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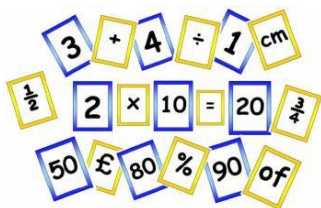
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MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND

All children participated in maths trails and special activities last week. We were delighted with their enthusiasm and would like to thank all families who took up the maths challenges and sent in photos, models and reports of the children's learning. Special thanks to the parents who came in to speak about maths in their work. If you were unable to come last week but would like to come on another day, please contact Mrs Martin.



Thanks to our maths co-ordinators, Mr McFadden and Mr O'Neill, for organising the event and thanks to our teachers and P7 pupils for leading many activities outdoors. We were really pleased that so many parents were able to come to the Maths event in the hall on Friday and we hope you enjoyed it.



Congratulations to our Science Co-ordinator, Mrs Jadid, who led the process for us to renew our Silver award in the Primary Science Quality Mark scheme.

The feedback was wonderful, recognising her skill and commitment to giving all our pupils the opportunity to develop their knowledge, understanding, confidence and love of science. The assessors commented on the range of quality resources and the support that Mrs Jadid gives to all her colleagues.

Thanks also to the P6 and P7 members of our Science Club and to all parents who support our science learning.

Introducing our House Captains.....

Following an interview process, our P7 House Captains have been appointed and they promise to encourage all the pupils in their houses to do well. They have lots of ideas for House projects and assemblies and we wish them a very successful year:

*Elphinstone – Rachel and Angelica
Kings – Vera and Caleb
St Andrew – Imdad and Justin
St Machar – Mateusz and Alba*



Sincere thanks for paying attention to our signs reminding you that parents **must not** bring cars into the school grounds. This means that cars must be parked elsewhere. There is very limited street parking but there are plenty of parking spaces around Seaton Park and Lidl.

Thank you for your co-operation to
keep our children safe.

Please walk along the green footpaths into school.

School is closed for the September Holiday on Friday 22nd and Monday 25th September.

Please remember to label all clothing, jackets, shoes, bags and lunchboxes clearly with your child's name and class.

Lost property is collected on the trolley at the front of the school. Please check it.

PARENT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 26th September 7pm – 9pm

Pizza and soft drinks/ tea and coffee will be served on arrival.

A crèche will be available

Please come to meet other parents and find out how you can support the school. We organise events and fundraise but we also discuss our children's education and contribute to policies and school improvement plans. Over the last year, we have been heavily involved in the consultations about our school building.

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Welcome

2. Chair's report

- Events held over the last year
- How we have supported the school financially and in other ways

3. School Estate update

4. Financial update

5. Upcoming Events

- Autumn gardening
- Possible fancy dress disco and/ or Christmas fair
- Suggestions for future events

6. Headteacher's report

Including information about School Improvement Plans, the curriculum rationale and the Houses

7. Parent Council Committee

- Forming a group of parents who would be willing to be part of the Committee, representing parents in their child's class or taking on the responsibilities of chair, secretary or treasurer

8. Any Other Business and Close



PE kits

All children should have their PE kit in school **every day** so they can participate in gym lessons. Nobody should be wearing any jewellery when they have gym lessons.

Football on Tues – P2, P3, P3/4

Gym with Mrs Armstrong on Wednesday – Classes alternate and the timetable is on the playground noticeboard.



When it is raining and muddy, children are kept off the grassy areas during playtimes. Some children are playing in those areas before and after school and their clothes are getting very dirty. Please remind your children to follow instructions about playing sensibly.



Schools Shakespeare Foundation

Our P5 pupils are working on a 30 minute adaptation of 'Macbeth' which they will perform at the Arts Centre Theatre on November 2nd. Pupils from Sunnybank, Ellon Primary and Ellon Academy will be performing other Shakespeare plays on the same day. Tickets are now on sale from Aberdeen Box Office. We plan to organise another performance for anyone who is unable to get to the performance. Any parents who could help with costumes or props, please contact Miss Munro, P5 teacher, via the office.

Meet the Teacher

Many thanks for coming to meet the teachers last week. We are grateful for your feedback about the event so please return the forms by Thursday. Miss Bennett was unwell and so P3 parents are invited to come this **Thursday, 21st September**, at 3.30pm. Pupils can attend the presentation too.

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Awesome Tech

P6/7 pupils are learning coding with Martin and Phil on Wednesdays thanks to the successful bid in the Participatory Budget.



Thurs 21 st September	P3 parents are invited to 'Meet the Teacher' in the classroom.
Friday 22nd and Monday 25th September HOLIDAY	
Tues 26 th September	Parent Council AGM at 7pm
Thurs 28 th September	National Poetry Day. Theme is FREEDOM.
Fri 29 th September	P1 blue Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer
Mon 2 nd October	10am – 12 noon P3 & P4 girls' football festival at ASV.
Tuesday 3 rd October	P5 trip to Arts Centre Theatre - workshop for the Shakespeare Festival 3.30pm P6 & P7 Open Afternoon at St Machar Academy
Wednesday 4 th October	P7 visit to St Machar Academy – Health and Wellbeing morning
Friday 6 th October	Whole school workshops with Andy McKechnie, Jammin' Fitness
Friday 13 th October	Archie in Africa Day. P1 and P6/7 Senses walk at Cruickshank Gardens.
Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October HOLIDAY	
Wednesday 1st Nov	9.30am Mass for All Saints Day
Thursday 2 nd November	P5 present 'Macbeth' at the Shakespeare Festival at Aberdeen Arts Centre.
Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th November 3.30 – 6.30pm Parent-teacher meetings	
Thurs 16 th November	7pm P4 parents' meeting about First Holy Communion
Friday 17 th November	In-Service Day for staff. Pupils do not attend school.
We are in school until Friday 22nd December. The Christmas holiday is Monday 25th December – Friday 5th January inclusive. School reopens on Monday 8th January 2017.	

Over the next few weeks, we are forming our Pupil Groups. Children learn, talk and take action to make their school community a better place to learn. They also consider the rights of children around the world.

We are looking for parents who would like to join any of our groups. The groups meet during the day but there is some flexibility about the times to make it possible for parents to attend. We plan to have a Rights Respecting Steering Group, an EcoSchool Group and a Health Promoting Group. We would also like to have a Gardening Group, a Library Group, a Charities Group and a Liturgy Group.

Any parents who would be interested in being part of any of these groups are asked to contact Mrs Martin please.

Many of the groups are helping the children to learn about the **Global Goals for Sustainable Development**.



We are still looking for

- Parents to help with painting the mural on the annexe stairs. Mrs Costello has drawn it out and we hope that parents and children can paint it together after school or at weekends.
- Parents to help Mr McFadden to run football training sessions for a school team.
- Parents to help the Active Schools Co-ordinator to offer more after school activities.
- Parents who can help with lunchtime activities – art, board games, playground games.....

Many thanks to all the parents who help on a regular basis. We appreciate your kindness in accompanying the children on trips.