Session 2022/23 begins for pupils |
| Friday 9 th September 2022 | Whole School photo to mark our 60 th Anniversary |

Information regarding School Term dates can be found here:

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

You can select the academic years from the selections on the page.

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