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



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"Be somebody that makes everyone feel like a somebody."

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SCOTTISH CELEBRATIONS: SCHOOL CEILIDH

Last Thursday saw our school ceilidh in full fling! All children were given the opportunity to take part and dazzled us with their performances ranging from Dashing White Sergeant to Gay Gordons. Each class also selected pupils to recite Scottish poetry as part of the occasion which was great to hear. A big thank you to Mrs. McMurray for organising this event. Looking forward next year, we would like to involve a piper and experienced dancers in order to enrich this annual event even more!



The evening ceilidh saw families coming together as part of the Parent Council's school event. Thank you to the Parent Council who managed to raise £650 and I would like to extend this thanks further to everyone who helped set up in the rotunda for the evening event and to the staff for attending; Mr. Blair, Mrs. Gordon and Miss. Morrison. A special mention also goes to Katy, Sophie and Annie for their excellent group performance.



QUALITY ASSURANCE VISIT

Next Monday, we will receive a visit from education colleagues in Aberdeen City to look at the education we provide for our learners at Hazlehead. This will be led by Gael Ross, our Quality Improvement Manager who will be accompanied by the head teachers of Stoneywood and Countesswells School. This quality assurance process will take place in all schools in Aberdeen across the following months. We see this as an excellent opportunity to take stock and identify our strengths and areas for improvement in relation to our curriculum. This forms part of our improvement agenda.

CAR PARK

Thank you to all our parents for continuing to support the school in keeping our car park safe by parking in alternative spaces. Our JRSO pupils will be out accompanying me next week to help them understand why we have these sanctions in place. My aim is to have **all** our families supporting the school. The reality is that it is still only **most** families who are adhering to this agreement. Please be reminded that the school car park is closed to all parents except for those who are blue badge holders or are collecting their child to take them to/from an appointment during the school day.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school, please contact us as soon as possible by email, expressions or telephone before 9.30am. This is to ensure that we know your child is safe. Please be reminded that parents are responsible for their child until the bell rings at 8.40am.

TOYS

Please be reminded that pupils should not bring precious/expensive toys to school as when things go wrong, it leads to great upset and interrupts class learning.

HAZLEHEAD CLEAN UP

As part of our partnership with Friends of Hazlehead, we would like to have as many families involved in a Hazlehead Community Clean Up on Saturday 7th March 2020. The meeting point will be Hazlehead Running Track at 10am and will run to 12noon. All equipment will be supplied. Daniel Shand, our valued partner, will be leading this event along with Friends of Hazlehead.

WHOLE SCHOOL LITTER PICK

On Monday 23rd March, all pupils will be involved in a whole school litter pick. This will be organised by both the Community and Eco Working Groups. We will be looking for parent volunteers throughout this week so that we can litter pick along the school boundary. Please let the school office know if you are able to support.

HANDS ON SCOTLAND

This week (3rd - 9th Feb) is Children's Mental Health Week so all classes are implementing lessons that link with this area. We take the mental wellbeing of our pupils very seriously and always see this as a priority area. This year's theme is 'Find your brave'. You may be interested in looking at the link below which explores a whole range of mental health issues. <http://www.handsonscotland.co.uk/A-Z-of-topics/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	CLASS
Monday 17 th February	Holiday	School closed to staff & pupils
Tuesday 18 th February	INSET	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 th February	INSET	School closed to pupils
Wednesday 26 th February – Thursday 27 th February	School photographs	Nursery – P7
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Nursery – P7 *information to follow soon*
Saturday 7 th March	Hazlehead Community Clean Up 10am – 12 noon, running track	All families welcome
Tuesday 17 th March	Cromdale Visit information event for P7 in September	P6 parents
Thursday 19 th March	ASG Health Event 6 – 8pm Hazlehead School	All parents invited *information to follow soon*
Monday 23 rd March – Friday 27 th March	Whole school litter pick	Nursery – P7 *timetable for the week to be confirmed*
Thursday 2 nd April	Reports out	Nursery – P7
Friday 3 rd April	Church Service Term 3 ends	Nursery – P7 *Parent helpers welcome*

I look forward to seeing all our families over the course of the term at the many events planned.

Barbara Jones ☺