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# Mintlaw Primary Newsletter

**Spring / End of March 2017**

## **Successful rugby trip**

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March we had 2 buses of adults and children travel to Murrayfield to watch Scotland v Italy as part of the RBS 6 Nations. We had a fantastic day, enjoying the pre-match entertainment in the family zone and then the main event of the match. The children loved all sitting together and taking part in the Mexican wave and cheering on Scotland as they scored 4 tries! A huge thank you to Mr Pennington for arranging the trip, a significant amount of time and effort went in to making it a success. We also raised just over £1300 which covered the cost of the buses! Our sincere thanks to Macduff Shellfish for their generous donation of £500 and our fundraising committee for £300.



## **Good luck to J-Rock**

Their competition is on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the AECC and all their hard work will be on show for this event! The children and the adult crew will be leaving Mintlaw at 8.30am on Sunday and the performance is in the evening – Good luck and remember to enjoy this fabulous experience!

## **Rotary Quiz**

Well done to our 2 Primary 7 teams who represented the school at the annual Rotary Quiz last week, we were placed 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The children enjoyed the experience, tried their best and their excellent behaviour was a credit to the school and their parents.

## **Cross Country Success**

Our success continues! Well done Cross Country Teams: Primary 5, 6 and 7 received the winners shield, we are very proud of all the runners. Special mention to Blair Findlay, Robbie Cumming and Aidan Barron who won individual runner-up medals and in addition to this Max Taylor, Logan Anderson, Brodie Finnie, David Watt and Cole Cruickshank who received participation medals for competing in 4 or more out of the 6 events in the series.

## **Bikes/trikes/scooters in the playground**

As Spring has now arrived with the welcomed sunshine, we are seeing an increase of bikes etc coming to school which we greatly welcome and encourage. It is lovely to see our pre-school children practising on their balance bikes before the 3.15pm bell but for their safety and that of the other children can they return to their parent's side when the bell rings. Also a reminder that all primary children should push their bikes/scooters until they reach the school gates. Thanks for your cooperation in ensuring our playground is safe in the morning and after school.

## **Fundraising Committee:**

Easter egg design; blank eggs will be issued to each child this week, please return to school by Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March if they go home some classes may choose to complete this in school. This competition is kindly being sponsored by Mr Ali at Nisa, our sincere thanks for his continued support. A reminder that the Easter disco is on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8pm £3 entry at the door. A sponsored walk is planned for after the Easter holidays, this is instead of the sponsored treasure hunts we have done in recent years. Sponsor forms will go out next week. Primary 1 – 7 are walking to Aden, P1-3 are completing a 5km route and P4-7 a 7km route, class teachers will be organising parent helpers.

## **Reporting to Parents: Sharing the Learning:**

### **Primary 1 Class Assembly**

Well done to the children and Mrs Dingwall, last week we had a lovely experience of sharing the learning. They clearly and proudly shared their learning about Scotland, French and Toys and the parents and family friends returned to the class to continue to find out more about their learning.

### **Primary 7 Class Assembly**

From one of our youngest to the oldest class in our school, our primary 7 children shared a range of their learning from personal projects, poetry writing, art work, French to their fantastic animations they created. The parents then returned to the class to take part in the P7 mannequin challenge, work on Scratch computer programming and work with their child to set their next targets together. Well Done P7 a fantastic assembly and learning experience!

## **RRSA and Eco Committee**

Earth Hour is taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm, this is when WWF are encouraging all the world to switch off their lights for one hour. Last year 178 countries took part, from Sydney Opera House and the Eiffel Tower to Buckingham Palace and Edinburgh Castle, cities towns and communities like ours across the world switch off their lights and come together for an hour, to join a global show of support for action on climate. For more information please see [www.wwf.org.uk/joinearthhour](http://www.wwf.org.uk/joinearthhour). Also Aberdeenshire Council are using Geddes the Panda to help promote the event via **#PassthePanda**, there is more information on the council website, Facebook and Twitter.

## **Health**

Sickness Bug: We are continuing to be affected by this bug....If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they **must** stay away from school for 48 hour after their last episode. This helps to reduce the risk of the bugs spreading throughout the school. Also ensure all children have good handwashing routines. Thanks for your co-operation.

First aid notes: these tend to only be completed for head injuries and significant injuries, our team of PSAs deal with minor cuts, bumps and grazes effectively on a daily basis and it is not feasible to record every minor injury. On some occasions we phone, put a note in reading

record or catch the parent after school and therefore there is no need for a first aid note also, I hope this clears up some misunderstandings.

### **Red Nose Day**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Wear something red or decorate an old polo shirt with red nose faces. £1 donation on the day and there will be 2 x 20p activities of course these are optional.

### **Sharing more success.....**

**Swimming:** We were very proud of Kailey Finnie who was selected and competed in the Scottish Schools Trials. Kailey swam backstroke and had a fantastic time finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 12. Our Olympic visitor, Caitlin would be very proud also!

**Netball:** Our team competed in a festival this term and the P6/7 team were runners-up!! Well Done we are proud of all our players! Also special mention to Brooke Willox who was asked to play with the secondary team.

**Drumming:** Eleanor Whyte auditioned for Aberdeenshire Schools Pipe Band; there are 2 sections the Development Band and the Senior Band; she is the only primary pupil in the Senior Band – Well Done Eleanor!

### **Thank you!**

We continue to be extremely well supported by our parents and community and I thank you for this continued support, this enables us to go on trips, support the children with their learning and continue to improve our school. If you are able to help in any capacity please let the front office or class teacher know, many thanks.

### **Finally**

We say farewell to Loreena Price our Kitchen Supervisor, as she moves on to a new position. Loreena has been with us nearly 6 years and has been involved in updating our school meals, she will be missed as we wish her good luck in her new job. Interviews have taken place for her replacement and we will know in due course who the successful candidate is.

Kind regards

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