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



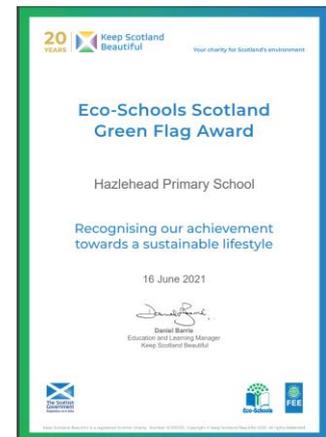
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"Even the smallest achievements pave a way for great success."

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

GREEN FLAG SUCCESS!

Well done to the Eco Working Group for achieving our 4th Green Flag as part of the Eco Schools Scotland programme. Given the impact of the pandemic on their 2 year action plan progress, this is a huge accomplishment. The Eco Group have worked on the topics of Litter (mandatory), School Grounds and Waste Minimisation. All evidence of their achievements and next steps can be found on the Eco Working Group page of our school website.



Feedback from the assessor included the following.

"I really enjoyed reading all your evidence this afternoon, I think this is one of the best applications that I have read in quite some time. The level of detail, reflection and focus on continually improving is excellent and makes it obvious that your Eco Schools activities are very firmly embedded in the life of your school. Throughout your application the attention to detail and the continued monitoring and evaluation of your actions shines through. As well as the actions that you have identified for each chosen topic, it is clear that work on learning for sustainability is embedded in the curriculum. The work that has been done as part of the "Our Global World" and "Our Scientific World" topics is very good and an interesting way to help people understand that many of the issues that we face exist in other countries. I appreciate that the last year will have posed a huge number of challenges for you, but it is amazing to read just how much you have achieved."

FRIENDS OF HAZLEHEAD: COMMUNITY DAY OF ACTION

Friends of Hazelhead are holding a day of action on Saturday 19th June to continue the great community work on making Hazelhead Park the best it can be.

They are looking for volunteers to join them from 10am – 2pm to work together to litter pick, plant, paint and more. The meeting point is at the top of the running track so if you have any spare time to support your local community, please come along as every little helps!

We are working in partnership with Friends of Hazelhead to spruce up the planters on the avenue. The pupils came up the their own designs and the winning ones can be seen below..
<https://www.hazlehead-ps.aberdeen.sch.uk/our-planter-designs/>



If you and your family are interested in looking after one of these planters, please get in touch with the school office.

HAZLEHEAD GROWS

As part of our commitment to enhancing our school grounds, all classes have been involved in growing a variety of plants, including vegetables. You can find out how Hazlehead Grows here. [Hazlehead Grows](#)

HAZLEHEAD OUT AND ABOUT!

We have been developing a programme to encourage pupils to get to know their local community. We plan to build in these trips throughout the calendar year for all age groups so that they understand and appreciate more where they live. We plan to start this formally in August. You can find out what these important community landmarks are from visiting the following link. [Out And About @ Hazlehead](#)

NURSERY GRADUATION

Yesterday saw the graduation of our nursery pupils who will be transitioning into P1 in August. We were delighted to be able to hold this ceremony in the school grounds. Although parents were unable to attend, this very important milestone was still celebrated. Photos to mark this special time will be uploaded to the pupils' ILD. A huge well done everyone!



P7 ACTIVITIES WEEK

Our P7 pupils will be taking part in our rescheduled programme of activities next week. These include Tye Dye, Canoeing, Forest Schools, Cooking, Foot Golf, Orienteering and Dance. The last week will end with a silent disco, pizza and ice cream. Many thanks to Ms. Beard, Mr. Crowther and Mr. Andersen for reorganising the programme and to the other members of staff who will be supporting the delivery of these activities.

CLASSES FOR 2021/22

At the end of the school day, your child will have been notified of their class teacher for 2021/22. You will receive an email notifying you of your child's class and teacher for the August session. We will have a virtual 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday 21st June as all staff will have prepared a short video introduction to share with their new pupils.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

We plan to run this annual event virtually on Thursday 24th June with the rotunda used as a base. Winners from each class will make their way to the rotunda to receive their award on a class-by-class basis to ensure social distancing and no mix of class bubbles. A special newsletter will be emailed to you after the event so that you can see a list of award recipients.

REPORTING FEEDBACK

This year saw the reporting format change. As of 2021/22, the reporting calendar will change. Parents will now receive 2 shorter reports throughout the school year to inform them of their child's progress. In Term 2, parents will receive a progress report and in Term 4, parents will receive a fuller report similar to the one you would have recently received. As before, 2 parent interviews will be planned following the distribution of reports. Please can you take some time to complete the following survey to give us feedback on the new format.

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STAFF CHANGES

As we head into the final week, I wanted to let you know of some staff changes that will be taking place. Next Friday, we say goodbye to Miss. MacDonald and Mrs. Chalmers who have been with us on a temporary basis for the past few years. I want to thank them for their commitment to the school, their enthusiasm and for supporting their learners through very challenging times. We also say goodbye to Mrs. Charles and Ms. Lawrence in the nursery as they take up new posts in other nurseries due to the big changes in nursery hours from August. They have been at Hazlehead for 22 years and 14 years respectively and will be a great loss to the nursery team. We also say goodbye to Miss. Tipping who will be the new Depute Head Teacher at Heathryburn and wish her well in the next stage of her career. Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs. Thomson, our long serving PSA, who retires at the end of this term. She has worked at Hazlehead Primary for 16 years and Aberdeen City Council for 27 years. We will miss her dearly.

In August, we are delighted to welcome back Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Nicolson who return after maternity leave. We are also delighted to officially welcome Miss. Wilson and Mrs. Stevens to our permanent team having successfully completed their probationary year with us. Mrs. Moir who has been teaching in P3M will also join us on a permanent basis. Furthermore, we also have a new teacher joining our team, Miss. Fawcett-Knox so we look forward to welcoming her at Hazlehead. Mrs. Hoy will also return in August to support the school with providing non-class contact time for staff.

Have a great weekend.

Barbara Jones 😊