



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2017

Our School Motto - "Inspire - Believe - Work Hard - Achieve"

Dates for your Diary			
Monday 17 th April	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY	Monday 8 th May - Thursday 11 th May	P7 Trip to Edinburgh
TUESDAY 18 th April	School re-opens at 9am	Saturday 13 th May <i>(Please note change of date)</i>	Spring Fayre
Wednesday 19 th April	J Rock "Celebration" Evening - 6:30pm (Clerkhill School Big Hall)	Saturday 20 th May	Clerkhill Football Gala
Thursday 20 th April	PSA Meeting - 6:00pm Parent Council Meeting cancelled	Friday 2 nd June (1:45 - 2:45)	Open Afternoon
Friday 21 st April	Reports out to Parents	Monday 5 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LOCAL HOLIDAY
Tuesday 25 th April	Edinburgh Trip Meeting - 7pm (Clerkhill School Big Hall)	Wednesday 7 th June	Sports Day 9:30am - P4-7 Sports 1:30pm - P1-3 Sports
Monday 1 st May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY DAY	Monday 12 th June - Friday 16 th June	Health Week
		Thursday 15 th June	Shorts and Shades Discos
Tuesday 2 nd May	Parents Evening 3:15 - 5:00 & 6:00 - 8:00	Friday 16 th June (evening)	P7 Leavers party at the Waterside Inn
Thursday 4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS	Tuesday 20 th June	P7 Show (7:00pm)
Friday 5 th May	Science day at Clerkhill	Wednesday 21 st - Friday 23 rd June	P7 Academy Transition days
		Wednesday 21 st and Thursday 22 nd June	P1 Inductions (Time to be confirmed)
		Wednesday 21 st June	Parent Information Evening at Peterhead Academy (TBC)
		Wednesday 28 th June	Scottish Opera to visit school
		Thursday 29 th June @ 9:30am	P7 leavers assembly (P7 parents invited)
		Friday 30 th June	School finishes at 3pm for Summer Holidays

PSA (FUNDRAISING GROUP)

Our next Fundraising Group (PSA) meeting will be held at Clerkhill School (in the staffroom) on Thursday 20th April at 6:00pm. The next PSA event to be held at school will be the Spring fayre which will take place at school on Saturday 13th May. Last Monday, our PSA ran a very successful Bingo Tea which raised the amazing amount of £1434.80. Thanks to all who contributed to this event in any way.



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EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

J ROCK

On Sunday 26th March, 50 pupils and 31 adults (teachers, PSAs and parents) spent the day at the AECC where the children took part in the "Be Your Best" Junior Rock Challenge Event. This was the very first event of its kind in Aberdeen and the pupils did Clerkhill School proud by being awarded 5 Awards for Excellence for their performance and coming 4th overall. I am so very proud of each and every one of our participants and would like to thank all parents who contributed in any way towards making our performance so successful. Roll on next year!!



CHOIR

Our choir continue to meet on Mondays after school and are hoping to have an evening performance in Term 4 where they will be singing a selection of "Songs from the Movies"

SCIENCE CLUB

Six pupils from P7 went through to Aberdeen Science Centre on Friday 24th March to take part in the 'Celebration of Science and Engineering', run by the YESC. The 6 pupils; Kuba Bomba, Ethan Geddes, Lauryn Mackie, Julius Pivorius, Dylan Price and Leah Stephen, had to prepare a presentation and have a Q & A session with Industry Leaders as Judges. They then had to take part in 5-minute STEM Challenges, working as a team to solve problems set by different companies. Finally, the pupils had to control the crane we built in Science Club, moving filled bottles from one area to another.





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CLASS OUTINGS

Several of our classes have taken part in trips out and about this term.

CULLODEN and FORT GEORGE

As part of their "Jacobites" topic, P5M & P5R visited Culloden and Fort George on Tuesday 7th March. The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed their visit to both venues.



LIBRARY VISITS

P3/4C and both our P7 classes attended sessions relating to their current topic at our local library. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their learning experience there and the staff at the library commented very favourably on the excellent behaviour of all the pupils.





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SATROSPHERE VISIT

As part of their "Space" topic, P3C & P3S visited Satrosphere on Tuesday 14th March and participated in some fun, hands on scientific investigations.

P7 SCORE VISITS

Both our P7 classes visited the local business Score UK at the beginning of this month and took part in some very interesting and challenging activities. This was an invaluable opportunity for our senior pupils to make links with a local business and to develop their skills for learning, life and work through engaging with Score employees. Apprentices from Score have also been coming along to our science Club on a Tuesday to help our young scientists with their ongoing engineering challenges



ANNUAL ROTARY QUIZ



Congratulations to the "Clerkhill Wizards" who came 2nd in the recent Rotary Quiz at the Palace Hotel. The team which comprised Reo McLean, A J Ritchie, Lauryn Mackie, Tyler Hepburn and reserve Jazmyn Robertson displayed excellent team working and collaborative skills on the night. Well done Clerkhill Wizards!



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RED NOSE DAY

Lots of fun was had by all at Clerkhill on Red Nose Day. The children were thrilled when some of the teachers took part in some very messy activities which included getting "gunged". The amazing amount of £1877.46 was raised on the day and once again I would like to thank all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.



ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all who took the time to complete and return our annual questionnaires. Results will be shared with you as soon as they have been fully collated.

STAFFING

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Ann Doherty for the time she has spent with us as class teacher for P6R this term. Miss Faye Cowie will be joining the team at Clerkhill on Tuesday 18th April. Miss Doherty will continue to work at Clerkhill on a Monday and Tuesday each week to provide non class contact time for teachers in P6 and P7.

Congratulations are extended to Miss Kelly Morrison on securing the permanent position of Early Years Lead practitioner here at Clerkhill's Early Learning and Childcare Centre. We look forward to welcoming Miss Morrison back to the team at Clerkhill sometime after Easter.

*I wish you a pleasant Easter break and look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 18th April** when school re-opens at 9:00am.*

Regards,
Ann-Louise Murray
Head Teacher
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Compliments / Comments / Complaints / Suggestions

Please feel free to note any comments about your child's school experience (positive or negative) in the space below and return to school at your convenience.

Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____



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