

Newbigging Ps Newsletter

Spring2014

Staff Changes

After the Easter holidays we will have an Acting Principal Teacher for both Newbigging and Monikie. We are delighted to congratulate Mrs Marilyn Fraser and look forward to working with her in a slightly different role. Her remit will include transition, supporting staff and improving attainment in the Early Years. Mrs Fraser will continue to teach in P1/2 at Monikie for 3 days a week. Miss Rebecca Barlow, who currently teaches at Monikie on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning will take the P1/2 class on a Monday and Tuesday. She and the children already know one another and we look forward to the skills and ideas she can bring to the class.

At Newbigging, we have another change in that Miss Duffus is to begin a new teaching role covering both schools, and her class will be taught by Mrs Gray for two days a week and Miss O'Neill the other three. We will ensure the transition will be as smooth as possible and all staff members are looking forward to the new challenges ahead!

Talent Contest



The children are already buzzing with excitement about the forthcoming talent contest on the 2nd of May, 2pm at Monikie Church. Transport will be provided for the children, but if you are coming along to watch, please feel free to take your child home at the end of the show. Auditions will be done on Friday 25th April at Monikie P.S. Newbigging children will be taken by bus. They will all be told in the afternoon who is in the show, but all classes including nurseries, will perform a little item for your entertainment.

Skatepark Event

Also on Friday 25th April, the children are encouraged to come to school in non-uniform and to pay £1 to go towards the Skatepark appeal.



World Book Day



The children all looked fantastic in their book character outfits! We also enjoyed a story telling session by a librarian from Carnoustie Public Library.

Which Writer Wins?

The P5's attended a ceremony at Woodlands P.S. in Carnoustie to celebrate the end of their WWWs? Topic. They have all been reading frantically and voted Jenny Nimmo to be the winning author. As always our pupils were impeccably behaved and a good time was had by all.

Rural Football Festival

We also took part in a rural football festival at Pitskelly Park recently on a gorgeous sunny afternoon. We were delighted Thomas was there to coach us. Well done team!

Rag Bag Collection

We will be holding another Rag Bag collection on Thursday 15th of May, so if you are having a spring clean over the holidays, you can send any items in when we return. Bags will be sent home after the holidays.

Class News

P1-3 have finished their topic about the Tay Rail Bridge disaster and have made some information books detailing the events. The Design and Technology included designing and making boats and testing paper shapes for strength.



P4-7 have been looking at Easter/Spring, designing new Easter egg packaging, taking photos of signs of Spring and writing poems on the subject too.

In Art they have been printing with the specialist teacher, Miss Sharp.

Maths topics include Angles, Time and Algebra.

The P7's have started their profiles for Carnoustie High School.



The children have also been working co-operatively to create a plan for the Junior Golf Course in Carnoustie. This is a competition where the children get to name the course and its special features.

Congratulations!

Congratulations go to Imogen Crozier and Christopher Yeaman, both P7, for their participation and success in the music festival. Imogen came first in the Young Fiddlers competition, and 2nd 🜟 in two piano competitions.

Special Mentions



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We have started doing 'special mentions' at assembly. This gives all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, the opportunity to show the children their efforts are recognised and worth celebrating. It need not be academic, it could be for attitude and citizenship. The children who have been picked will receive a certificate to take home.

Homework Grids

Homework grids have now been issued. We ask you to support your child(ren) in this new approach and I will consult with you in the summer term for evaluation purposes.

Young Leaders

The P6/7 children have also completed their Young Leaders course with Active Schools Co-ordinator, Emma Thomas and are out in the playground helping others on a rota basis. You can recognise them wearing their new red buddy baseball caps!



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Pre-School Class

Please note that the pre-school class does not start until gam, and children are not insured to be in before then. Likewise, children must be collected by the end of session at 11.30am. In addition to the insurance issue, the time before and after the session is important for staff for preparation.

Can parents please remember that the gate into the nursery must be kept closed at all times to ensure the safety of our pre-school children. Thank you

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

We finally managed to meet up in the school on 20th March. It was a long one, but we had a great turn out and covered so many topics. Minutes of the meeting will be sent out soon. There are so many exciting things brewing for our wee school so watch this space!!

SOCIAL EVENT

On June 7th there will be another summer fete at the school. Are there any parents who would like to meet up and help plan and organise this? Some of the staff and PC members are getting together in the Craigton Coach Inn on Thursday 1st May for a fun, informal chat about ideas over a few glasses of wine (or cuppas). We are meeting up at the school first at 6.30pm and are sharing cars. If anyone would like to come along we'd so love to see you there. If anyone needs a lift then please contact the school and we can sort that all out before hand.

COMMUNICATION

Lesley Milloy and I would really like to emphasise the open door policy of the school. If anyone has any personal issues or, indeed, ideas that could benefit the school, then please don't hesitate to contact the school directly. The PC are always here for anyone to talk to and to hopefully address common issues, but Lesley just wants to remind everyone that she is always contactable if you need her. Lesley has her own email address, as do all the staff members, and these can be used for any more sensitive issues. Of course, you can still phone the school and leave messages too.

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VALENTINES DISCO

Feedback from the disco was generally very positive. The children had a great time with some fantastic music and games. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the hall and organise proceedings. However, it has been drawn to our attention that some siblings and children who do not attend Newbigging school or pre school were present at the disco. This led to a great deal of confusion and difficulty for the staff and parents in charge as they did not know who the children were or who they belonged to. In future we would ask any families wishing other siblings or friends (from outside the school) to attend social events within the school to please contact the school first to check if this is suitable. If it is deemed appropriate then a responsible adult MUST remain at the event to help supervise the new children. This is to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all children and adults involved.

Happy Easter Holiday everyone! Thanks again! Kathryn, NPPC Chair

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 4th April Easter holidays start at 3.20pm Monday 21st April Holiday for Easter Monday

Tuesday 22nd April Back to School

Friday 25th April Talent Show Auditions

Friday 2nd May Talent Show

Monday 5th May May Day Holiday

Thursday 8th May

Rural Football Festival for P4-7 at Arbroath High School from 1 – 3pm

Thursday 15th May

Rural Netball Festival at Mattocks P.S. for P4-7's from 10 – 12 noon

Monday 19th May Health Week

Tuesday 20th May Primary School Relays at Arbroath H.S. for P6/7's

Thursday 22 May Rural Commonwealth Games for P1-3 at Monikie Park from 10 – 12 noon

Monday 26th May In-Service Day 5

Wednesday 11th - P7 Induction at Carnoustie High School

Friday 13th June

Tuesday 17th June Sports Day, BBQ & Fun Afternoon

Wednesday 25th June End of Term Prizegiving and Service 1.30pm

Friday 27th June On holiday 12 noon ...until 12/8/14