

# Insch School

## Newsletter 8 2016-17

### 16.1.17



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. The cold weather is certainly upon us! Please do ensure your child is warmly dressed for school with waterproofs and sturdy shoes. Our playground seems to attract rather large puddles! Thank you.

#### **Revised end of session written Pupil Report**

Some of the teachers in the school and I shared a revised pupil written format with the Parent Council last night. The Parent Council liked the format - we have a few amendments to make but the feeling was that it will give all our parents a better understanding of their child's progress. We look forward to sharing the format with you all on Parents Nights (15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March). We also discussed our Meet the Teacher event held in November. We will run this again next session but will hold it in September and revise the format to allow parents to attend the teacher presentation and share their child's learning as well. The view has been that this event was very worthwhile and parents liked the opportunity to come into school to meet the teacher and see their child's work.

#### **Run Garioch and P4 to P7 Jog Group**

It was great to see some of our pupils taking part in the Run Garioch event last year. This year we would like our school to be represented on a larger scale! Eric Simpson and Garioch, the Run Garioch Mascot will be visiting the school for Assembly on Friday to tell us all about it. We will be arranging the bookings and payments via the school this year. This will allow for a discounted fee. If your child is interested in taking part, please see further information that will follow.

The P4-7 jog group will also be starting up again this term (P1-3 will be in Term 4). This will be on a Monday after school and will be run by Mrs Sinclair, Miss Paterson and Mrs Sutherland. More information and booking forms to follow.

#### **Drumming**

P5S and P5/6M are enjoying Drumming sessions this term. The pupils are learning rhythm, focus and concentration. The whole class coordinated sound is really impressive. We requested a small contribution of £2 to help pay for these additional experiences. Thanks to those who have paid. I would be very grateful for those outstanding to pop the money in an envelope for the school office.

#### **Science Week – Week 20<sup>th</sup> March**



We are holding a whole school Science week in March where all classes will be studying different aspects of Science. If you are a parent who works in Science or with a Science background we would love for you to come into school and share your knowledge with the pupils. Miss Barnes is coordinating this. Do please get in touch with her via the school office if you would like to be part of this exciting event. This is part of a Science and Developing Young Workforce initiative.

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## Building Work

Many of you have noticed our main school corridor leading to the gym hall has been painted and refreshed. It is looking lovely and bright and clean!

## Important Diary Dates

16.1.17 at 5.30pm	P6 Ski Trip Information session - pupil and parents (P6P class)
	P7 Loch Inch Trip - Information session - pupil and parents (P7B class)
	Class Curricular Newsletters - These will be issued by class teachers by 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan.
6.2.17	Scots Language Competition & Assembly – whole school
23.1.17 to 3.2.17	Nursery Admissions for any new nursery pupil.
1.2.17 to 7.2.17	ALEC Caravan: Health and Life Education Caravan
10.2.17 & 13.2.17	Occasional Holidays
14.2.17 & 15.2.17	In Service    School reopens 16.2.17 to pupils
	Pupil Learning Stories - You saw these for the first time at the Meet the Teacher event. These will go home before the February weekend holiday.
20.2.17 to 24.2.17	P6 Residential Ski Trip, Abernethy Trust, Nethybridge
15.3.17 & 16.3.17	Parents Night - Appointments will be allocated as usual.
Week 20.3.17	Science Week - We are holding a whole school week. More details to follow.
31.3.17	Last day of term

## Term 4

18.4.17	New term starts
1.5.17 & 5.6.17	Occasional Holidays
6.6.17 to 9.6.17	P7 Loch Inch Residential Trip

We look forward to another busy and productive term and remind you of the school's open door policy should you need to discuss anything. Appointments can be made via the School Office.

Yours sincerely, *Allison Conner* / Head Teacher

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