

March 2017

Marykirk Primary



Dates for the Diary!

Term ends - 31st March
Term 4 starts - Tuesday 18th
April
May Day Holiday - Monday 1st
May
Term ends - Friday 30th June
Health Week - 12th-16th June
P4-7 Swimming 25/4-30/5
inclusive
Generation Science to visit
school - Thursday 11th May 2017

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our last newsletter of term 3. March has been another busy month and we are already planning lots of activities for term 4!

Celebration Assembly

Thank you to all our pupils who brought in certificates and achievements to share with us at our celebration assembly. The following pupils were given a special mention from staff:-

Estelle and Joseph (P3 and P2) - for settling very well at Marykirk and showing enthusiastic, responsible behaviour.

Maya (P2) - for being such a hardworking, kind and helpful girl.

Chase (P3) - for hardwork and not wasting his or other's time. Great attitude.

Leni (P1) - for excellent listening skills and always trying her hardest.

Katelain (P4) - for working hard in maths and using great thinking skills during number talks.

Arianna (P6) - for her willingness to help and positive attitude in school.

Please, please, please encourage your child to share their learning with us from outwith school. We would like to encourage our children to challenge themselves and therefore it is not always their achievements that are celebrated but more importantly **the progress they have made!**

Paper Free School

Please note that from Tuesday 18th April **all** school correspondence will be sent through Groupcall unless we are notified otherwise. Please ensure we have the most relevant email address and if you can, download the **Xpressions APP** on to your phone or android device. All schools in Aberdeenshire are moving towards this method of communication. Please help us to make sure you get information needed. Contact the school office if you require any support or advice.



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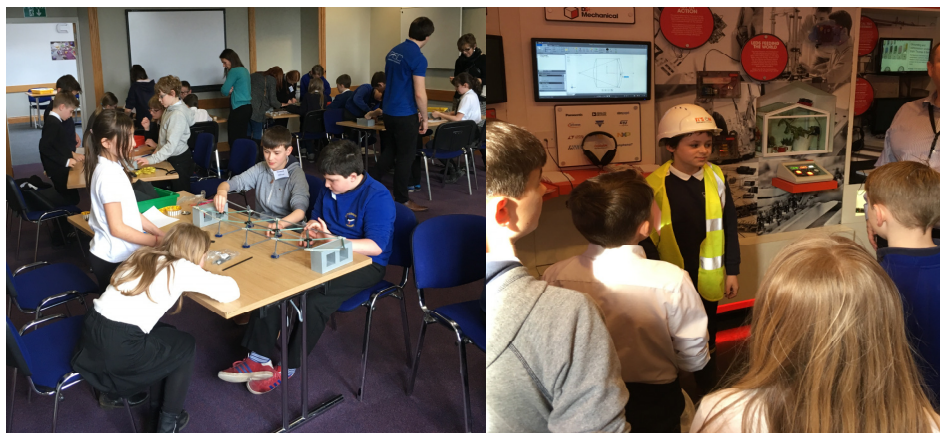
We now have 223 followers on Twitter. Please follow us @MarykirkPS where you will receive up to date information and notifications.

Active Schools

Our Active Schools Co-Ordinators have organised various activities this term including cross country and netball. Next term our P4-7s will have the opportunity to have swimming lessons and we will be entering a team from our P3-4s to take part in the annual badminton festival. More information regarding this will be issued this week. Well done to all those who took part in the first of our Cross Country series. The event was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Science Centre Visit

On 16th February our P6 and P7s joined with Luthermuir school to visit the Science Centre in Aberdeen. As always our children were a credit to the school and they enjoyed taking part in the engineering workshops. It was great to see the pupils working together to design and build a bridge using K'Nex and other materials. The children also received an interesting talk from the engineers at RS Components and had the opportunity to investigate tools and resources used in the industry.



Maths Challenge

Thank you to Mrs Milne for taking Aiden, Maddie and Sophie to Aberdeen University to take part in the Primary Enterprising Maths Challenge. This was a great experience and really engaged the children in problem solving and enquiry.

Red Nose Day

A big thank you to everyone who attended our Red Nose Day Community Café and to our children for getting into the spirit of things by dressing as they pleased for the day. Between selling red noses and fundraising on the day we raised a fantastic £170. Well done.



Rotary Quiz

A huge congratulations to our P7 Rotary team who managed to come in joint 2nd place in this year's competition. It was a very close and exciting competition and the pupils were a credit to themselves and the school.

Church Service

Our Easter service will be held in the church on Friday 31st March at 11am. Please come along and enjoy the songs our children have been practising. There will also be a Kodaly showcase. All friends and family welcome.

The Right Click: Internet Safety Matters Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended this workshop. We hope you found it interesting and helpful. As we all know the internet is a valuable and well used tool but we have a responsibility to ensure children are accessing it safely.

ARTICLE 17 | Access to Information from the Media
Every child has the right to access information from national and international sources. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

As always please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries. Finally I would like to wish you all a very happy, peaceful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 18th April.

Yours faithfully
Fiona Thomson
Head Teacher

**PARENT
COUNCIL
NEWS**

Next MPCC meeting will be held on - TBC