



AUCHTERHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24TH APRIL 2009



Dear Parents

We hope you all had a lovely Spring break. It has been great to catch up with the children's news this week.

Attached to this Newsletter are:

- Action Plan in response to Parents' Questionnaires
- Calendar of events up to end of term (additions/ changes will be advised)
- Barefoot Books leaflets
- Birkhill Playgroup fliers
- Appointment times for Parent Contact Evenings

Congratulations To Angela Anderson!



Angela, our Senior Early Years Practitioner, is now on maternity leave. She has had a little boy called Finlay and both are doing well! Someone is being appointed to cover Angela's maternity leave but we are unsure as to when she will begin at our Nursery.

Parent Questionnaire Response

I am enclosing the Action Plan which has been drawn up in response to the questionnaire summary passed to me by the Parent Council. If you feel that there is anything that I've not addressed or have further suggestions for improvement please don't hesitate to get in touch.

"Thingumyjig" at the Dundee Rep

The children in P4-7 will perform "Thingumyjig", written by Geraldine McCaughrean, on the Main Stage, in Dundee Rep on Monday 29th June at 6:30. **If any of the children will be unavailable to perform on that evening can you please let me know as soon as possible.**

We have just cast the parts and are about to begin work on developing the characters. Gemma Nicoll (Education Officer) from the Rep has already been in to work with the children for 1 session and we have lots to do before her next visit on Friday 8th May!

Craft Fayre

As you will already know the Craft Fayre is going to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 9th May from 2:00- 4:00. Please return the slip sent out by the Parent Council as soon as possible, if you have not already

done so, indicating if you are willing to help on the stalls or serving tea and coffee. Donations for raffle prizes are also being requested.

Parents' Contact Evenings

P1-7 Parents contact evenings are next Tuesday and Wednesday (28th and 29th April). Please bring your child so he/ she can hear what is being said and can take part in the discussion about his/ her progress.

Barefoot Books will have a stand set up for you to peruse and you will have the opportunity to buy any books that interest you. The books will also be available for Nursery parents to look at on Tuesday morning.

School Nurse Visits

This term the school nurse will be talking to the P5-7 children as part of the Health programme covering living and growing. If any parents would like to discuss the content covered at each stage or view the material please let me know.



Transport

We would like to thank once again all the parents that willingly provide transport for our numerous sports events and project visits. We seem to rely on the same people time and time again!

If you are unable to help with transport but have another family member who can, please let us know as it would lessen the load for the "regulars".
Thanks!

Sports

Football

Monday 27th April

Rural Football Festival - Arbroath High School 1:00-3:30

Most of the boys from P4-7 want to take part in this. All footballers must bring a packed lunch to school for this event.

Please note that the festival finishes at 3:30 so the children will be late home that day.

Wednesday 27th May

"Friendly" Match (requested by our pupils) **after school at Mattocks.**

Kick-off will be at 3:30 at Mattocks Primary School. If your child wants to take part please confirm that they will be available after school on that day and if you can provide transport.



Swimming

Thursday 7th May

Rural Swimming Gala

The swimming gala involving P4-7 children will take place on Thurs 7th May at Arbroath Sports Centre from 5:45- 7:30/8:00. Although I am happy to supervise the children on the poolside parents will be responsible for transporting their own children. Can you please indicate on the tear off slip if your child will be taking part?

Visit to Auchterhouse Park

P1-3 will visit Auchterhouse Park as part of their technology project. If you are free and would like to join the children to help with discussions and ensure their safety whilst walking to and from the park we'd be very grateful! Please fill in the tear off strip at the end.



Visit to Scotston Farm

The Nursery children will visit Scotston Farm to see the new lambs on Wed 29th April as part of their project on baby animals.

Current Topics

Nursery

Baby animals

Growing things

Spring

Growing and moving on (transition from Nursery to P1)

P1 - 3

"Bears": Looking at different types of bears, research and focus on functional writing this term.

Maths focus will be subtraction and measurement

(P2&3 continuing with times tables practice)

Technology topic "The Park"



P4-7

"France within Europe"

Maths Information Evening

The Maths information evening, requested by parents, will be on Wed 6th May at 6:30 and last around an hour. It will let parents see the methods used to teach the children addition, subtraction, multiplication and division from P1-P7. Suggestions for practical, fun ways of practicing numerical/ maths skills will be discussed. Please come with suggestions of things that you do at home! Can you please confirm your attendance by filling in the tear off slip at the end.

Curriculum for Excellence Progress Evening

This information evening on Wednesday 13th May at 6.30pm is to share what we know so far about the Curriculum for Excellence and to look at examples of it working in some classrooms. Can you please fill in the tear off slip to confirm your attendance? Thank you!



Parent Council AGM

Please note that due to the additional In Service day on 25th May, the Parent Council AGM will now be on Monday 18th May. Ged Gilmartin (Principal Officer - Physical Resources) will be at the meeting to discuss the traffic congestion at the start and end of the school day.

P7 Foreign Language Preference

If you would like your child to continue with French at secondary school can you please let Monifieth High know. Although the school does try to continue with the same foreign language learned at primary school, if no preference has been expressed sometimes children are put into another language class.

If you have any queries or suggestions please phone, come in for a chat or make an appointment for a longer meeting.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorna Higgins".

Lorna Higgins
Acting Head Teacher
Auchterhouse Primary School

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Child's name

My child will/ will not be able to participate in "Thingumyjig" at Dundee Rep on Monday 29th June

My child will/ will not be able to participate in the "friendly" football match at Mattocks after school on Wed 27th May

I will/ will not be able to provide transport to/ from the match at Mattocks Primary on Wed 27th May (kick off 3:30)

My child will/ will not be able to participate in the Rural Schools Swimming Gala at Arbroath Sports Centre on Thurs 7th May 5:45-8:00

I will/ will not be able to help with the P1-3 visit to the park on Mon 11th May

I will/ will not be able to attend the Maths Information Evening on Wed 7th May

I will/ will not be able to attend the Curriculum for Excellence Information Evening on Wed 13th May

Signed