



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Thursday 28th March 2019

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

ADVERSE WEATHER CONTACT DETAILS

Aberdeenshire Council Website: <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/schools-closures/>

Aberdeenshire Information Line: 0370 054 4999

Clerkhill Pin number: 02 14 70

Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 th April	School re-opens at 9am	Monday 3 rd June	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR LOCAL HOLIDAY
Friday 19 th April	School Closed for Good Friday	Friday 7 th June	Open Afternoon (1:45 - 2:45)
		Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th June	Health Week
Monday 22 nd April	J Rock Celebration Evening (7pm)	Tuesday 11 th June	Sports Day P4-7 - 9:30am P1-3 - 1@30pm
Thursday 25 th April	PSA Meeting - 6pm Parent Council - 7pm	Wednesday 12 th June	Bike Breakfast
Friday 26 th April	Reports out to Parents	Saturday 22 nd June	Children's University Graduation
Monday 29 th April <i>(Please note change of date)</i>	Edinburgh Trip Information Evening (7pm)	Tuesday 25 th June	P7 Show (7pm)
Monday 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MAY DAY		
Tuesday 7 th May	Parents Evening - 3:00 - 5:00 & 6:00 - 8:00	Wednesday 26 th June & Thursday 27 th June	P1 Induction meetings (1:30pm)
Saturday 11 th May	School Summer Fayre (12 - 4)	Wednesday 26 th June	Parent Information Evening at Peterhead Academy (7pm)
Saturday 18 th May	Football Gala	Wednesday 26 th - Friday 28 th June	P7 Transition Days to Peterhead Academy
Monday 27 th May - Thursday 30 th May	P7 Trip to Edinburgh	Thursday 27 th June	Shorts and Shades Discos
		Friday 28 th June	P7 Leavers Party (evening)
		Thursday 4 th July	9:30am - P7 Leavers Assembly (P7 parents invited to attend)
		Friday 5 th July	School finishes at 3pm for the summer break



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PSA (FUNDRAISING GROUP)/ PARENT COUNCIL

Our next Fundraising Group (PSA) meeting will be held at Clerkhill School (in the staffroom) on Thursday 25th 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 11th May. Last Monday, our PSA ran a very successful Bingo Tea which raised the amazing amount of £1330. Thanks to all who contributed to this event in any way.

Our pupils are thoroughly enjoying the new Trim Trail equipment which was recently installed on the grass at school. This was bought with proceeds from fundraisers which took place last session.

Our next Parent Council meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April at 7pm. During this meeting we shall be working together to evaluate the work of the school this session and to plan improvement priorities for next session.

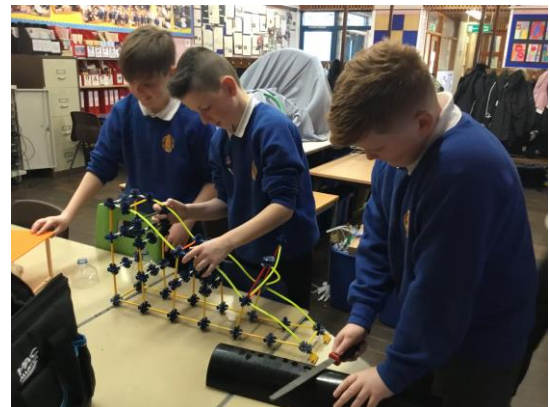
EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

J ROCK

On Friday 29th March, 90 pupils and 20 adults (teachers, PSAs and parents) will spend the day at the AECC where the children will take part in the Junior Rock Challenge Event 2019. This is the third event of its kind in Aberdeen and the pupils at Clerkhill School are very excited for their performance tomorrow. I am so very proud of each and every one of our participants and would like to thank all parents who have contributed in any way to put our performance together this year,

P7 SCIENCE CLUB

This term the Science Club have been concentrating on making structures for the competition 'pH of Scotland'. We have to make a water screening system and a water filtration system. Two workers, Anamar and David, from Score have been assisting us with this task.



JUNIOR SCIENCE CLUB

This term the first group of our junior scientist have embarked on a STEM exercise to create a working lighthouse. We have learnt how to create circuits, in both series and parallel and had lots of fun with both buzzers and lights! We have worked hard to solve design problems to ensure that our lighthouses are safe and secure. We have been testing our computer programming skills with the Scratch junior app, writing simple codes to allow scratch to move from one location to another!



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We are looking forward to working with our next group of Junior scientist in term 4, lets see if we come up with an innovative lighthouse for the future! 😊

SCIENCE CENTRE VISITS

As part of our whole school "Our Healthy World" focus, several classes have enjoyed a visit to the Science Centre in Aberdeen. There, the children had the opportunity to participate in some fun, hands on scientific investigations.



COMIC RELIEF

Lots of fun was had by all at Clerkhill on Comic Relief Day. Children (and staff) were given the opportunity to come to school in their pyjamas for the day. Some of our P6 pupils worked together on an excellent presentation about Comic Relief. This was shared with the whole school at assembly on Comic Relief Day. An amazing total of £1604.55 was raised on the day. Thank you all for your contribution.

ANNUAL ROTARY QUIZ



Congratulations to the "Clerkhill's Finest" team who came 3rd in the recent Rotary Quiz at the Palace Hotel. The team which comprised Sam Will, Johnny Adam, Amber Drummond and Daisy Matthew displayed excellent team working and collaborative skills on the night. Well done "Clerkhill's Finest"! Congratulations also to "Clerkhill Smarties" and the "Reserves" for taking part alongside teams from other Peterhead schools on the night.



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STAFFING

Miss Laura Chalmers leaves Clerkhill School on Friday 31st May to begin her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Chalmers all the very best in the forthcoming months as she eagerly awaits the arrival of her new baby. Details on class cover in Miss Chalmers absence will be communicated to parents of P1C in due course.

COMMUNICATION VIA XPRESSIONS APP

Just a reminder that our primary method of communication now is through xpressions. Should you require further assistance getting this App downloaded please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

SCHOOL MEALS

As of Monday 15th April, the price of a school meal for P4-7 pupils will increase to £2.50. This does not include a drink. Cartons of juice/milkshake can be purchased at an additional cost. Fresh water is always available for pupils and indeed, pupils may bring their own juice with them to school dinners.



BIKE BREAKFAST/BIG PEDAL

This term P1, P2 and P3 have been learning Balance Bike and Scooter skills. P6/7 and P7 have completed Bikeability level 1 and will complete level 2 next term.

This week is Sustrans Big Pedal Week. Children all over the UK are taking part by walking, scooting and cycling to school. The focus is getting the body active through healthier ways to travel. We are hosting two bike breakfasts this week to encourage active travel to school and to coincide with the Big Pedal Week.





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DEVELOPING OUR YOUNG WORKFORCE FORTNIGHT

All classes recently took part in our focus fortnight on 'Developing Our Young Workforce'. Pupils spent time learning about various careers and job sectors, listening to visitors talking about their work and developing a range of skills that are needed life and work. The P7 classes also took part in workshops held by a joiner, graphic designer, hairdresser, beautician, photographer, videographer and mechanic. Classes have also been involved in the planning and organising of various Enterprise projects including Comic Relief, World Book Day, Odd Socks Day and a school newspaper. We are hugely appreciative of the support offered by our parents and local community in organising this event.

P4 CLERKHILL CLAIK

Our P4 pupils will be busy from now on until the end of this session as they have been asked to write a column each week for our local newspaper, the Buchan Observer. Our pupils have named this column "Clerkhill Claik". We look forward to seeing their news articles on forthcoming editions of "The Buchanie" where they will be reporting on current activities taking place at Clerkhill. Their first piece was reporting on our Developing the Young Workforce fortnight which took place across all classes in school recently.



TERM 4 "WORLDS"

As part of our Curriculum Map, next term the whole school will look at the following topics or contexts - Our Local World, Our Healthy World and also spend a fortnight looking at Transitions.



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50TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Clerkhill School will be 50 in August. We are looking to form a committee to work together to plan a variety of activities to celebrate the school's special birthday. If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact the school office on 01779 403660 to note your interest.



BIKES AND SCOOTERS IN PLAYGROUND

To ensure the safety of all our pupils I would ask you to remind your children that, should they be bringing a bike or scooter to school, they must not ride on these once they are in the school grounds. Instead, children should push their bike or scooter through the playground to the appropriate bike or scooter rack.

We are hoping to have additional, covered bike racks installed in the near future.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of clothing left in school each day at all stages across school. To help minimise the loss of school clothing I would request that all items are labelled with your child's name. This will help find lost items more easily.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

For all our P4-7 pupils who are tracking their wider achievements using a Children's University Passport, please note that the cut off date for adding credits is 17th May. This year's graduation date is 22nd June.

*I wish you a pleasant Easter break and look forward to seeing you on **Monday 15th April** when school re-opens at 9:00am.*

Regards,
Ann-Louise Murray
Head Teacher
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