



Newsletter

January 2014

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing break. For some it was an extra special time and the school community would like to extend out congratulations to Miss Kellyanne Feeney on her recent marriage. Kellyanne, who teaches PE on a Thursday will now be known as Mrs Wilson.

Cup of Kindness

Congratulations to our most recent winner of the Cup of Kindness. Iona in P2 collected this prestigious award and had absolutely no idea what she had done to get it! During our public performance of the nativity, a P1 pupil lost her angel wings during a song. Iona kept an eye on the little angel and knew that she was upset about her missing wings, however she didn't want to spoil the song they were singing. Without being asked, Iona waited patiently for the song to end before picking up the wings and quickly putting them back into place in the hope that this would help make her friend feel better. This is just one example of why Iona deserves recognition for her kindness towards others. Well done, Iona and keep up the good work!



Another huge thank you must go to our Parent Council for funding the Nursery "Trunk" performance and P1-7 trip to Eden Court in December.

Beauly Nursery was delighted to welcome Julia McGhee to perform her interactive show, "Trunk". The boys and girls were captivated and enjoyed helping her find her lost ideas!

Primary 1 - 7 enjoyed a magical experience at Eden Court when they attended Sleeping Beauty. The Parent Council also stretched to a drink and two snacks for each child. From the moment everyone got on the bus, through to our late return in the afternoon, the boys and girls behaved brilliantly! Michael even ended up on the stage, where he had a chat with some of the main characters in front of everyone, he did really well! Beauly staff were proud to be associated with the school and everyone had a ball!



Menu Changes

Please note the following menu changes for this month;

Wednesday 22nd January

Macaroni Cheese
Or
Chicken Burger

Friday 24th January - Burns Lunch

Haggis, Neeps & Tatties
Or
Sausage Stovies
Trifle

Friday 31st January - Chinese New Year

Stir Fried Chicken
Or
Sweet & Sour Sausage
Fruit Salad & Sorbet

Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday 28th January to take class photos. Could you please ensure that all pupils wear school uniform on this day.

Dress Down Day

The next Dress Down Day will be on Friday 31st January 2014 and the last Friday of each month thereafter.

Highland Inter-School Basketball League

The next game in the league will take place on Monday 3rd February from 4-6pm at Millburn Academy. All spectators welcome. You can follow the progress of the boys and girls teams in the league tables through the 'RDL' link on the website (Regional Development League).

Charleston Inter Primary Cross Country Festival

The annual Kirkhill Cross Country Festival will take place at Kirkhill Community Centre on Thursday 6th February, starting at 10.30am. All spectators are welcome to come and cheer on our Cross Country Runners.

Nursery and P1 Enrolment

P1 Enrolment week is 27th January this year.

Nursery enrolment is expected to take place during the week commencing 24th March, with an increase to 600 hours provision (previously 475) from August.

Parents Meetings

The next meeting to discuss your child(ren) with the teacher will take place on Tuesday 11th March - 3.30 - 5.30pm (with a Creche facility) and Wednesday 12th March 5.00 - 7pm. Further information will be sent home closer to these dates.

Parent Survey

We will shortly be sending home our 2013/2014 Parent Questionnaire. This is part of our ongoing school improvement process and informs the school of how we are progressing and what we need to do to make the school better. This will consist of the same set of questions used last year, meaning we can compare and contrast the responses to identify areas of strength and areas where we can do more. As was the case last year we will process all the responses and share these with families. A similar process is carried out with staff and this year we hope to introduce a Pupil Questionnaire, which our Pupil Council are presently developing.

Severe Weather Arrangements/School Closure

Guidelines for travelling to school during adverse weather have now been shared and are always available on the school website. Please keep this information for use during the winter months. The phone number for the telephone messaging service is 0870 054 6999, and the school pin is 041530. This service will be given the highest priority in the event of a closure, followed by other methods of communication e.g. Radio Broadcast and School Blog.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 21st January in the school Music Room (flat roof building). The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them.

Reminder to All Parents/Carers

Pupil Absences

Please contact the school office before 9.30am if your child will not be attending school for any reason, unless prior contact has been made.

Parent Contact Details

Please keep us updated with any changes of address, telephone numbers (home and work), mobile numbers and emergency contact details.

Pupil Medicines

Please ensure that you inform us of any medication your child is taking or any conditions affecting your child's wellbeing, providing medication where applicable. Please help us to be prepared for any eventuality; all information will be treated confidentially.

We value your opinions on the life and work of our school. Any feedback received will be used to evaluate our work and inform future developments for the school and its links with the wider community. Comments can be shared with the school directly in writing, through our website or alternatively please e-mail

Term Dates

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