

# Insch School

## Newsletter 9 2016-17

### 9.2.17



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

#### Whole School Scots Language Competition



The boys and girls have really done a terrific job of learning their class Scots Poem. Developing an understanding of the Scots language is an integral part of Curriculum for Excellence Literacy Experiences and Outcomes. Each class has been reciting and rehearsing their Scots poems. Yesterday in assembly the classes were judged by our visitors Mr & Mrs Jaffrey. P2/3R were awarded the Jaffrey Cup for Scots language recitations. All classes were superb but special congratulations go to P2/3R for The Wee

Witches poem.

#### Learning Stories

Our new Learning Stories were sent out yesterday. The pupils and staff have worked hard on these and I hope you find them a useful tool in keeping you informed of your child's progress. All parents are kindly requested to spend quality time with their child over the long weekend, looking through the 2 pieces of work (1 Language, 1 Numeracy). Parents are



required to comment on the work. There are new parent prompts that will support you in having a quality learning conversation with your child. I have looked in many of the Learning Stories this week and have been very pleased at the level of progress pupils have shown since their last entry. I hope you see the progress too. Do please take care of your child's work and return it to school by 17<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you.

#### Run Garioch Event

This event is even more popular than last year! Mrs Sinclair has now some 82 competitors signed up. This is great news. It is wonderful to see so many youngsters learning to keep a fit and healthy lifestyle. Our jogging club is proving a great success too and Miss Paterson and Miss Sutherland say the group are fast runners. The adults are having to work hard to keep up with them! Thanks to Mrs Forgie for helping out too.

#### Midterm break

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February for the midterm break. Staff are working on In Service days in school and at other locations in the network on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Our teaching staff are attending a reflective reading workshop and our PSAs have dyslexia training. The Nursery team are learning about Visible Learning which is in line with the whole school. We will all be in school as well pulling together everything we have learned from these sessions. School is reopened for pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

Enjoy your break and we shall see you back for the rest of term.

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**Diary Dates:**

PTA Meeting - 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at 7.00pm

Parents Evenings – 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 4-7pm

Dress as You Please Day – School Funds £1 donation per child. Thank you.

End of term - 31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Service - Pupils only apart from parent helpers.

School reopens –Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Spring Fair – Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 11am -1.30pm.

Yours sincerely,

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