

# Insch School

## Newsletter 12 2016-17

### 28.4.17



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you enjoyed a restful and relaxing Easter holiday.



### Commonwealth Judo Champion – Kimberley Renicks, Champion for Sport Fundraising event

We enjoyed an afternoon of Sporting Inspiration and Fitness Circuits this week. Kimberley Renicks met with the entire school and talked about her journey to the Commonwealth Games, her judo career and the determination she has shown to work hard, overcome her dyslexia and find success in her field. Her message tied very well into the whole school Resilience and Bounce Back work we have been focusing on this session. A sum of £ was raised for the Champion for Sports Charity. £ of that will go towards buying some new sporting equipment for our own school. Thank you to you all for supporting our sporting event. We look forward to a theatre company visit in June who will perform a show with a Resilience theme.

### Insch School Ski Team

Finn Burwood, Aaron Danby and Kizzy and Fraser Scott visited Glasgow's indoor Snow Factor this Wednesday to compete in a Scottish Schools Indoor Ski Event. This is the first time the school have entered a school Ski Team. We are very grateful to Ms Abby Sutherland for arranging this event. What a great experience!



### Diversity Focus

In assembly this session we will be focusing on increasing our pupils understanding of diversity. Key messages from the assemblies will be in learning to understand and celebrate our differences. We will learn how we include everyone in our school. This makes our school a special place where we celebrate and recognize everyone for who they are.

### Thinking of Others – Responsible Citizen

We have had some lovely examples of younger pupils thinking of others rather than themselves. Bryony Auld celebrated her birthday this week. Rather than ask for gifts, she chose to donate to the Archie Foundation instead. Bryony and her family plan to visit the Archie Foundation and learn how her donation will be spent. Bryony is not the first pupil who has chosen to raise money for charity. Dexter Marsh did the same thing last year. Gracie Mair, Isla Nicholl, Emily Godsell and Nancy Charlies had their hair cut to support

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The Princess Trust. Forgive me if I have forgotten anyone else. We are proud of you all. This shows what Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens you are.

### Morning Routine

Thanks to you all for working with the school to reduce the number of pupils and adults in the school prior to the 9am bell. On the whole, things are much more settled at the start of our day and staff have time to prepare for the day ahead. We thank you for waiting until 9am to enter school. This is a reminder to parents and pupils to please wait until the 9am bell to enter school. Thank you.

### Showing Respect

Our Golden Table focus will remain showing respect to others. I am pleased to report that pupils are working hard to remember to stop and let others go first through doors and corridors. Almost everyone is remembering to walk through school! One of our relief dinner ladies commented last week on the lovely manners children at Inch show. Showing respect to everyone is so important and I would ask that parents reinforce these key messages at home regularly.

### Arrangements for new classes

We plan to distribute new class details the Friday before Step Up Afternoon (14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> June). Step Up Afternoon is where all pupils visit their new class teacher for the next year. Next session, we will have either 13 or 14 classes. Once pupil numbers and staffing have been confirmed we will communicate details to you.

### Dates for your diaries – Term 4

Week 2nd and 8th May	P5 Bikeability. Our thanks go to Mrs L Johnstone for leading the sessions. Mrs Stirling is overseeing the planning.
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 29 <sup>th</sup> May,	Diversity Assembly – Miss Catlow/ Dr Gauld (Minister)
Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> May 6.00 pm	New P1 Induction Information Session – <b>Parents only</b>
Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Spring Fair: 11.00am – 1.30pm Please Parent Council Newsletter for details.
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Term 4 Learning Stories will be sent home. Remember to sit with your child and go over their work. We ask that all parents complete the comment section and return to school the next week.
Thurs. 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day - Choc Ices for pupils at small break. PTA to serve drinks to <b>parents only</b> .
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>School reports issued via school bags</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Holiday
Tues. 6 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Residential Trip to Loch Inch, Aviemore
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm	New P1s Stepping Up Afternoon
14 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> June	P2 –P7 Stepping Up Afternoon. <i>Date to be confirmed nearer the time.</i>
Week 12 <sup>th</sup> June	5 day P7 S1 Transition week The Gordons School, Huntly
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	3 day visit P7 S1 Inverurie Academy
Mon. 19 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm NED Show – Theatre Performance ‘Resilience Theme’
30 <sup>th</sup> June @ 9.30am	P7 Leavers Assembly. All P7 parents invited. Inch Parish Church

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Yours sincerely,  
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