

Fetterangus Flier

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Star Maps

Thanks are extended to Rev. Sheila Kirk and to local church member Ali MacRae who visited the School at the end of November. The pupils are currently studying different aspects of Space and Sheila and Ali combined their efforts to discuss the idea of navigation with the older class. Sheila explored the idea of a 'moral compass' as being a form of guide through life's challenges whilst Ali, a former merchant seaman explained to the children how a sextant could be used to help navigate at sea by way of the stars.

Judo Taster

Through Active Schools, all the pupils took part in a hugely enjoyable Judo taster session led by Stuart McWatt of the Garioch Judo Club. As well as introducing the basics of the sport to the children, the session served as an introduction to the judo club which will be starting in Mintlaw Academy after the Christmas break. If the taster session is anything to go by, the Club looks to be great fun and an activity from which the pupils would derive much benefit and enjoyment.



Rock On!

Following on from the Geology work undertaken by the P5-7 pupils earlier in the session, the class took part in a workshop with travelling Geologist, Stephen Wright. Stephen spent some time sharing various space rocks with the children but the main emphasis was on volcanic exhibits. The session concluded with a very impressive, homemade model volcanic eruption- matched only by the reaction of Mrs Whyte when she saw the state of the classroom!

Splish! Splash!

The P5-7 pupils have taken part in weekly swimming sessions at Peterhead throughout the autumn term. The pupils have worked extremely hard week on week and Pool staff have indicated how impressed they have been with the amount of effort shown and progress made.

Thanks to Lesley and Susan for driving the Dial-a-bus and to the FSEC for supporting the transport costs.

Hip! Hip! Hooray!

Pupils are looking forward to two Active Schools-led activities after the Christmas break. Starting after school on Wednesday 16th January, will be a Cheerleading class, open to all pupils. This is the first time we have offered this opportunity and I hope as many pupils as possible choose to have a go.

In the second part of the term, a 4 week block of Rugby will be kicking-off again for the older pupils.

More details of both of these activities will be shared after the holidays.

The Stars Came out for Christmas!

Well, they most certainly did as family and friends were thoroughly entertained by the pupils' Christmas show in the Chalmers Institute hall on Wednesday evening.

The performance, which involved every child in the School taking to the stage, offered a celebration of all the modern associations of Christmas but revisited and celebrated the traditional Christmas story.

An audience in excess of 100, which included our current Director of Education, once again voiced their support of the children and such levels of support are much appreciated and valued.

Hitting the Right Notes

Many current and former pupils took part in the North Music Centre Christmas concert in Fraserburgh. It was wonderful to see so many of our local musicians performing at the level at which some of them now are and we hope that they continue to develop their undoubted talent for many years to come.

Our own Music Group performed that same weekend with the pupils, accompanied by Mrs Will, providing the afternoon entertainment to the village Church congregation, prior to their service.

The Group is as strong as it has been for many years and already performing opportunities are being identified into the new year. Special mention has always to go to Anna, Louise, Ayla, Ben, Sam, Alex and Calum, all of whom are in Secondary but who continue to support the Group. Well done.

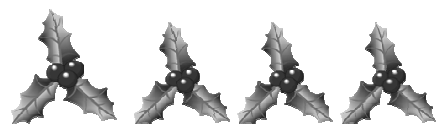
Radio Stars

Thanks to Waves Radio for helping to promote the pupils' Book Café. The children had the opportunity to visit the studio and were featured on air on their weekend magazine programme.

New Term

Pupils should report back to School on Monday 7th January.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2013.



Book Café Supports Bridge Charity

Many thanks to all the customers who have supported the Book Café throughout the term. The experience has proved extremely worthwhile for the pupils who have developed many life skills over the weeks. In addition, between profits and the generosity of customers, the pupils have actually raised over £130.

In recognition of the contribution that the community has made in supporting the Café, the pupils took the decision to donate £50 of their takings to support the Christmas activity of the local Bridge Charity.

The Bridge Organisation has teamed up with the local social work department, businesses and other organisations which work with families, to appeal for toys, books, games, toiletries and donations for those in need at Christmas in the AB42 postcode area. The School is very happy to support the efforts of the appeal and hopes that our contribution will go some way towards making Christmas for some local children brighter than it may have been.

Making Connections

The pupils in P1-4 had an exciting start to their Christmas week as they took part in a thoroughly enjoyable KNex workshop. Lots of fun was had as the children created all sorts of wonderful and imaginative constructions which curiously seemed to revolve around the rather unusual theme of underpants!

Busy Last Day

The P5-7 pupils will have their final swimming session as normal, before the School Assembly which will be at the slightly later time of 11:30 a.m. – all family and friends will be most welcome to join with Rev. Kirk and the pupils in the School Hall.

The Christmas party will begin at 1:30 pm with the Rising 5's invited to attend from 2:15 p.m.

Pupils will be dismissed at the normal time of 3:15p.m.

Primary 1 Enrolment

Registration Week for Primary 1 is 28th January to 1st February 2013. All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2014 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2013.

Aberdeenshire Education, Learning & Leisure Service has a common starting date for all its schools in the middle of August in any particular year. You will be informed of this year's starting date at the time of registration at school.

Parents are asked to visit the Primary school of their choice during Registration Week. If this is not possible, parents should try and visit the school by the end of February 2013. To register for Primary 1 the child's birth certificate is required as evidence of their date of birth.