

April 2017

Portlethen Primary



Newsletter

School Values

- **T**rust
- **T**eamwork
- **R**espect
- **A**chievement
- **I**nclusion
- **N**urture

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 1 st May (May Day)	Tuesday 2 nd May
Friday 30 th June	Tuesday 22 nd August

Answering Machine for reporting absences:
01224 780238

*Zootropolis Movie Night
Friday 28th April
Portlethen Academy
Tickets £3 adults, £2 children. Available from the school office.*

*Spring Fayre
Saturday 6th May
Volunteers required.*

Dear Parents/Carers

It is lovely to be back at school. We are enjoying the better weather and the additional space. We now have a room dedicated to a library, a music room with an abundance of musical instruments and the children now participate in digital learning and French in new learning spaces.

Rotary Young Writers' Competition

A clean sweep for Portlethen again. Neve, P5A won the 7-10 year old category and Milli, P6/7C won the 11-13 year old category. Successful learners indeed!

Digital Leaders

Pupils from P4 to P7 have been appointed as Digital Leaders. Their role is to ensure uniformity of apps in the school iPads and to promote safe use of technology within school and beyond. They will also be responsible for trialling new apps and be "experts" to help class teachers and pupils learn. "I like learning about computers." Thomas; "I like having my own badge and helping others with technology".

Parents' Evenings

Appointments have been issued and we look forward to meeting with you. Feedback will be sought on the type of parental reporting you would find useful next session. A book fayre will also be available.

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school so that they reach their full potential. Good punctuality means that your child enjoys all of their valuable learning time and minimises disruption for all pupils.

We have introduced attendance certificates for children who achieve 100% attendance. At the end of last term, 46 pupils earned attendance certificates. The start of term 4 saw the introduction of our Attendance Stars award for the class with the highest attendance each week. Well done P3P for earning the first award!

Rights Respecting School Award

The National Day For Change 2017 takes place in school on Friday 26th May. Further details will follow from the children on the RRSA committee. In previous years we have made a silver coin snake and created beautiful copper coin pictures to raise funds to provide vital life-saving foods and care for malnourished children. We strive to obtain our Level 2 RRSA award in the near future.

All of our achievements are shared on Twitter first! We have shared 658 pieces of information since the start of session. Don't miss out!



@Portyschool

689 tweets and 769 likes.

Dates for your diary

2.5.17 and 4.5.17

Parents' Evenings - traditional format

9.5.17-12.5.17

P7s at Abernethy

31.5.17

New P1 Parents' Evening

7.6.17

Sports Day at Nicol Park

14.6.17-16.6.17

P7 Academy Visits

22.6.17

P7 Show

23.6.17

P7 leavers' treat

30.6.17 at 9.45am

End of term service and P7 awards at the church. All welcome.

National Autism Awareness Week - 27.3.17-31.3.17

We learned lots about autism and understanding others. We will continue to celebrate diversity and appreciate that everyone is different but equal. An amazing £1,591 was raised from the sponsored hip hop event which will be used to purchase autism friendly sensory play panels for the playground.

Mental Maths Open Session

Thank you for the excellent turnout and valuable feedback. It was so nice to have tea and a chat with so many parents. Parental engagement in children's learning has proven to raise attainment so we will continue to provide opportunities to share learning experiences.

Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities, Article 29, UNCRC.

Lunch Break

Following a successful trial, the 12.10-1.10pm lunch will become permanent.

You have the right to have safe water to drink, nutritious food and information to help you stay well, Article 24, UNCRC

Crazy Hair For Spring Fayre Day 26.4.17

Just a reminder that children can have crazy hair tomorrow (Wednesday) and to bring a donation of chocolate or a bottle for the Spring Fayre.

P7 Show

The Primary 7s are rehearsing for the school show "School of Rock" which will be performed on 22nd June, tickets will be available nearer the time. (Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White, book by Julian Fellowes, Lyrics by Glenn Slater and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber).

Staffing

Best wishes to Mrs Scouller, nursery who will be leaving Portlethen on 26th May to enjoy new adventures in Australia.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Turner will be returning from maternity leave on Monday 5th June.

Congratulations to Mrs McArthur, P4 and Mrs Campbell, P6 who are expecting babies in September.

Miss Moir, P7 will be taking up a two year teaching contract in Abu Dhabi from August. An amazing opportunity!

Parents' Groups News

Friends of Portlethen Primary meeting - to be confirmed - Spring Fayre - Saturday 6th May, 10am-1pm

Parent Partnership meeting - Tuesday 30th May at 6.30pm

PIP - Joint Movie Night with Hillside and Fishermoss.

Zootropolis - Friday 28th April at Portlethen Academy, 6pm.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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