

Insch School

Newsletter 2 2017-2018

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

NIB - News In Brief

Meet the Teacher

We had a fabulous turn out at this year's Meet the Teacher event. 123 completed evaluations with many more attending the night. This is the second year we have run the event. This year it took place early in week 4 in term 1. 96% of parents who returned the evaluations told us they found the event very helpful or reasonably helpful in informing them of their child's progress in school. Here are some comments.



I enjoyed discussing my child's work with them.

It is good see how my child is settling into the new session. Looking at their work showed me how he is progressing.

Good to see all the methods used in class.

A good reminder of the dally structure.

I like to see how my child is getting on and progressing. The teacher

presentation and seeing pupil work let me see this.

Great to see classrooms well presented. Informative without being overloaded.

Good explanation of curriculum.

To those who couldn't manage, teacher's presentations have been uploaded on the school website. Do get in touch if you can't access this.

DYW – Developing our Young Workforce Parent Volunteers: How will this work?

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Developing the
Young Workforce

We now have a record of some 33 different professions/ parents who are willing to come into school and support pupil learning in these areas: a fire fighter, engineer, artist, Waste Management, Police Officer, Farmer and Nurse to name a few!

Thank you for all your support. Staff will access the database when covering these curriculum areas. This will add relevance to pupil learning. At the same time, we will be able to open up our young learner's eyes to the Wider World of Work. The ultimate aim is to ensure all youngsters have positive destinations when they leave their schooling. If you weren't able to volunteer at the Meet the Teacher event and would like to, please do get in touch with school directly.

Parent Council/ PTA Update: PTA EGM 10th Oct. at 6.30pm

There was a disappointing turn out for the PTA AGM this week. We have been unable to form a new PTA committee because of the low turnout. A further EGM is now planned for **Tuesday, 10th Oct at 6.30pm**. The purpose is to elect a new committee.

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Last school year the PTA supported valuable community events e.g. Fairs, Carols by Candlelight, Book Fair, Photographs. We also raise funds for the school to enhance our children's learning experiences. Last year we purchased 16 iPads and 8 laptops.

We are looking for parents to step up and take on committee roles. We are all busy people but many hands makes light work. It would be a real shame if a school with over 300 pupils can't find enough parents to continue

to have a PTA. The committee meet to plan events roughly 8 times in the school year. Please think about whether you could spare some time to make this happen.

The Parent Council have elected their office bearers and will hold their first meeting of the year on **8th Nov at 7pm**. All parents are welcome to attend.

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who helped out when the clothes recycling bins in the playground were deliberately set on fire during the summer break. The clothes banks have now been replaced and we hope that we will be able to make up any lost funds. This will be helped by the donations collected by Miss Barnard to help towards our losses.

Mrs Jo McMillan, Parent Council Chair.

Eco Committee

Our thanks go to Mr Dickson and some of the Eco Committee who represented the school so well at the Greenmyres Community Turbine Celebratory opening. The group had to explain the benefits of sustainable energy production. We congratulate them for contributing so positively to the community event.

Dates for your diary

Tues. 10 th Oct @ 6.30pm	EGM PTA – Volunteers needed to prevent PTA closing
Fri. 13 th Oct.	Last day of term
Mon. 30 th Oct	First day of new term
Wed. 8 th Nov. @7.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
13 th & 14 th Nov.	INSET

I attach the holiday planner for the year ahead and the website link to the Authority holiday planner.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/16718/school-holiday-planner-2015-2020-updated-003.pdf>

Yours sincerely,

A. Conner
Head Teacher

See below.

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INSCH SCHOOL TERM DATES – SESSION 2017 – 2018



Term 1

- Inset day - Monday 21st August 2017
- First day of school - Tuesday 22nd August 2017
- Last day of school - Friday 13th October 2017
- School holidays - Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October 2017

Term 2

- First day of school - Monday 30th October 2017
- Inset Day - Monday 13th November 2017
- Inset Day - Tuesday 14th November 2017
- Last day of school - Friday 22nd December 2017
- School holidays - Monday 25th December 2017 to Friday 5th January 2018

Term 3

- First day of school - Monday 8th January 2018
- Occasional Day - Friday 9th February 2018
- Public Holiday - Monday 12th February 2018
- Inset Day - Tuesday 13th February 2018
- Inset Day - Wednesday 14th February 2018
- Last day of school - Thursday 29th March 2018
- School holidays - Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018

Term 4

- First day of school - Monday 16th April 2018
- Public Holiday - Monday 7th May 2018
- Occasional Day - Monday 4th June 2018
- Last day of school - Friday 6th July 2018

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