



HAZLEHEAD SCHOOL  
 PROVOST GRAHAM AVENUE  
 • ABERDEEN  
 AB15 8HB

TELEPHONE: 01224 498120 eMail: hazleheadprimary@aberdeencity.gov.uk  
 SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.hazlehead-ps.aberdeen.sch.uk/  
 HEAD TEACHER: MRS. JONES

**“When you believe in yourself, anything is possible.”**



**JUNE 2016**

*“Your life is your message to the world.  
 Make sure it is inspiring.”*

**SPORTS DAY**

A big thank you to all the pupils, staff and volunteers for helping to make this year’s Sports Day, for both nursery and the rest of the school, a fantastic one! It was wonderful to see all our pupils participate in a variety of sports activities throughout the day, displaying the important qualities of team work, encouragement and respect for others to name but a few. Well done to Fraser for winning the Sports House Trophy Award.

**DANCEATHON**

A fantastic day of dancing was experienced by our school thanks to our resident Dance Crew and Miss. MacQueen. They planned and led the day with feedback hugely positive. From this event, we have managed to raise so far an amazing **£2316.50!** The final figure will be confirmed soon and you will be informed.



Care \* Support \* Respite



**CASTLE TRIPS**

The House Captains and Vice House Captains are busy preparing for our annual House Trip. This year, all pupils will be visiting their respective castles on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Further information will be sent home in due course outlining times and what your child needs to bring.

**ROCKET SEEDS**

P3/4 had an exciting opportunity to take part in a national science experiment. Scientists wanted to know if seeds would still grow after being in outer space. They sent 1kg of rocket seeds to the International Space Station with Tim Peake. The seeds were then sent back to Earth. Schools all across the country were given two packets of rocket seeds. One had been to space and the other had not. Our job was to plant all the seeds and measure how well they grew to see if there was any difference between one packet of seeds and the other. We were very excited to see what would happen and most of our seeds germinated very quickly. Both packets of seeds grew very well at first, but last week most of our seedlings had died. We don’t know if it was too hot in school or if we gave them too much water. We are disappointed that our seedlings didn’t make it, but we have learned a lesson about taking care of plants – they need just the right kind of care to grow!

**HOUSE POINTS**

Crathes	Drum	Fraser	Fyvie
3096	2117	2655	2419

**SCOTTISH OPERA: THE LITTLE WHITE TOWN OF NEVER WEARY**

From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, Scottish Opera will be in school performing along with pupils from our school. This interactive production is aimed at P1 – P3 pupils. I am sure that this will be a great experience for our pupils.

## **TRANSITION EVENTS**

Our school and ASG have provided a rich variety of transition experiences for our pupils. This has included:

- P5 Sportshall Athletics
- P5 Youth Games at Aberdeen Sports Village
- P6 ASG Games held at Hazlehead Academy
- P6 Bikeability
- P7 Absafe training event supporting children to make safe choices
- P7A BP visit Robotics
- P7F BP visit to The Hive

## **SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR**

This year's school fundraiser takes place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June from 11am – 2pm. Tickets are £2.50 Child/OAP are £1.50. We hope that you will be able to join us on the day for some great family activities and events to show your support. We are still looking for contributions for:

- Chocolate stall
- Jam jar treats – take an empty jam jar and fill it with goodies of your choice
- Home bakes
- Bottle stall
- Wine
- Any donations for the raffle

## **COMMUNITY/ECO NEWS**

In partnership with Ben Reid Garden Centre, P7 pupils are currently working with Hazlehead Park designing and developing a sensory garden to be located near the Robert Burns' Cairns. They will be planting on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Furthermore, our pupils will also be involved in creating hanging baskets for Hazlehead Avenue. Thank you to everyone who donated old training shoes. Most have already had flowers planted in them and are ready to be hung along the edge of our playground to make a running garden as part of Keep Scotland Beautiful! We have been working hard on our school grounds. Each class is responsible for growing potatoes and another vegetable in the school garden. They will work next session harvesting their crops and creating food with Stephanie Campbell, our school cook. They will also be developing composting within the grounds. All children have been involved in litter picking within the school community this term. Furthermore, we are delighted to see a decrease in litter in the school playground thanks to the vigilance of our Litter Patrol!

## **PARENT COUNCIL**

Our Parent Council AGM will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 7pm at Hazlehead School. All parents are welcome to attend.

## **NURSERY STAFFING**

Next year will see some staffing changes to the structures operating within our Early Years setting.

Our Nursery will still be managed by Mrs Bruce our Depute Head Teacher. Miss Tipping will be our Early Years Teacher and a new post has been created for a Senior Early Years Practitioner who will be Mrs Roberts as from August 2016. Our current team of Early Years Practitioners will remain for next session.

## **CLOTHING GRANTS 2016/2017**

Forms are available from school and our school website.

## **ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY**

Our annual achievement assembly will take place on the morning on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. This event allows the school to highlight and celebrate individual achievements in a variety of categories.

There are individual class awards for:

- Successful Learner – enthusiasm and motivation for learning

- Confident Individual - independence
- Responsible Citizen – respectful of others
- Effective Contributor – works in partnership and in teams, taking initiative and leading

There are also year awards for:

- Councillor Jennifer Stewart's Young Citizenship Award – P3
- Bill Scullion Fair Play Award – P4
- Peter Broom High Jump Award – P5
- June Stewart's Excellence Award – P6
- Stacey Thow Citizenship Award – P7

We are in the process of organising a motivational speaker to inspire the pupils. Please note that if your child is nominated for an award, you will be notified by letter between Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June and hope that you are able to attend. The pupils will not find out until the ceremony if they have won an award, so please do not let them know if you are notified! 😊

### GENTLE REMINDERS

- Please push bikes and scooters when in the school playground.
- If your child **needs** to have a mobile phone at school they must be handed in to the school office and should not be used in school time.
- Rag bag collection Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- The use of toilets within the school are for pupils please.
- Dinner tickets should be used for school lunches. If your child forgets their ticket then please pay the amount owed. The school is sending out reminders but often outstanding lunch tickets are unpaid. Please help us with this matter by paying outstanding items promptly.
- Please be reminded that current P3 pupils will need to purchase lunch tickets in August.
- Please be vigilant checking your child for Head Lice. Boots provide products free of charge at the minor ailments clinic. Please notify the school should you find any Head Lice.
- If your child forgets an item and you need to bring it in to school. Please label this clearly with your child's name and class so that this can be delivered by the school to your child. We only have one member of staff in our office most of the time.
- If your child requires medication in school please complete the medication form. Our policy is to administer medication only in exceptional circumstances and we ask you to consider dosage times working around school or around your availability to administer this to your child please. In most circumstances children requiring medication are not able to attend school.
- **PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDS' CLOTHING AND ITEMS WITH THEIR NAME.**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- |  |                                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| • Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June: 11am – 2pm                     | PTA Summer Fair                   |
| • Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June: 7pm                           | Nursery Induction Evening         |
| • Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Shorts and Shades Disco           |
| • Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June: 7pm – 8pm                      | Current P6 Residential Evening    |
| • Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                                | Nursery Stay and Play             |
| • Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June | P7 Academy 3 Day Transition Visit |
| • Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Meet the Teacher                  |
| • Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                  | House Trip                        |
| • Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Leavers' Concert                  |
| • Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 1                               | Achievement Assembly              |

Kind regards, Barbara Jones 😊