Abernethy PS HT 'Remote' Update - Term 3, wk. 9, 2020/2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As our school circumstances are ever changing at the moment, I wanted to assure you that we are doing our absolute best to keep our whole school community as one, throughout these changes. Some of the ways in which we are doing this are outlined below and as always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

Please find below a further HT update.

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<u>A Blended School</u>

It was wonderful to welcome back our Nursery to Pr3 pupils and staff into school, as well as give a warm welcome to our new start pupils in Nursery. Many smiling faces meeting us at the gates, was truly heart-warming. The pupils have settled back beautifully as we focus very much on giving them time to settle back into school routines.

We continue to be very mindful that not all the pupils however have found this stage easy, particularly pupils from P4-7. Many have siblings who are back at school and so they too wish they could be with them.

We are continuing to work hard to plan pupils learning experiences that ensure a very engaged and together school. Along with our whole school weekly assemblies, we plan to engage in collaborative whole school activities, as outlined within our approach to this year's World Book Week.



Dates for the diary

15th March – As per the Scottish Government announcement yesterday, P4-7 are planned to come back to school on 15th March. Further detail to follow in due course. 1st April – End of Term 3 (full school day) **19th April** – Return to school for Term 4.

World Book Week

As Mrs Hodgkinson's Assembly this week outlined, world book day is about pupils exploring the amazing world of books and reading. It is a time set aside each year to celebrate books, authors and reading.

Here in Abernethy, this year we have decided to focus our whole week to the love of books and reading. Staff have worked tirelessly to plan some wonderful learning across the whole school; including class meets, collaborative working between classes, story sharing, author meets etc. The pupils are really engaging well so far which is wonderful.

In addition, we have arranged a whole school Usborne book fair. Mrs Roe has forwarded details to you regarding this and there shall soon be clips sent home to you all on Seesaw. World Book day £1 book vouchers have also arrived at school. We shall disseminate to all our Nursery-P3 pupils and wish to invite our P4-7 families to pick them up from our school resource box outside the school, at some point this week. These vouchers can be spent at our online book fair.

Hub Updates

Our in school childcare learning hub continues to go very well; they really have blended as a wee family. We now support learners from P4-7 only and it is lovely to see their continued independence grow.