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"When you believe in yourself, anything is possible."

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**"May the melody and spirit of the holidays
fill your home with love and peace."**



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

STAFF CHANGES

We say goodbye to Miss. MacFadyen on Wednesday 8th January as she moves on to a new school in a promoted post. We wish Miss. MacFadyen the very best for the future and thank her for valuable contribution to the school during the last 7 years. We will welcome Mrs. Morrice as Miss. MacFadyen's replacement in P6.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Many, many thanks to all the staff and pupils for working together to put on 3 fantastic performances to our school community. The feedback received was very praiseworthy and thank you to those who took the time to tell us. The Community Working Group were present at all the concerts collecting on behalf of Aberdeen Cyrenians, our chosen charity for Christmas celebrations. We were overjoyed to raise £767.83. This amount has been added to the total raised from our Christmas Jumper Day which raised £260.52 to give us a final total of £1028.35. Aberdeen Cyrenians will be collecting food items along with filled shoe boxes from P5 from the school on Friday. Thank you again as this will really make a difference to many people who, for this time of year, can experience great difficulties.



WIPEOUT

Thank you to the Pupil Council who in collaboration with Active Schools organised our whole school sponsored event. The total raised was £4101. A heart felt thank you to everyone who supported this great event. This total will really help enhance the learning experiences of your child at Hazlehead.

PLAYGROUND

As you are aware, we are very fortunate to have such wonderful school grounds for the pupils to play in. Please can I ask parents to remind their child not to go on the grass areas at this time of year. Our intention would be to relax this once the weather brightens.

MEMORIAL BULB PLANTING

Several weeks ago, the whole school was involved in planting snowdrops in the grass area of our school grounds beside our school car park. These bulbs were planted in the shape of a love heart with the help of Daniel Shand (ACC) in memory of our very much missed friend, Alice Farquharson.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Last Friday, we had a very successful business breakfast with some of our key partners. We took this opportunity to share our school improvement plan to see how our partners could help us in our journey. We were very encouraged and hugely excited by some of the discussions and potential plans for future work. Watch this space ...

OUTDOOR LEARNING

If you have any unwanted children's socks and/or welly boots, we are collecting for our emergency supplies for those who forget to bring with them to school. Outdoor learning is hugely beneficial for all children's mental health and wellbeing so we wouldn't want any pupils to miss out on these rich learning opportunities because they have not taken the equipment they need.

POSITIVE PARENTING COURSE

Due to the success of previous courses, Hazlehead ASG is running a further series of positive parenting of workshops. They will commence on Tuesday 28th January for 6 weeks and will be held in the evening, 6.30 – 8.30pm, at Hazlehead Primary. This is run by our Education Social Worker, Nicola Logan. Further details are on our school website. <https://www.hazlehead-ps.aberdeen.sch.uk/2019/12/positive-parenting-workshop/>

SAFE PARKING

Can I remind all parents that if you are parking on Hazlehead Avenue, please adhere to parking restrictions and do not park on the zig zag lines.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

A huge well done to all the pupils who participated in the annual Craigiebuckler Musical Festival last night. It was brilliant! The talent and enthusiasm shown was very special and I am so proud of each and every pupil who showed our school values in action – *courage* to perform, *respect* for other performers, being *responsible* by performing to an audience in a professional manner and embracing the *opportunity* to showcase their musical talents! Many thanks to the tutors and parents for their support and encouragement too.



CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE

Many thanks to Mr. Petrie for delivering yet another great Christmas service at Craigiebuckler Church today to mark the end of term and to start the holiday festive spirit for all. It is also important for me to highlight here that for the pupils who do not attend our church services for a variety of reasons have a planned programme of activities that they can participate in which is led by a staff member. Today these pupils participated in a mental and physical team challenge which they thoroughly enjoyed.



NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!

In order to cope with the ever changing weather and temperatures at this time of year, I would be hugely delighted if every child came back to school in January fully equipped to deal with this. Please ensure that you child has suitable clothing and footwear to wear to school. A waterproof jacket, preferably with a hood, is essential. As always, please ensure that all items are labelled, including packed lunch boxes. For P.E, please also ensure that this is labelled, including tracksuit bottoms.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, pupils, parents and volunteers for their support and the amazing contributions that they make to the school each and every day. This never goes unnoticed. I wish our whole school community a fantastic holiday and hope that you have restful break with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone again as we begin a fresh new calendar year on Monday 6th January 2020 which is also the year of our 10th anniversary in the new school building!

Barbara Jones 😊