



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.

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 4 th April	Easter holidays start at 3.20pm
Monday 21 st April	Holiday for Easter Monday
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to School
Friday 25 th April	Talent Show Auditions
Friday 2 nd May	Talent Show
Monday 5 th May	May Day Holiday
Thursday 8 th May	Rural Football Festival for P4-7 at Arbroath High School from 1 – 3pm
Thursday 15 th May	Rural Netball Festival at Mattocks P.S. for P4-7's from 10 – 12 noon
Monday 19 th May	Health Week
Tuesday 20 th 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 26 th May	In-Service Day 5
Wednesday 11 th - Friday 13 th June	P7 Induction at Carnoustie High School
Tuesday 17 th June	Sports Day, BBQ & Fun Afternoon
Wednesday 25 th June	End of Term Prizegiving and Service 1.30pm
Friday 27 th June	On holiday 12 noon ...until 12/8/14