



Clerkhill School Newsletter

Wednesday 25th May 2022

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

Our School Values: Respect-Nurture-Honesty-Care-Hard Work-Inclusion

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 25th May

Science Day

Wednesday 1st June Whole School Picnic for
Queen's Jubilee

Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June 2022

SCHOOL CLOSED for Queen's Jubilee

Friday 10th June 2022

Final Reports issued to parents

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Sports Day 9.30am: P4 - P7

Thursday 16th June

P2 & 3 Disco 1.30pm: P1 - P3
- 3:45 - 5:00
P4 & 5 Disco
- 5:30 - 6:45
P6 & 7 Disco
- 7:15 - 8:30

Friday 17th June 2022

P7 Leavers Party - evening

Monday 20th June 2022

P7 Show - 7pm



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Tuesday 21st June 2022

P5 - P7 Sports Event at Catto Park (TBC)

Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th
June 2022

P7 Transition Days at Peterhead Academy

Thursday 23rd June

P1 Disco - 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Friday 1st July 2022

P7 Leavers Assembly - 9.30am

P7 Leavers Procession - 2.45pm



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Mrs Pressley and some of our P7 pupils have been busy organising a Science Focus Day for all our P1-7 pupils. This will take place on Wednesday 25th May and should be a fun day for everyone.

Queen's Jubilee

As you know, school will be closed on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd May for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Our whole school will also enjoy some fun and games on the field on Wednesday 1st June, as well as an ice-cream from the "cappy man". Thanks to our fabulous fundraising group for organising and providing this treat for our pupils. Our Nursery boys and girls will also be paying a visit to their "window" friends at Grange park on this day.



On Wednesday 1st June, pupils and staff are invited to dress down, with the theme being "Red, White and Blue"

Education Scotland Recovery Visit

At the end of last term I shared that we were to be visited by Her Majesty's Inspectors from Education Scotland.

Our visit, which took place on Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st April, went very well, with inspectors commenting favourably on a variety of elements of our school. All children represented their school extremely well during this period and proudly spoke to the inspection team about their learning.

Shorts and Shades Discos

Due to COVID mitigations, we have been unable to have schools discos over the past two years. The majority of mitigations have now been lifted so school discos are returning!

Should they wish to do so, pupils are invited to attend their disco (shorts and shades theme), at the following dates and times:

Thursday 16th June

3:45pm - 5:00pm - Disco for P2 & P3 Pupils

5:30pm - 6:45pm - Disco for P4 & P5 Pupils

7:15pm - 8:30pm - Disco for P6 & P7 Pupils

Thursday 23rd June

3:45pm - 4:45pm - Disco for P1 Pupils



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Disco tickets will be on sale, in school, starting this Friday, 27th May.

Sports Day

We are also delighted that parents will be able to join us on Sports Day this year. Sports take place on Tuesday 14th June, weather permitting and parents are welcome to come along and spectate, should they wish to do so.

9:30am - P4-7 Sports

1:30pm - P1-3 Sports

One of our probationers, Miss Mitchell is also arranging an Athletics Festival for our P5-7 pupils on the morning of Tuesday 21st June. This will be taking place at Catto Park.

P7s End of Term Events

Our P7s are working hard on their end of year show which they will be presenting to their parents / carers & family members, on the evening of Monday 20th June. This will be the first time we will have had an audience in the school for more than two years and we look forward to welcoming those of you who will be attending on this occasion.

We also look forward to inviting our P7 parents / carers into school on Friday 1st July at 9:30am for our P7 leavers assembly. Further information on tickets for this event (two per family) will be communicated nearer the time.

We shall also have our P7s piped from the school grounds at 2:45pm on this day and parents will also be welcome to attend this, as in previous years.

Lego League

On Thursday 21st April, Clerkhill School sent two teams to the First Lego League Regional Tournament at Fraserburgh College. They were challenged to research and identify a problem related to the transportation of products then design an innovative solution. The P6 team, Clerkhill Robomatics, made links with local fishermen and realised that unloading fish into the market after a trip at sea is tiring and hard work. Their solution was to design a robot that could move fish crates around the market.

The P7 team, Bricks United, observed that receiving home deliveries can be tricky when nobody is home and that parcels are often left as a security risk. They designed a secure parcel box to receive parcels at home.

Both teams also had to program an autonomous robot to complete missions on a game board with lego models. They had to use their coding skills and think strategically about how best to score points. Throughout the competition teams were expected to demonstrate the core values of discovery, impact, innovation, inclusion, teamwork and fun!



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Clerkhill Robomatics were competing for the first time and received an award for demonstrating Core Values.

Bricks United were entering the competition for the second time and were delighted to show improvement on their skills as well as win an award for Robot Performance. They have also been invited to compete at the Scottish Finals in Dundee on June 11th.

The teams did themselves proud!



Science Club

Two teams from the Clerkhill School Science Club went to participate in the YESC (Young Engineers and Science Clubs) STEM Celebration in Aberdeen on the 21st April at the Aberdeen Science Centre.

The teams had to prepare presentations about the activities they had completed club and present it to judges.

One team talked about what we do at Science Club. Our theme this year was Space. The pupils learned about the constellations and made star viewers.

They investigated the James Webb Telescope. All the pupils learned to solder and used the 'Lighting Up the Curriculum' resources. This resource was used to make their models they created light up with LEDs.





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The second team told the judges about the STEM activities we have learned about in class over the year.

The teams took part in STEM Challenges set by a variety of companies where communication and teamwork were necessary.

The pupils also took part in the 'Construct a Crane' competition. They had to build a working crane and be able to manoeuvre it to move bottles of water to allocated places on a grid.

On the day we won the 'Construct a Crane' competition and the Science Club of the Year for NE Scotland, winning £200 and a trophy.

All the pupils represented the School and Club very well, in their behaviour, attitude to work, communication skills and team spirit.



Lunch Consultation

During COVID mitigations, we had to introduce three lunch sittings, to ensure that we kept our "bubbles" separate at lunchtimes. This change to lunch routine has meant that the children enjoy a more pleasant lunchtime experience, with less children in the hall at one time as well as more time playing outside. As a management team we feel that it would be beneficial to keep this lunch arrangement in place as a permanent measure but in order for us to do this we need to consult with all our stakeholders. Please take time to complete this very quick survey by clicking on the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC_Z9oYnZ3-1CvSfJsJtGO1xURTIGR0xRRtJZNfgyTDJFRDIFV1VFSUVKRI4u

Please note: There will be no crossing patroller available for our P1 & 2 pupils returning to school after lunchtime, should they choose to go home for lunch. There will, however be a patroller available at all other times throughout the lunch period.

Regards,

Ann-Louise Murray
Head Teacher

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