

Fetterangus Flier

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Year of the Snake

To coincide with the Chinese New Year, the pupils have been studying different aspects of Chinese culture and history.

As well as creating many attractive pieces of art, the older pupils cooked up their own Chinese banquet with noodles, prawn crackers and a fine array of stir-fried veg. Such has been the popularity with the younger class, they intend to continue with the theme to the end of the term. So, as they would say in Shanghai, 'Gung hei fat choi!' (Happy New Year!)

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Two teams from Fetterangus will be taking part in the local primary schools quiz organised by the local Rotary Club.

The Primary 7's, along with Rachael, Emily and Annie will be competing against teams from other local schools at the Bowling Centre in Mintlaw on the evening of Thursday 14th March. We wish the pupils every success.

Strong Finishers

Well done to the footballers for their excellent finish to the indoor league matches.

Going into the final round of matches against the teams above them the team began the evening in fourth place. Victories against Arnage, Stuartfield B and Maud C however and a draw with eventual league winners Tipperty saw the team leapfrog their way up to second.

The way the team has developed over the season has been very encouraging and much credit goes to Bruce Murray and John Taylor who have been working with the players on a Friday evening.

The season concludes with the knockout competition on March 16th and the team now enters knowing that a continuation of current form could see them making good progress through the tournament.

Leading the Cheers!

Drop into school late on a Wednesday afternoon and you're likely to get swept along in a wave of pop music, pompoms and enthusiasm as the Cheerleading Group rehearse their latest routines.

Led by Yvonne Payne, Katie, Amy, Hannah and their younger colleagues Ellie, Leah and Lucy can all be found working extremely hard in the gym coordinating their moves and refining their dance steps.

The girls have no performance date yet in mind but we'll definitely try to give them the chance to show-case their efforts at some point in the near future.

In a Spin

Pupils and staff are looking forward to taking part in the events to mark the development of the village Wind Turbine. Norman Burnett will be coming into school to explain to the children the broad details of the project before the older pupils take a trip up to the site to mark the breaking of the ground for the final phase of construction.

Have Your Say

The Parent Council plays a very important role in representing the views of parents on issues that affect all pupils and families. All parents can play a part in improving the effectiveness of the Council by keeping up to date with minutes of meetings which are posted on the school noticeboard and on the school website and with approaching Council members to suggest possible agenda items.

At a recent meeting, it was agreed that Council would conduct a survey of parental views on the homework issued to pupils and the collated results will be discussed and analysed at the next Council meeting.

At the same time, pupils in S1 and S2 have been invited to respond to questions about how well prepared they felt prior to starting secondary school. Once again, the views will be discussed and appropriate recommendations made in terms of future procedures.

Any Dream Will Do

Pupils, parents and staff are looking forward to their forthcoming trip to HMT in Aberdeen to see a production of Joseph and his Technicolor Dreamcoat. The trip is on Thursday 27th March and should prove to be a very entertaining end to a hard term's work.

Aden Performance

Members of the Music Group have been putting a lot of effort into their rehearsing throughout this term in preparation for their biggest performance to date this session. The players will be performing in the Theatre at Aden Park on Sunday 10th March (11:50 a.m.) as part of the Rural Life Heritage Fair that is being staged to coincide with Mothers' Day and the Aden Bike Challenge. Hopefully the event will be well attended and the Group will have the opportunity to play to a wider audience than those to which they are normally accustomed.

Not that they are turning their back on their more local supporters however, the Group are equally looking forward to providing the afternoon entertainment to the Fetterangus Senior Citizens club on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th March.

Fore!

Pupils in P5-7 are currently enjoying an introduction to the, fine old game of golf, using the child friendly Club Golf materials. Hopefully after completing the 'course', the pupils will get the opportunity to develop their skills further with input from trained members of Longside Golf Club who have volunteered to support the programme locally.

On their Travels

Plans are well advanced in preparation for the annual P6/7 residential trip which, this year, is returning to the outdoor Compass Christian Centre in Glenshee. The pupils will be away from 29th April to 3rd May.

New Recruits

Parents of 6 pupils have lodged enrolment forms for their children to start in August. Mrs Black will be holding induction meetings and pupil sessions in the near future.

Come and Join Us

All family and friends are invited to join the pupils at their Easter Assembly, which will be led by Rev. Kirk at the village church on the morning of Tuesday 26th March (11:15)