



## Inverurie Market Place

Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Sponsored Reading Challenge**

This term children are reviewing our stock of readers and creating a list of novels to purchase that would engage our children and enhance the learning and teaching of reading. We are desperate for new sets of novels as many of our novel sets are dated, quantities are low and novels are tired looking.

The children's challenge is to read, read, read! Read as many books as they can in one month! Thank you for your support. All monies raised will go towards buying Inverurie Market Place Primary School fabulous new sets of novels to encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and at school. The reading challenge will close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please could your child return to school their sponsorship form and monies on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Please note that it is not a requirement for children to take part in this school fundraiser, however, we would be very grateful for your support.

### **Achievements and Celebrations**

#### **Scots Language and Culture Week – January**

What a super week! Primary 4 to 7 children met Deborah Leslie, local author. Deborah was magical and captured, motivated and encouraged the children to read and write in Scots. Nursery to P3 children participated in workshops by Sheila Middleton. Again, the children listened to Scots poetry, songs and stories, which were brought to life by Sheila. Just wonderful. We had a piper in school as well as an accordionist to inspire our future musicians.

#### **PTA Update**

I will be stepping down from Chair as of the end of March. I have loved being a part of PTA but with work and other commitments I can't be around as much as I would like. We are now well on the way to transitioning to a new school and looking forward is the only way to keep things fresh. It's a great time to be advertising for a new Chair. Anyone who would be interested in the role please contact our school office or myself.

Next Meeting - April 24th

With many thanks, Hilary

# School Improvements

Results from our parental survey are now available on our school website. We are currently using this information to inform our school improvement.

Results from our 'Pupil Wellbeing Questionnaire' can also be found on our website.

Please find below information of new documents which we have created as part of our improvement planning. All documents can be found on our school website under section 'Useful Information'

## **Assessing Children's Progress and Achievement (Documentation can be found on our school website)**

As a parent or carer, you may have heard that changes are being introduced to the way your child's progress is assessed in primary and early secondary school.

These changes relate to Curriculum for Excellence and are being introduced to tell us whether children in P1, P4, P7 and S3 have achieved the Curriculum for Excellence-defined level of understanding in literacy and numeracy.

You will find a newly published leaflet for parents that provides information and aims to answer your questions about assessment of children's progress and the introduction of national standardised assessments.

Assessing your child's progress: A Guide for Parents and Carers

The new national standardised assessments are part of the National Improvement Framework.

More information on this and what it means for your child, can be found on the website [Parentzone Scotland](#).

We have currently created a new school report in line with Scottish Government Guidance. We hope you will find the new format and content very informative. We are aiming for you to receive your school report before the end of term.

## **Getting it Right for Every Child**

We have created information for parents on how we support children with learning difficulties within our school. We have also paid particular attention this term to how we support children with literacy difficulties and attach information detailing how as a school and in every classroom we strive to support the children in achieving.

## **Inverurie Market Place A to Z**

We have created a quick short guide to Inverurie Market Place, an A to Z, as we appreciate our school handbook is very lengthy. Please let us know of any information that you think we may be missing or would be of interest and help to new families joining our school.

## **School Vision, Values and Aims**

We have identified our school vision, values and aims. We would be grateful for ideas and feedback. Thank you to all who have contributed to the creation of these documents. The children have been very busy during assembly sessions to identify 'What makes an Inverurie Market Place Pupil'. I was impressed, thrilled and so proud of the children's responses.

## **School Curriculum Rationale and Design**

Staff and children have been working hard to create our school curriculum rational model and statement. Our next steps are to mark out learning journeys. Learning journeys support and highlight the progression in learning themes from P1 to P7.

## **School Website**

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the delay in updating our school website and I am thrilled to announce that our website is now full of up to date information that has been created in partnership with children, parents and staff. We will make every effort to keep our website up-to-date

## **Reporting to Parents**

We have developed a model of reporting to parents which we aim to promote partnership working with children and parents. We are piloting different formats of profiling this year. Please find attached our reporting model which we hope you will find informative.

## **New School Build**

<https://vimeo.com/202395356>

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Provost of Aberdeenshire Hamish Vernal joined Sebbie, Emma, Mrs Clegg, Mr Christie and myself to mark the construction of our new school building. Sebbie and Emma helped Hamish plant a tree and bury a time capsule. Please find below a link to the movie that was made to record this very special event.

After the event, everyone returned to Market Place for coffee and a cake. Primary 6/7 sang Scottish songs to welcome the visitors. Thank you to Primary 6/7 who sang so beautifully for our visitors and a huge thank you to Sebbie and Emma who represented our school so superbly. Thank you.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March representatives from Morrison's Construction will be attending our school assembly to inform children of progress of our new school. The gentlemen have created a time lapse movie of our new build and hope to show this to the children during assembly.

We have created a children's guide explaining why we are moving school and how we are going to be moving school to relieve any concerns. This will be shared with children at assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and will be available on our school website along with a power point presentation of illustrated drawings of the final building.

## **New School Uniform**

Children have voted on their favourite colour of uniform. What colour of school jumper do you think we should have?

Please find below a link to our uniform survey. We would be grateful for your views and ideas. Survey will be open till Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7PZ7SZV>

# New School Logo and School Badge

Designing our new school badge is a big decision! We need to take into account what our new school will represent. Children have recently completed designing new school badge. The ideas, care taken and art work was tremendous. We have sent two outstanding designs to uniform design to see what they would look like before everyone will have the opportunity to make the final decision.

## Diary Dates

### March

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day Celebrations
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Safe Routes to School Focus Week Bike Breakfast P1-3
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Bike Breakfast P4-7
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	The BIG Pedal Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Daffodil Tea Led by P1 to P3 Pupils
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	The BIG Pedal Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Special Assembly
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	The BIG Pedal Week
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of Term

### April

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Welcome Back to School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Open Coffee Afternoon (Community/Ex-pupils)

### May

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Science Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	P7 Dalguise School Camp
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Health Week 'Be Happy' Sports Day

### June

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	P6/7 'Joseph Performance' Inverurie Town Hall
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed – Occasional Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Academy Visit
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P7 Academy Visit
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	P7 Academy Visit
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Primary 7 Awards Ceremony
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers Service – St Andrews Church 10:00 Last Day of Term

## Term Dates

Occasional Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Mid Term Holiday	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Inservice Day	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
Inservice Day	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February
Easter Break	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April <i>(Last day in school Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March/School resumes Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April)</i>
May Day Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May
Occasional Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Break	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July <i>(Last day in school Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017)</i>

## Further Term Date Information

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/parents-carers/school-term-dates-and-in-service-days/>

# Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March Daffodil Tea

**Primary 1 to 3 classes will be leading this event with songs,  
poems a real spring treat.**

**9:30am to 11:00am**



**We hope you will be able to come along and join in the spring  
celebrations.**

# World Book Day 2017

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March 2017

## *Adventure is out there!*

*A book is a magical thing that lets you travel to far-away places without ever leaving your chair!*



This year at Inverurie Market Place Primary we will be celebrating World Book day during a very special 'World Book Day Adventure Assembly'. We will be promoting the love of reading and encouraging children to read for enjoyment during assembly. Children will receive their world book day voucher and an adventure book to encourage creative writing at home!

Don't forget to bring your favourite adventure book to school to share!



**Come to school dressed as your favourite adventure book character!**

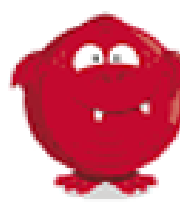




Dr. Nose



Nose-It-all



Snuffles

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 2017**

## **Red Nose Day 2017**

### **Inverurie Market Place Celebrations**

**Wear a red nose to our school 'Red Nose Day Assembly'. It is going to be lots of fun!**

**Wear your favourite red clothes to school and bring a small donation.**

**Red noses will be on sale for £1!**



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Snuffles



Sniffer



DJ Boogie



# GOLDEN TICKET Competition

Cycle or scoot to school  
during The Big Pedal and  
you could win a new bike!

20<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> March

Each day you ride or scoot to school you fill out a Golden Ticket to enter the draw. At the end of The Big Pedal one lucky pupil will win a brand new bike!



Fill In the date, your full name and class number and hand into your teacher, I Bike Officer, or I Bike Volunteer.

GOODLUCK AND HAPPY RIDING!







Dear Parents/Carers,

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2017, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

The challenge runs from 20 to 31 March. It's free to enter and we would love everyone to be involved.

### **The details**

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. Our best 5 days will determine our final position in the challenge. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

### **Why we're taking part**

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-wheeled journeys and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

### **What's next?**

All you need to do is encourage your child(ren) to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way – parent and sibling journeys count too!

For more information about the event go to [www.bigpedal.org.uk](http://www.bigpedal.org.uk)

Enjoy the ride!

### **Success stories**

Do you have an interesting story about your child cycling to school? Are they happier since discovering cycling? Has cycling changed family life? If you're happy to share your story, get in touch the Sustrans press office: [press@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:press@sustrans.org.uk).