

The Redmyre Review October 2017



Meet the Teacher Night

Thanks to all those who came long to our Meet the Teacher parents' night at the beginning of October. It was lovely to see such a good turnout. I had a few parents requesting a copy of the Growth Mindset presentation which I did. If anyone else would like a copy to read at your leisure then please get in touch. As you know we carried out an evaluation at the end in which we asked what your preferred format for future parents' evenings would be. Out of the 27 who responded only 3 indicated that they would prefer both parents' evenings which we hold in the year to take the form of the more traditional appointment system and 5 indicated that they would like both parents' evenings to be a Meet the Teacher format. An overwhelming majority of 19 out of 25 respondents said they would like to have the Meet the Teacher evening in the Autumn and the more traditional appointments system in the Spring so that is how we will proceed in the coming years. Please remember that you are welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher at any time should you have any concerns which you wish to discuss.

Critter Keeper

We were lucky enough to have another visit from The Critter Keeper towards the end of last term. He came to visit the P1s-P4s who he hadn't managed to see before the summer holidays. He came with his usual menagerie of animals such as a chameleon, a tarantula and a giant snail! Unfortunately he was unable to take Roco the raccoon this time as he had been misbehaving but this didn't stop the children having a thoroughly wonderful time looking at and hearing about all the other fabulous creatures. Thank you so much to the Parent Council for paying for this experience for the children.



The tarantula was a bit scary and big but it was in a box. I really liked the dragon even though it had sharp claws.
Fraser P2

First Aid



Once again this year, our P5,6,7 children had the opportunity to attend First Aid training at Fettercairn Primary along with children from Marykirk and Luthermuir Primaries. The P5 children completed First Aid Level 1 the P6s completed level 2 after having completed level 1 last year and the P7s, who completed levels 1 and 2 last year, have now completed level 3. This has been an excellent opportunity for these boys and girls to learn an extremely important life skill and for them to meet children with whom they will eventually attend Mearns Academy. Mr Clarke, the Head Teacher of Fettercairn, was once again very keen to praise the exemplary behavior of our boys and girls; he said they did us all proud.



I learned how to stop a bleeding nose and if you have a burn you should put it in cold water and leave it there for as long as you can.
Brooke P6

Story Time



During the last week of term we were delighted to have a visit from Jill Reid, the librarian from Mearns Academy. One of Jill's very important roles is to promote reading for pleasure to children across the whole of our cluster so she came to read a few of the stories from the Bookbug Bag which all the P1 children received from the Scottish Book Trust. All of the P1 and 2 children really enjoyed hearing Jill read to them with all the funny voices.



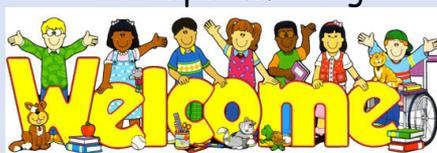
There was a boy in the story who looked up, he looked down, and he looked side to side and all around.
Alula P1



ALEC

We were delighted to welcome Harold the Giraffe and Andy from the Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre to Redmyre on the last day of last term. Harold and Andy entertained the children as well as delivering serious messages about how to stay healthy. The P1 and 2 children class found out about the importance of getting a good night's sleep and eating fruit and vegetables to keep their bodies healthy and the P3s, P4s and P5s learned about how to stay safe online. The P6/7 had a lesson about the dangers of substance misuse and how to resist Peer Pressure.

P1/2 Open Morning



The infant class held an open morning on the 12th October when parents were invited to spend some time in the class observing the children's usual morning routine. This was extremely well attended and the children were all delighted to have their mums, dads and carers in the class to show off some of the things they are learning and just how independent they are all becoming. There will be open events for the other classes during the course of the session.

Beat The Bog

I could hardly contain my excitement upon returning from the October holidays and finding there had been some 'activity' with the grass over the holidays. The gentlemen from the grounds department had been in and inserted 3 pipes which it is anticipated will help hugely with our drainage issues. There are also plans afoot to be putting layers of sand for extra drainage in areas where it has been most soggy. It all looks a bit of a mess at the moment but hopefully, come the spring term, we will have lush, DRY grass which the children can play on for the majority of the time.



Road Safety

Every year, as part of the School Travel Planning initiatives, a 2 week programme is organised for Aberdeenshire schools called the 'Road Safety Magic Shows'. We were delighted that Alan could come to perform his Road Safety Magic show at Redmyre at the beginning of this week. The show itself has been scripted and developed with the help from the Road Safety professions. It has been designed to educate pupils, in Primary 1 to 3's on the main road safety messages applicable for their age group in a fun and interactive way. The P1-3 children from Glenbervie also came to visit so they could enjoy the show too.



On the subject of road safety I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Crabb (Jodie and Logan's parents) for donating road safety packs to all the P1 children. The packs, which come in fluorescent bags contain all kinds of high visibility goodies to keep the children safe on the roads. Miss McMillan is planning on giving out the packs during road safety week later this month.

Goodbye!



This Monday we all said farewell to Mrs Robertson our music teacher who retired. Mrs Robertson has been a music teacher for 43 years and has worked in the Laurencekirk Cluster for the last 15 of those years. It is sad to see her go but we wish her a long, happy and relaxing retirement.

Children In Need

Just a quick heads up. The 17th of November is Children in Need day and the children are invited to come to school dressed as a child of the 80s. This is, of course, optional but a suggested donation of £1 can be made to the school if you would wish to make a contribution to Children in Need. So dig out those leg warmers, jelly shoes and diddy boppers!

Dates for Your Diary



- 13/11/17** and **14/11/17** In Service
- 16/11/17** Kodaly Music Showcase
- 17/11/17** Children In Need (Dress up in 80's gear)
- 21/11/17** Parent Council Meeting (7pm at School)
- 7/12/17** Fordoun Christmas Shopping Night in the Village Hall
- 12/12/17** School Christmas Show
- 13/12/17** Trip to Panto (Oh yes it is!)
- 14/12/17** School Christmas Lunch
- 15/12/17** Christmas Jumper Day
- 20/12/17** P1/2/3 Christmas Party
- 21/12/17** P4/5/6/7 Christmas Party
- 22/12/17** Last day of term
- 8/12/18** Back to School