

Newbigging Primary School

May Newsletter

We have been very busy the past few weeks and there is no sign of slowing down! In all activities, the children have been a credit to the school, we are so proud of them.

Talent Show

The Talent Show was a huge success with the children from both Monikie and Newbigging getting an opportunity to show off their talents. Congratulations go to Hannah Geoghegan (Monikie) and Christopher Yeaman as joint winners, but also to all the pupils who entertained us that afternoon.



Safe Angus

Wilma accompanied the P6 children to the Safe Angus event at the Jock Neish Centre where they learned about road, house, rail, water and countryside safety. It was a fantastic experience for the children and their conduct was exemplary. All participating schools collected points throughout the day and I am proud to say Newbigging came second - well done P6's!

Rural Football Festival



Yet again, our children did us proud at the football festival. We were a few 'men' down with the P6's away at Safe Angus, but the team played brilliantly together and showed enviable team spirit!

Health/Eco Week

On the week beginning Monday 19th May, our children will experience talks and activities from various agencies such as the Police, Dentist, Doctor, Fire Services – and even a disco bus!

Due to the nature of activities that week, we ask that all children come to school in outdoor P.E. kit (trackies, something warm) from Monday to Friday – **no school uniform that week.**

Visit to Kinnordy Estate

As part of our Health/Eco Week, the Monikie P6/7 class will join the P4-7's from Newbigging P.S. and visit the Kinnordy Estate by Kirriemuir. This is a whole day event so the children will need to wear warm clothing with a waterproof jacket and take a packed lunch with them. They will learn about game-keeping, seeing how working dogs and horses help on the estate. They will also do some pond-dipping and learn about forestry. The whole day is funded by the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET). I am sure the children will learn lots from this very valuable experience.

Thursday 22nd May

On Thursday 22nd May, the P1-3 children from rural schools will participate in their own Commonwealth Games from 10 – 12 at Monikie Park. This event is run by Emma Thomas our Active Schools Co-ordinator. She has enlisted the help of the Young Leaders in P6/7 from Monikie to help her. If you are able to assist on this day, could you please contact the school office? Thank you.

After the festival, the children will walk to Monikie P.S. to continue activities there in connection with Health Week.

P4/7 will be at Monikie School all day on Thursday 22nd May, taking part in various activities.

Children wishing a school lunch should be ordered as normal that day and we will arrange to get them delivered directly to Monikie.

Nursery children will be going up to Monikie with the P4/7 pupils, and should be picked up directly from Monikie School at 11.30am.

P1/7 pupils will get a bus back to school at the end of the day.

Monikie & Newbigging Commonwealth Games Afternoon



To tie in with our Health/Eco Week, all children from Nursery to P7 will join together on Friday 23rd May for their own version of the Games. The plan is for the children to make up their own games, rules etc and to teach it to other groups. Can I ask that **all children bring a healthy packed lunch that day**. We shall leave school at 12.30pm and get the bus over to the park, aiming to eat together at 1pm. If you are free to accompany us at the park, please let the school office know.

There will be no pre-school class that morning to allow the nursery children to take part in this event. The bus will be making up to 3 runs, with nursery children going on the final run. Pre-school children, therefore, should come into nursery for 12.45pm and bring a packed lunch with them. We will return to school in time for the end of the school day.

I ask that each child pays £1 to go towards all the buses we are needing at the moment, many thanks.

Visit from Pauline Stevens

We are delighted that Pauline Stevens, Head of Schools and Learning, is to visit us on Tuesday 27th May 2014. I am sure the children will be more than happy to show her round and share their learning.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood

As you will probably be aware, it is important that this curricular area is taught at each child's appropriate age and stage. This poses difficulties in multi-composite schools such as ours. To overcome this, we are going to join with Monikie P.S. so that each stage can be taught together by a teacher. The lessons will be over 3 days, Friday 6th June, Monday 9th June and Tuesday 10th June. It means that P1-4 from Newbigging will join the P1-4's at Monikie and the P5-7's from Monikie will join their peers at Newbigging from 9 – 11.30 on those days. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly either by phone 01382 370338 or e-mail MnkMilloyL@monikie.angus.sch.uk

Summer Fete

Our summer fete is to be held on Saturday 7th June from 10 – 12 noon. We hope you and your friends/relatives can support this community event. There will be the usual attractions...including throwing wet sponges at victims in the stocks (I believe my name is down for that one...!)



P7 Induction

The P7's will attend Carnoustie High School for their induction days from Wednesday 11th June until Friday 13th June. Another step closer to the next chapter in their education...

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 17th June in the afternoon. Tayside Contracts are supplying those children having a school lunch with a BBQ lunch. This will be at the same price as a normal school dinner. Let's hope they don't eat so much they can't race afterwards!



Anti-Smoking Workshop

P6/7's from both Monikie and Newbigging will be participating in an Anti-Smoking Workshop at Monikie P.S. on Thursday 19th June. They will be doing this the whole day but at 2.30pm fellow pupils are invited to watch a 15 minute performance. If you are a parent of a child in this class, you are most welcome to attend. P4/5 will also join Monikie so the Newbigging children can perform to some of their peers and they shall join Mrs Davis and myself with her P3 class for the day.

Please note the children from P4-7 will be having their lunch at Monikie, whether it is a packed lunch or school lunch.

Induction Meetings for Parents

There will be an opportunity for parents of children who are to start nursery next session to come in and meet myself, Mrs Fraser and Mrs O'Neill. There will be a short presentation, question/answer session and a chance to look around the nursery on Tuesday 3rd June from 9.30 – 10.15am.

Parents of new P1 children are invited into school on Tuesday 3rd June from 1.30 – 2.15pm to meet with myself and Mrs Fraser. Again, there will be a short presentation and opportunity to ask questions and look around the P1 classroom.

We look forward to meeting with you then.

Summary of dates for your diary...

Monday 19 th May	Health/Eco Week
Wednesday 21 st May	P6/7 to Kinnordy Estate
Thursday 22 nd May	Rural Commonwealth Games P1-3
Friday 23 rd May	Monikie/Newbigging Games Event
<u>Monday 26th May</u>	<u>In-set 5 – school closed to pupils</u>
Tuesday 3 rd June	Induction meeting for Nursery Parents 9.30 – 10.15 Also P1 Parents 1.30 – 2.15
Friday 6 th , Monday 9 th & Tuesday 10 th	Sex & Relationships Education
Wed 11 th – Fri 13 th June	P7 induction days at CHS
Tuesday 17 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 19 th June	Anti-Smoking Workshop
Wednesday 25 th June	End of Term Prizegiving & Service 2.00 in the Hall
Friday 27 th June	School closes at 12 noon for summer break

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope everyone enjoyed the good weather over the Easter holidays and that the Easter bunny was very generous this year!

SUMMER FETE

On Saturday 7th June 2014, 10am-12pm, the Parent Council and school staff will be holding a summer fete in the school grounds. It is always a great morning out for all the family whilst raising funds for the school. There will be plenty to keep everyone entertained - refreshments and a BBQ (weather permitting), bouncy obstacle course, face painting, tattoo/nail bar, cake and candy stall, tombola, lots of fun table games, lucky dip, sweets in a jar, guess the weight of the cake, water stocks and much more.

We REALLY need items handed in to the school for the tombola stall as soon as possible please - so get raiding the unwanted Christmas gifts, put a wee bit extra in your shopping trollies and beg neighbours, family and friends for donations! Baking and goodies for the cake and candy stall should be handed in to the school during the week leading up to the 7th, and even on the morning of the fete. Thank you!

So, start spreading the word everyone and fingers crossed for lots of sunshine!

ANGUS COUNCIL PARENT EVENT

An Evening for Parents on Resilience with Carol Craig has been organised by Angus Council. The same talk can be heard on two different evenings-

Forfar Academy on Thursday 22nd May, 2014, 7.00 – 9.00pm OR
Arbroath Academy on Tuesday 27th May, 2014, 7.00 – 9.00pm

The flier states that the evening will be to 'Support your child to bounce back in dealing with life's problems' and that in her talk Carol will

- look at different ways that parents can encourage their children's resilience
- explain why the fashion for artificially boosting young people's self-esteem with easy praise backfires and can be undermining
- outline different parenting styles and explain how these have an impact on children
- look at current parenting practices in the UK and what parents can do, individually and collectively, to put materialist values in their place and promote well-being instead
- explain why pursuing materialist values (money, image and fame) undermines adults' and children's well-being

If anyone is interested FREE tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Anne at the school as soon as possible if you would like a ticket.

Thanks everyone!

Kathryn, NPPC Chair