



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2017

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

Dates for your Diary			
Monday 16 th April	School re-opens at 9am	Friday 22 nd June	Open Afternoon (1:45pm - 2:45pm)
Thursday 19 th April <i>(please note change of date)</i>	PSA Meeting - 6pm Parent Council - 7pm	Tuesday 26 th June	P7 Show (7pm)
Thursday 26 th April	"Sleep" Session for Nursery and P1 parents in small hall (2pm) Choir Festival at Apex Church (evening)		
Friday 27 th April	Reports out to Parents	Wednesday 27 th June & Thursday 28 th June	P1 Induction meetings (1:30pm)
Monday 30 th April	Edinburgh Trip Information Evening (7pm)	Wednesday 27 th June	Parent Information Evening at Peterhead Academy (time TBC)
Monday 7 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY DAY	Wednesday 27 th - Friday 29 th June	P7 Transition Days
Tuesday 8 th May	Parents Evening - 3:00 - 5:00 & 6:00 - 8:00 Book Fair in big hall	Thursday 28 th June	Shorts and Shades Discos
Saturday 12 th May	Football Gala	Friday 29 th June	Moving Up Morning P7 Leavers Party (evening)
Tuesday 22 nd - Friday 25 th May	P7 Trip to Edinburgh	Tuesday 3 rd July	Choices for Life Celebration Event at Peterhead Academy (7pm)
Monday 4 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LOCAL HOLIDAY	Thursday 5 th July	9:30am - P7 Leavers Assembly (P7 parents invited to attend)
Saturday 9 th June	Summer Fayre (Family Fun Day) - 12:00 - 4:00	Friday 6 th July	School finishes at 3pm for the summer break
Monday 11 th - Friday 15 th June	Health Week		
Thursday 14 th June	Sports Day P4-7 sports - 9:30am P1-3 sports - 1:30pm		



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2017

PSA (FUNDRAISING GROUP)

Our next Fundraising Group (PSA) meeting will be held at Clerkhill School (in the staffroom) on Thursday 19th April at 6:00pm. The next PSA event to be held at school will be the Summer fayre which will take place at school on Saturday 9th June. Last Monday, our PSA ran a very successful Bingo Tea which raised the amazing amount of £1200. Thanks to all who contributed to this event in any way.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

J ROCK

On Friday 23rd March, 71 pupils and 15 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 second event of its kind in Aberdeen and the pupils did Clerkhill School proud by being awarded 11 Awards of Excellence for their performance. At the end of the evening they were crowned J Rock Champions 2018. 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

Next term, our choir will be participating in a Peterhead Choir Festival which is to be held in Apex Church on Thursday 26th April. More details to follow via Mrs Miller.

SCIENCE CLUB

On Friday 16th March, Zoe Birnie, Lauren Mackie, Eli McNeill and Stephen Jones went with Mrs Pressley to participate in the Young Engineer and Science Club Celebration of STEM at BP, Dyce. They took part in three separate competitions, winning two.

The pupils had to prepare a presentation before judges and have a question/answer session. The presentation was all about what has been done over the year in school at the afterschool Science Club.

The second competition was to take part in many 3-minute STEM challenges set by 9 different STEM based companies.

The final competition was 'Don't Waste a Drop'. Water had to be raised and transported 2m without any spills. The pupils had to research and build a system of pumping the water up 80cm then build a supported paper pipeline over 2m long for the water to end up in a jug 50cm from ground level.



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2017

All the pupils attending the Science Club have worked very hard over the year. They have faced a lot of challenges and come up with solutions to solve many problems. The science club will now represent Aberdeenshire at the National Science Club finals in Glasgow in June.



SPORTS RELIEF

Lots of fun was had by all at Clerkhill during our week of Sports Relief activities. £218.91 was raised throughout the week and I would like to thank all who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

CULLODEN

As part of their "Jacobites" topic, P5S visited Culloden on Wednesday 28th March. The children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed their visit.



SATROSPHERE VISIT

As part of their "Space" topic, P3P visited the Science Centre in Aberdeen on Tuesday 6th March and participated in some fun, hands on scientific investigations.



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2017

ANNUAL ROTARY QUIZ

Congratulations to the "Clerkhill Quizzards" who came 3rd in the recent Rotary Quiz at the Palace Hotel. The team which comprised Shay Penny, Michael McKenzie, Joseph Mackey & Zoe Birnie displayed excellent team working and collaborative skills on the night. Well done Clerkhill Quizzards!



FOOTBALL SUCCESS



Very well done to our P7 boys: Clerkhill Cubs who placed 3rd in the Aberdeen City, and Aberdeenshire Schools' football competition. Special thanks to Tony, the coach and all the mums, dads and grandparents for transportation. Great result boys.



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 29th March 2017

STAFFING

Mrs Marina Miller leaves Clerkhill School on Friday 4th May to begin her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr & Mrs Miller all the very best in the forthcoming months as they eagerly await the arrival of baby Miller!

COMMUNICATION VIA XPRESSIONS APP

With the new financial year looming, and financial constraints, we will no longer have the capacity to send messages via text. Messages will continue to be sent via the Xpressions App or e-mail. Should you require further assistance getting this App downloaded please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

*I wish you a pleasant Easter break and look forward to seeing you on **Monday 16th April** when school re-opens at 9:00am.*

Regards,
Ann-Louise Murray
Head Teacher
March 2018