



October Newsletter

Dates for the Diary					
Thursday	12 th October	First Aid training for P5-7	Friday	13 th October	Vegetable Decorating Contest
Friday	13 th October	P6/7 Assembly	Friday	13 th October	End of Term 1
Monday	30 th October	First Day of Term 2	Wednesday	1 st November	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Wednesday	1 st November	P1-3 Road Safety Magic Show	Wednesday	1 st November	GLOW/Blogs Workshop 3:30pm

Dear Parents,

Who can believe that we are almost at the end of term 1? What a busy and productive term it has been! Thank you all for supporting the life and work of the school this term!

Parking

We kindly remind parents and friends not to park over neighbouring driveways. Many thanks for your co-operation.

School Office

We are delighted to welcome Mrs McCarthy back to work. For the time being, she will continue to work on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, with Mrs Hyman and Mrs Donaldson continuing on a Wednesday and Friday respectively.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome Mrs V Hart and Mrs L Urquhart to our staff team! Mrs Hart is an experienced teacher who is teaching in P6/7 one day per week to allow Miss Blakemore to have her professional development day. Mrs Urquhart is our Pupil Equity Fund Pupil Support Assistant who will be working with us one day per week to help support children in being 'ready to learn'. Both ladies are a valuable asset to our team!

MacMillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you and well done to the P7 children from P5/6/7 and P6/7 as well as Mrs Moir and Miss Blakemore for organising and running our MacMillan Coffee Morning last week! We are delighted that they raised the grand total of £692.02 for this fantastic and very worthy cause. They have been working very hard behind the scenes to ensure that it all went smoothly! Many thanks to the parents and friends who helped out on the day and also who donated baking – it was very kind of you! I'm sorry that a Head Teacher conference resulted in me not being able to attend this event, but I did hear lots of lovely feedback about it!

Values

In September, we were delighted to see so many people displaying our shared value of 'Friendship'. We have lots of leaves on our Values Tree and the following children were nominated for displaying super acts of friendship: Samuel, Scott, Phoebe, Natasha and Charlotte.

Samuel was the chosen winner for the month and received a special certificate at assembly on Friday!
Well done Samuel!

Our value for October is '**Respect**'. Please encourage this with all children and everyone associated with our school!

First Aid

All children in P5, P6 and P7 will receive level 1 First Aid training on Thursday 12th October, delivered by Grampian Training Services. This is a valuable opportunity to develop life long skills. All children will receive a certificate on completion of their training.

Brownies/Guides

If your daughter attends Brownies/Guides please ensure that you arrive as close to the starting time of 5:30pm as possible. This is to avoid disruption to our teachers who are usually still busy working at that time and is in terms with the conditions of the school let. We kindly remind all parents coming to Brownies/Guides that the classrooms/library and school resources are out of bounds to pupils and parents at these times.

Vegetable Decorating Competition

On Friday 13th October, we invite all pupils to bring in a vegetable of their own choice to decorate and turn into a character, a vehicle or whatever they like! The decorating must be done in school and art materials will be supplied. Specific materials can be brought from home if the design calls for it.

P6/7 Assembly

As detailed in our 'Reporting to Parents' calendar, P6/7 children (Miss Blakemore's class) will be holding their class assembly on Friday 13th October in the afternoon. Invitations will be sent out to parents of this class only. Please come along and see the fantastic learning that has been taking place! This is part of our 'Reporting to Parents' process.

End of Term Treat

As a way of saying 'Thank You', our end of term 'treat' for the children who have earned their Charter Choosing time this term will be held on Wednesday 11th October. Children will have the opportunity to choose from variety of fun activities led by teachers. Children who have lost 15 minutes or more over the term will work with Mrs Steel.

GLOW/Blogs Workshop

Parents are invited in to school on Wednesday 1st November at 3:30pm where Miss Portsmouth will lead a session on how to use GLOW and School Blogs at home. In order for us to accommodate number, please confirm your attendance.

Road Safety Magic Show

On the 1st November, all children in P1-3 will be attending a 'Road Safety Magic Show', held in our school and led by 'Alan's Magic', organised by Aberdeenshire Council. It is a fun, interactive show which will deliver important messages in terms of being safe on the roads.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be open for parents and children after school each evening from Wednesday 1st November until Monday 6th November. Please come along and help support this event, the more money we take the more commission we earn which means more books for our library! Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

Coats/Jackets

Now that the weather is turning unpredictable, we remind parents that children must bring coats to school on a daily basis. Thank you.

Blytheswood Shoe Box Appeal

Once again, we will be supporting the Blytheswood Shoe Box Appeal in conjunction with Maud and Savoch Church. This appeal involves filling a shoebox with small gifts for a child or adult somewhere else in the world who have suffered disadvantage or hardship. A separate leaflet about this will be emailed home to you and some hard copies will be available from our office as from this Friday (6th Oct). Please help if you can.

Expectations

A number of children are still not bringing in water bottles to school. Please ensure that these are sent in daily. Also, please ensure that you remember to sign your child's homework/reading. A valuable amount of teacher time spent chasing pupils who do not have this done. This also applies to behaviour reflection sheets sent home – these must be signed by a parent and sent in to school on the next working day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Lost Property

We still have a number of items of lost property at school. This will be recycled at the end of this term if it continues to remain unclaimed. Please come in to school before then to see if anything belongs to your child.

House Captains

Our elections for P7 House Captains were held a few weeks ago and we say congratulations to the following Captains and Vice Captains!

Buchan – Hallie Crighton (Captain), Duncan Ritchie (Vice)

Keith – Abby Mathers (Captain), Emily Stewart (Vice)

Stuart – Charlotte Adams (Captain), Alana Calder (Vice)

Committees

All children have not been appointed to a school committee and our first meeting will take place this Friday. Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month.

This year our committees are Pupil Council, Rights Respecting Group, Eco Committee, JRSO, Play Leaders and E-Safety group. Each group is led by a member of staff.

Charter Champions

Well done to our recent Charter Champions:

Week beg 4.9.17 – Cameron S, Taylor Mc, Ellie, Ashley and Taylor D.

Week beg 11.9.17 – Ella, Lisa, Aiden and Sarah

Week beg 18.9.17 – Samuel, Paige, Ethan, Cameron and Alanna G

Week beg 25.9.17 – Gracey, Austin, Ryan P, Isla C and Leo

Good News

Well done to the following children who have shared their good news with us:

Mary has moved up to level 3 in swimming!

Kacey has passed level 4 in swimming!

John Mc was promoted to 2nd in command for his patrol at Scouts!

Hayden was the 'Network Star Reader' as part of the library Summer Reading Challenge and also won the 'Design a Front Cover' competition with his picture of 'Stick Man'. He'll be presented with his prize in October!

Aiden was 'Player of the Week' at Mintlaw Boys' Club!

These are fantastic achievements for our children and show the value and impact of learning outwith the school! Keep sharing your achievements with us!

Homework Working Party

Thank you to the many parents who attended the recent Homework meeting as part of our working party led by Miss White. It was good to see so many people in attendance and to hear your views. We are working on your feedback and will feed back to you in due course.

Football

Just a reminder our AGM is on Monday 9th October at Maud Social Club at 7:30pm. At the meeting we'll be discussing the training sessions from the October holidays through to the Easter holidays, an e-mail will be sent out to advise of the arrangements made for the various age groups. We're also still looking for volunteers to go on our helper's rota, please see Louise Cran at training if you'd be able to help.

Mrs G Steel
Head Teacher

Please sign and return the slip on the next page.

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I have received the school's newsletter for October and noted its contents.

Name of child(ren):

P1: P2: P3: P4: P5: P6: P7:

Signature of Parent:

Comments/Compliments/Suggestions Box: