

May 2017

Marykirk Primary



Dates for the Diary!

P6/7 Bikeability - 10th May - 14th June inclusive

P1 Lunch - Friday 2nd June

Term ends - Friday 30th June

Health Week - 12th-16th June
(letter to be issued)

Whole school trip to Stonehaven recreation grounds - Wed 14th June

Final Cross Country event at Mackie Academy - Wed 14th June

Sports - Thursday 15th June 1:45pm

P7 Induction visits - Monday 19th-Wednesday 21st June

Allan's Magic STEM show - Thursday 22nd June

Church Service and Prizegiving - Friday 30th June @ 9:30am

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This term seems to be passing in the blink of an eye and we have lots more to cram in to the next 4 weeks!

Celebration Assembly

The following pupils were given a special mention from staff at this month's celebration assembly:-

Ben (P3) - for being responsible, helpful and motivated to complete jobs.

Harvey (P1) - for producing an excellent poster on litter prevention.

Daniel (P5) - for challenging himself to learn new strategies during number talks.

Aiden (P7) - for being an enthusiastic learner and willingly helping the adults in class when required.

Active Schools

Thank you to Mr. Atkinson and the Active Schools team for organising this years Cross Country series. The final event will take place at Mackie Academy, Stonehaven on Wednesday 14th June. A huge well done to all our pupils who have been taking part, it has been great to see children from Laurencekirk and Stonehaven clusters coming together and being active.

Generation Science - Body Builders

As part of our project work this term, pupils enjoyed a visit from Generation Science. Through this fast-paced, funny, interactive show pupils learned how the body is put together and why it's so important to keep it in good shape.



Aberdeen University Science Festival

Our P4-7 pupils enjoyed a day out at Aberdeen University this month where they took part in two workshops - Amazing Air and Genes Uncovered.



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Parliament Outreach Visit

P4-7 were fortunate to receive an insight into the workings of the Scottish Parliament with a visit from Mrs Muriel Miller. This was a very informative and enjoyable afternoon.

STEM Ambassadors

Staff have recently met with a coordinator from STEM to develop partnership working in relation to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We are hoping to have volunteers from across different sectors coming in to school next session to increase opportunities for our pupils to be involved in different projects and experiences. If you are interested in getting involved with this, then please let me know.

Health Week 12th-16th June

As Health Week is quickly approaching I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all that children are to come to school in their sports clothing all week and please remember to apply suncream as required. Children should also come equipped with a water bottle and we would encourage healthy snacks. Representatives from our Health group will be carrying out a 'Healthy Snack' check at morning intervals. Further details regarding Health week will be issued shortly. Sports Day will take place during Health week, on Thursday 15th June at 1:45pm on the football pitch. Please come along and support us. Our new P1 pupils are invited to join in with the races!

Greenpower Goblin Car Challenge

Our P7 pupils have been very fortunate to have Willie Brown work with them this session to build a Greenpower Goblin Car. The car is battery powered and our P7 pupils are entered in to a challenge at Grampian Transport Museum Alford, where their car will be scrutinised and they will have the opportunity to drive the car on a track alongside other schools. A huge thank you to Willie for all his time and effort in school this year☺.

Classes for 2017/2018

We are aware that the Summer holidays are almost upon us and everyone is anxious to know about next years classes. As our roll is steadily rising, we have been informed that we are going to get an additional teacher. This will enable us to move all our P3 pupils in to the P4-7 class where there will be a team teaching model. Allocation of class teachers will be shared in due course.

Energetica and the Summer Festival

There are many local activities which may be of interest to you over the summer. Please use the links for more information.

<http://energetica.uk.com/festival2017>

<http://energetica.uk.com/news-and-events/Enjoy-a-Wild-Summer-with-Energetica>

Reminder!! Follow us on Twitter

We now have 236 followers on Twitter. Please follow us @MarykirkPS where you will receive up to date information and notifications.

Paper Free School

As you know we will now be sending all school correspondence 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.

Rag Bag Collection

If you have been having a spring clean and have any bags of clothing, shoes, handbags or belts then please note that our ragbag bin is due to be emptied on Friday 16th June.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Fiona Thomson

Head Teacher

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Marykirk Family Bingo - Friday 9th June @ 6:30pm in the Village Hall. Please come along and support your parent council to fundraise for our school. Tickets cost £6 per adult and £3 per child. Bring your own refreshments!!