

June News 2018

# Central Primary School



We have all been enjoying the recent lovely weather and hope it continues. This term has been particularly busy and the children have benefitted from the many different activities and trips.

We are looking forward to the number of events still to happen in the last few weeks of term.

The School Team would like to thank all parents for their continued support this year and we look forward to building on this next year.

## Parent Council Meeting

We have the Parent Council AGM on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. We hope you are able to join us.

The Parent Council is a huge support for the school and we welcome everyone to this meeting.

Some of the support the children have benefitted from this year has included:

- Discos - Hallowe'en and Spring
- Readathon – June
- School Improvement sharing
- Landmark
- External funding
- Attendance at pupil learning group
- Lost property
- Information signposting from Facebook page

## Playground Improvements

The school secured money from Tesco during session 2016/2017. Following consultation at the time some of this money was spent quite soon afterwards. This included loose parts, planters and small garden items.

We have been working on this in school again this session and have consulted the current children as to what they would like in the playground. The playground development day went well and there were improvements made to the garden area.

We are unable to put in artificial grass due to complexities with drains. This was one of the original requests.

We have now ordered:

- Benches with table top games
- Gazebo for quiet reading space
- Stage with tarpaulin which replaces the old stage taken down when the school was refurbished.
- Small sand trays that can be spread across the grounds
- Playground equipment including balls, skipping ropes, jump bands
- Explore and Climb Unit

We are really pleased to have this boost to the playground and as a school we wish to continue to develop this space to increase activity and learning outside over the next few years.

If any parent is willing to help us with cycling proficiency next year please let us know.

### **Ward Discretionary Budget**

We have been successful in an application to the Ward Discretionary Budget for literacy. We have been awarded £750. We have ordered sets of novels and dictionaries for the upper primary. Thanks to Mrs Smith and Parent Council for their help.

### **Polish Heritage Day**

We really enjoyed sharing culture on our Polish Heritage day. Thanks to everyone for getting this event organised. We would love to extend this idea to include all our nationalities next year. If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding this, then please come and share these with us. Thank you.

### **Baillie Cup**

The Baillie Cup takes place tomorrow. Many thanks to Mrs Bowman and Mrs McMillan for the training schedule and to Parent Council for organising the kit. Good luck tomorrow. Families are all encouraged to go along. Fingers crossed for continued good weather.

### **Rotary Quiz Regional Final**

Our Rotary Quiz Team head to Aberdeen tomorrow for the Regional final. We are very proud of the achievement so far and are looking forward to this event in the Beach Ballroom.

### **Landmark**

Everyone is excited about the forthcoming trip to Landmark on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Please ensure you return the permission slip and contribution for this. Thanks.

### **Readathon**

Our Readathon starts next week.

Thank you for the donations of books so far. Bake sale and book sale on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at break.

### **Tennis festival**

P4 took part in the Tennis Festival at Bellfield Park and had a great time. Well done everyone.

### **Dance platform**

Some of our P4 children performed at the Dance Platform at Inverness High School. The children were coached by young Dance Leaders from Inverness High School. The pupils were involved in the choreography of the dances and their performances were fantastic.

### **Interschool sports**

Our team did really well at the South Highland Interschool Sports and were a credit to us. The team were up against stiff competition and won a silver medal.

### **Questionnaires**

Thank you for taking the time to complete the parental questionnaires. We are still collating the data from these questionnaires as well as those from the pupils and staff. This information will be shared soon and will help inform our school improvement plan.

### **Health Week**

We all enjoyed a super health week. It was lovely that so many parents managed to join us for the whole school sponsored walk.

So far monies received are £1,161.31. We are grateful for this generous support for school fund.

Health Week will continue to be an annual event.

### **Summer Picnic**

Thanks to Mrs Wylie and her team for a lovely summer picnic on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. As the weather was beautiful we were able to lunch outdoors.

### **Central Football Teams**

We are really proud of the achievements made this year by our Football Teams. Special thanks to Mr Macdonald and Mr MacIntosh and their team of coaches who dedicate their time to this club for the benefit of the children. Consistent attendance at training allows children to develop their skills and abilities that enable them to be selected to play in the many tournaments and games that the club is privileged to participate in. The coaches appreciate that occasionally children are not able to be selected and request parental support with these decisions. This year there have been inappropriate comments made to children and coaches which do not reflect our core values of respecting each other.

### **Transition Preparation for Next Year**

Nursery children have been linking with Primary 1 throughout this year which has been very successful. The children have met their buddies for next year.

We are holding a meeting for parents for children who are going into Primary 1 on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

The meetings are: 1.30-2.30 pm or 6.00-7.00 pm

Primary 7 are taking part in their transition days for moving onto secondary school. This is both an exciting and emotional time as they move from one stage to the next.

### **Meet the Teacher**

We have planned for the children to meet their teacher for next session on 27<sup>th</sup> June. Our classes next year will likely be:

P1	P1/2	P2/3	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7
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Please be aware that we speak to children before composite classes are made up to ensure they have at least one or two friends. As a school we work really hard to create opportunities for our classes to mix throughout the year which helps to maintain and strengthen relationships as the children move up through the school.

We are still in the process of discussing friendship groups with the children. And have not yet finalised the class teachers. We are aware that the children are speculating at the moment.

### **Leaver's assembly**

Our leaver's assembly is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 11am. We hope all P7 parents are able to attend.

This year the children wished for Leavers Hoodies. We appreciate the financial sponsorship from Morgan Sindall which reduced costs significantly.

### **Staffing**

Mr Knox who has been with us, on a temporary contract till the summer holidays, will take up permanent post at Milton of Leys from August. We thank him for his time at The Central School and wish him well.

Mrs Cameron will commence her maternity leave at the beginning of September. We will have a probationer teacher to cover her maternity leave.

Mrs Mitchell who is currently covering Mrs Edwards secondment will continue in her support role.

Miss Simpson will join us from August for CCR and management cover time. This will be on a fixed term contract till February when Mrs Edwards secondment may finish.

## Dates for your diary

### June

#### School Dates:

Monday 4th	School closed – Inset Day
Friday 8th	P7 Inverness High School
Saturday 9th	Rotary Club District Final
Saturday 9th	Baillie Cup at Queen's Park
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Transition Days at Inverness High School
Monday 18th	Beach Trip P1 and P1/2
Thursday 21st	P7 Leavers Party
Tuesday 26th	Landmark Whole School Trip
Wednesday 27th	Meet The Teacher for pupils
Friday 29th	P7 Leavers Assembly
	School closes 12pm

#### Nursery Dates:

Monday 25th	Nursery beach trip – parents are invited, details tbc
Wednesday 27th	Meet the teacher
Thursday 28th	Last day for OOSC
Friday 29th	The ELCC will close at 12 noon for the Summer
	We will be holding a leaving picnic which all parents and children can attend.

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