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




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***If you are going to get
anywhere in life you are going
to have to read a lot of books.***

Roald Dahl

HOUSE POINT

Crathes	Drum	Fraser	Fyvie
428 	197	385	426

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The two key areas of our School Improvement agenda this year are:

- Raising Attainment in Numeracy and Literacy
- Improving Mental Health and Wellbeing

Further information can be found on the school website which details both our Standards and Quality Report for last year and this year's School Improvement Plan.

You will also find our PEF (Pupil Equity Fund) plan, which details how we intend to close the poverty gap using money awarded to schools based on the % of children who live within Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation decile 1 and 2. Our school was awarded £21,600 to support targeted pupils. We have used some of this funding to employ a Pupil Support Assistant to work with these pupils developing a range of skills.

SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

The table below outlines our attainment data from 2016/2017. The percentages indicate how many pupils have achieved a specific level at milestone years. These are seen in general terms as some pupils can achieve the below levels sooner or later than those indicated in P1, P4 and P7.

P1 – Early Level

P4 – First Level

P7 – Second Level

The table also shows our attainment in comparison with both the local and national standards.

Reading	P1	P4	P7
Hazlehead	79%	81%	86%
Aberdeen (2016/17)	75.24%	74.33%	71.36%
National (2015/16)	81%	75%	72%
Writing			
Hazlehead	74%	76%	82%
Aberdeen (2016/17)	73.22%	69.74%	65.82%
National (2015/16)	78%	69%	65%
Listening & Talking			
Hazlehead	79%	88%	89%
Aberdeen (2016/17)	82.12%	82.53%	81.03%
National (2015/16)	85%	81%	77%
Numeracy			
Hazlehead	74%	81%	79%
Aberdeen (2016/17)	79.52%	73.41%	68.87%
National (2015/16)	84%	73%	68%

THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLES SERVICE AWARDS

We were delighted to be awarded the 'Learning for Sustainability Award' at a recent celebratory event at the Beach Ballroom which was organised by Aberdeen City Council. This was in recognition for the outstanding work carried out by the school in collaboration with the Council, creating the Global Sculpture Trail. Jamie Forbes, Caleb Mitchell, Sheen Labroo and Wande Yussuf accompanied Mrs. Gordon to accept this prestigious award on behalf of our school. Well done!

PRIMARY 7 AT CROMDALE

Cromdale was a huge success this year for our Primary 7 pupils. They had a rich variety of outdoor experiences provided by Adventure Aberdeen. They were walking, cycling, gorge walking, river swimming, abseiling and canoeing. They made great progress within this experience gaining confidence and we hope a love of our beautiful outdoors as a learning environment! I hope our Primary 7 parents are now reaping the benefits of their child's new found skills of cooking, cleaning and making beds!!



As a school, we are very keen to extend the outdoor experience even further. Next year's School Improvement Plan will detail how we plan to do this. Watch this space!!

JASS AWARD SCHEME

Primary 6 and 7 children are working towards their JASS award scheme. The JASS Programme is designed to support children through the transition from primary to secondary education. It acknowledges wider achievement at each stage there are 4 themes: Me and My World, Get Active/Stay Active, Adventure and My Interests. This Award is fully funded by The Parent Council and is closely linked to the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This involves participating and volunteering within their community. This is going exceptionally well and we hope to share with you the pupils' progress later on in the year.



RAG BAG

Many thanks to all families who contributed towards Rag Bag as we raised £186.

PRIMARY 1 AND NURSERY INFORMATION EVENINGS

We held 2 very successful events for parents this term. These evenings were held to share with parents about our curriculum. They were very well attended and the feedback was hugely positive.

"Very informative. Really enjoyed the session – glad we came along!"

"For first time parents, everything was useful. Don't assume that we know – chances are we really don't!"

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the first parent interview event for this session. I am delighted that from 12 classes, 7 classes had 100% attendance. These interviews are hugely important to allow parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher. We hope to see all classes have 100% attendance in the second event in May 2018.

PARTNERSHIPS

Thank you to all those families who joined us for the Dons Day Out on Saturday 30th September at Pittodrie to see Aberdeen v St. Johnstone. This was a great day out and the chance for children to witness 3 goals – a hatrick for Aberdeen. £447 was raised for the school. The money will be used to benefit every pupil in a workshop provided by Jammin Fitness targeting 'Readers Are Leaders' on the 8th November.

CAR PARK

Please be reminded that the **CAR PARK IS FOR THE USE OF NURSERY PARENTS ONLY DURING PICK UP/DROP OFF TIMES**. Out with these times, the car park is strictly for staff only and either children/parents with disabilities or those who are attending appointments during school time.

Unfortunately, I have raised this issue once again with your Parent Council, highlighting how disappointed I am of the continuing disregard SOME parents have and the manner in which they communicate in front of their children with members of staff on being told that they should not be parking there. I have therefore no alternative that if there is not a significant improvement by the end of next term, access to the school playground via the gate beside the nursery will no longer be in use. The two main gates into the playground will be the only access points for children. The safety of all children at Hazlehead remains my utmost priority and I will not have this comprised on a daily basis and see an avoidable accident occur.

CHRISTMAS DATES

Please save the date for the following dates for our annual Christmas Concerts. Further information will follow next term, including dates for parties etc.

P1 – 3: Thursday 14th December

P4 – 7: Tuesday 12th December

Nursery: Tuesday 19th December

ACTIVE SCHOOLS

Wendy Carrick, our new Active Schools Co-ordinator, is reviewing club participation to ensure equity and opportunity across the school, delivering on our target of 100% involvement in sports and clubs.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children are looking very smart and most are adhering to the school policy. Please be reminded that black/dark shoes are appropriate and we discourage the wearing of fluorescent trainers as indoor shoes should be in keeping with the school uniform and of dark colour. Please ensure that your child's items are named so that any lost property can be returned to its rightful owner swiftly!

HOLIDAYS

Can I please remind all parents that permission will not be given to remove your child from school during term time for any holidays. This will be recorded as Unauthorised Absence. Homework will also not be given during this time. Please be reminded to check the school holiday pattern prior to booking as it is variable but there are usually 12 weeks in which to select from. This can be found in your child's homework diary.

HEALTHY SNACK

On Wednesdays/Fridays, we encourage pupils to bring a healthy snack to school, e.g. fruit. The Health Improvement Group will shortly be reporting on how well we are achieving 100%

RUNNING EVENTS

Training has begun for the school for Cross Country Competition in March 2018. This will take place on Thursday lunchtimes for targeted P5 – P7 runners. For any other children keen to be involved, there are a series of Cross Country events in and around Aberdeen that you may be interested in. These can be found by visiting the following link.
https://www.entrycentral.com/Knockburn2017_2018

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff, parents and pupils a very relaxing and restful break. I look forward to seeing everyone after the October holidays on Monday 30 October 2017 where we start the countdown to Christmas!

Kind regards

Barbara Jones☺