

## Isla Primary School Newsletter

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Honesty, respect, responsibility, kindness, perseverance and teamwork

### Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to our October newsletter! It was good to see the children return from holidays this week and hear about their break. We commence a busy term which takes us up until the end of this year. There are In Service Days on the 30<sup>th</sup> November and the 1<sup>st</sup> of December along with a holiday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December.

I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the open afternoon and the reading breakfast last term. It was excellent to have so many local elected members join us also for the morning. A feedback form will be coming to you via the app shortly to gather your thoughts.

In the next two weeks we are organising two afternoons for a "School community garden tidy". Our plan is to turn over the garden after we have harvested our vegetables. We did well with potatoes and carrots this year. The vegetable raised beds require a tidy ahead of winter along with strimming and tidying the area behind this. If you are able to help and have a strimmer to use and some garden tools, we would very much appreciate your help. The afternoons are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 1415-1500. Please come to reception with any tools you would be able to use. Cup of tea or coffee available from 1500.

We have managed to secure some excellent sporting opportunities for P1-7 over the next few weeks. This covers rugby, basketball and football. We will also be extending some clubs at lunchtime. A gentle reminder that the last after school running club session is on the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Dates for more sessions will be forthcoming next year.

Letters have been sent home for Parent/Carer evening. This will be held this year on the 8<sup>th</sup> November for P1-7 and 10<sup>th</sup> November for Nursery. Thank you to everyone who has returned these already.

With best wishes,

Simon McKell  
Head Teacher

### Parent Council AGM

The date for the AGM is Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the school. All welcome.

### Head Teachers Tea Party and Golden letters

Many congratulations to Jacob, Lucy, Henry, Struan, Tom and Sadie who were nominated to come for hot drinks and cake at the end of last term for their consistent excellent approach to learning and supporting others in school.

Golden letters will be posted home before the end of this term for any learners who have made significant progress against learning targets this session.

### Foodbank appeal

Can any further donations for the Kirriemuir food bank appeal be handed into the school **before the 28<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

### Rugby session dates

All children in P1-7 will have rugby sessions on Fridays 28<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please can all children have a full change of kit for these days with clothing appropriate to conditions on the day. We will also have a lunch club on these days.

### P5-7 Basketball sessions

Basketball for P5-7 and after school club will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November. More details surrounding after school club to follow.

### Parent Council Halloween Party

The Parent Council school Halloween party will take place in the school on the **28<sup>th</sup> October** from 1800-2000.

### Book Week Scotland

Book week Scotland will commence on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. During this week we will be celebrating texts and providing a gift bag for all children in **P2 and P3**. We would like to invite parents and carers of children in P2 and P3 to come into school to discuss this support pack of materials. This will take place on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 15:00**.

### Student teacher P5-7

We will be joined by Mrs McMaster from the 24<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs McMaster has met the children already and has shown an enthusiasm to be part of our learning community. She will be taking small groups and full class lessons.

### Christmas Show

OK, yes a bit early! This year the whole school will perform a Christmas show. This will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> December in school at 18:30. More details to follow.

### P5-7 learning – Social Studies

As communicated via SeeSaw, if any P5-7 parents/carers are able to support this term with the class study on people, place and environment – focussing on our area, please message Mrs McInnes via SeeSaw. Thank you.

### Staffing update

Mrs Koller has decided to resign from her post within the office. Mrs Koller will still be very much part of the school, but moving forward next month will solely work with class teachers supporting learning, First Aid, breaks and lunchtime. We would like to sincerely thank Mrs Koller for all her great work over the years in her clerical post and of course assisting new staff here at Isla.

### Dalguise P7

We are delighted that we will be having a P7 residential this academic session. The small rural schools in our cluster will have a residential weekend in June. More details to follow. Thanks to the Parent Council for the P7 Leavers hoodies, they look great!

### Graffiti

We have sadly had a number of walls vandalised over the past week in the boys toilets. I have spoken with the boys in school to reiterate the high standards and expectations both school and family expect. We will of course monitor this in the weeks ahead, but we think it best and appropriate to share this unfortunate information with you. This has cost implications for the school to rectify.

### Dates for the diary

21 <sup>st</sup> October	Show Racism the red card action day
24 <sup>th</sup> October	After school running club 1520-1600
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council AGM at 1900
28 <sup>th</sup> October	P1-4 rugby sessions P5-7 rugby sessions
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Council Halloween party 18:00-20:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Community Autumn garden tidy
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Community Autumn garden tidy
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Rugby sessions
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parent/carer meeting afternoon/evening 1530-2000
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance small group visit
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Nursery parents session 1530-1630
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisation
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance. Rugby sessions and basketball sessions
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Book Week Scotland. P1-3 parents/ carers session from 1500-1600
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Football team trip to Kirriemuir
25 <sup>th</sup> November	P7 transiiton day to Webster's, Kirriemuir
30 <sup>th</sup> November	In Service Day – <u>School closed for children</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> December	In Service Day – <u>School closed for children</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	St Andrew's HOLIDAY – <u>SCHOOL CLOSED</u>
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swimming session for P5-7
20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Show 1830
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	End of term

