



Mattocks Primary School Newsletter

Reflections on Last Term - Our last week of term prior to the October break was extremely busy. Our **Open Evening** proved very popular and was extremely well attended. The feedback received was that parents enjoyed spending time looking around all areas of the school and chatting informally to staff and that pupils were very proud to show their families around. The book fair generated £210 worth of books for the school which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event.

Pupils from nursery to P7 enjoyed a visit from **Zoolab** and learned about the delicate eco-system in the Rainforest



and the dangers of pollution. The lady from Zoolab was assisted by toads, coackroaches, a tarantula and rats to name but a few.

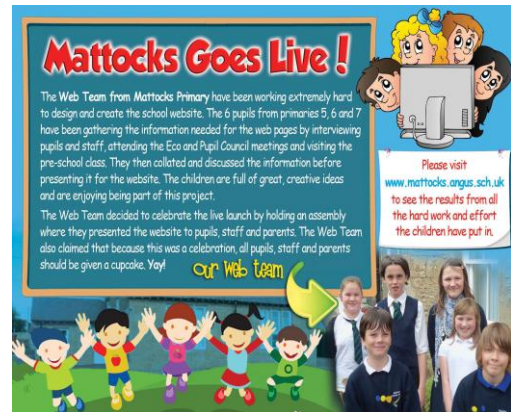
Our **Dahlicious Dress-Up Day** was fantastic fun and raised £52 for Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity. A huge

thank you to all for the effort and support which made this day such a success.



This term has got off to a flying start with the launch of our **website**. Our web team prepared a presentation and demonstration for pupils, staff and parents to explain how they had gone about creating the site and what can be found on it. If you haven't already done so - log on to www.mattocks.angus.sch.uk to take a look. The team plan to add updates on a regular basis.

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Pupils had an impromptu visit from Mr Xuxhe (Newman) a teacher from Tianjin in China who is currently working in Angus. He spent time in each class and gave pupils an insight into Chinese language and culture.

The photographer from Tempest who was due to be in school on Friday 26th October was unfortunately unable to attend. We will let you know once a date has been rescheduled.



We will once again be supporting The Earl Haig fund.

From the 1st - 9th November, prefects will visit classes each morning to collect donations from those pupils wishing to wear a poppy.

Learning Journals (formerly called Home /School Link Books) will be sent home on Friday 9th November. We have revised the format of these and they will now contain the plans showing the outcomes and experiences the children have covered, examples of their work and evaluative comments from teachers and pupils. There will also be a place for your thoughts and comments and I would urge you to use this as it lets pupils see how their work is valued.

Dinner Monies If possible, could dinner money for the week please be paid on a Monday. This would greatly help cut down the time spent on the administration tasks during the morning.

Dates for Your Diaries:

Parents Evenings:

Mon 19th Nov (4- 6 pm) and Wed 21st Nov (6-8pm)

In-service Days Wed 28th and Thurs 29th Nov - School closed to pupils.

St Andrew's Day Holiday - Fri 30th Nov - school closed.

Christmas Concert Will be held in Wellbank Hall on Wednesday 12th December at 7pm

Christmas Parties will be on 19th December

Christmas Service - 20th December at 2pm in school to which everyone is invited.



A Letter from Mattocks Eco-Council:

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

This year we are making a big effort at Mattocks to be more environmentally friendly. We have made a plan of all the things we hope to do to achieve this. This includes making newsletters and notes between home and school "paper-free". This will save paper and copying costs for the school meaning we will be able to spend more on important things for us as well as looking after the environment.

Please help us to achieve this by agreeing to receive future newsletters and notes by email rather than paper copies. Can you sign the form below and give your email address for the school to use.

Please note that your email address will remain private and will not appear on the mailing distribution list.

Thank you very much

Megan, Lucy, Ethan, Tegan, Arub, Cassidy, Abby, Rachel and Ben
(Mattocks Eco-Council)

Please tick one box

I agree to receive future notes and newsletters from school and nursery by email. My email address is

I **do not** wish to sign up for email and would prefer to receive paper copies of all school notices.

signed _____

Name of Pupil _____ class _____