



Mattocks Primary School

Newsletter

April 2013

We are now into the final term of this session. I can hardly believe it has been exactly a year since I took up post here at Mattocks. What a busy and eventful time it has been!! This term looks like it will be just as exciting!

Congratulations...

..to Mrs MacDonald who was married during the Easter holidays. The former Miss



McLean was given a good send off at the end of term by all the pupils.

School Hours Survey

We had an excellent response to our survey regarding the proposed change to school hours with 88% of parents replying. The opinions of the overwhelming majority (93%) were in favour of the new hours. Therefore, as of August 2013 the afternoon interval will be for P1 and P2 pupils only and **ALL** pupils will finish for the day at 3.20 pm.

This change will bring us in line with the majority of other Angus primary schools and has been approved by the Senior Management Team in Forfar.

Cross Country

The weather has played havoc with many of the planned sporting events recently. Unfortunately the Angus Cross Country event had to be cancelled after several attempts at rescheduling. This was disappointing for our runners however,

there will be opportunities again next session for them to take part.

Rotary Quiz

Well done to our P7s who took part in the Monifieth Rotary Quiz at the end of February. We didn't win, but enjoyed taking part.

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Well done to all our pupils who raised a fantastic £142 for Comic Relief! Our pyjama and crazy hair day was great fun. The Pupil Council organised a tray bake sale which was delicious and certainly helped boost the proceeds. A big 'thank you' to Nicola Brown (Hamish and Nairn's mum) for her help in organising this.



Dog Fouling

Our Eco Council have been discussing the issue of the dog mess which litters the pavements around the school and the village. We have enlisted the help and support of the Dog Warden and the Community Wardens who are coming to speak to the children this week. All the children have made posters appealing for dog owners to be responsible and we hope to be able to display these around the village



Easter Bonnet Challenge Day

The whole school had great fun working in co-operative groups to produce Easter bonnets. The end results were amazing and Rev Collins had a very difficult job in choosing a winner



Health Week 2013

Next week (29th April - 3rd May) is our Health Week. A series of activities and events have been planned for each day around the theme of Health and Wellbeing. **Pupils should come to school dressed in suitable sports clothes and trainers each day, ready to take part.** Many of the activities will be outdoors and will take place regardless of the weather so please ensure clothing and footwear are appropriate. You will see from the timetable below that we have a very full and exciting week planned. This table shows the activities planned with visiting agencies, in addition the class teachers have planned activities such as Heartstart, sun awareness, sports and games for each day.

Please note The dentist plans to use disclosing tablets with the P5-7 pupils to illustrate the importance of brushing carefully. If you have any objection to your child taking part in this activity, please let us know **in writing** by Monday 29th April.

Additional activities / visitors for each day	
Mon	Tayside Contracts - where our food comes from Tayside Fire Service - Emergency calls / fire safety

Tue	Dentist - dental hygiene Sainsbury 's - fruit smoothies A-Star Sports - ball skills
Wed	Micro Gym Scooter Skills
Thurs	Whole school trip to Crombie P5-7 - <i>Geocoaching</i> N-P4 - tracking with the Rangers Sports and games
Fri	Relax Kids - relaxation and stress management.

The Eco-Council plan to run a healthy tuck shop selling fruit, water, breadsticks etc. This will be open during morning playtimes so pupils can buy a health snack (about 50p should be plenty)

For our trip to Crombie Park on the Thursday pupils will require **a packed lunch** and again, suitable footwear. Pupils requiring car **booster seats** should bring these along. We have arranged to have the marquees available for shelter if needed. Let's keep our fingers crossed for good weather!!

We require some adult helpers to join us on our trip. If you are available to help on this day can you please contact the school asap.

Dates for Your Diary

24th April - Rural Swimming Gala at Arbroath High School 5.30 - 7.30 pm

29th April - Health Week starts

6th May - May Day holiday : school closed.

9th May - Rural Schools Football tournament at Arbroath High

13th and 15th May - Parents Evenings

17th May - Monifieth Cross Country @ Camperdown

20th May - Rural school netball tournament at Mattocks

May 27th - In Service Day - school closed to pupils

18th June - Sports Day @ 9.45 am followed by family picnic lunch.

25th June - End of Term Service and Prizegiving @ 2.00 pm

27th June - End of Term school closes at 12 noon.