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# Portsoy Primary NEWSLETTER



Aird Street, Portsoy AB45 2RB

February 2016

Welcome to the February newsletter and again, another very busy month at Portsoy Primary School.

## Adverse Weather Arrangements

Please keep the following information to hand

School Information Line – Tel: 0870 054 4999, Pin No: 02 2460.

Aberdeenshire website: [www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures](http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/closures)



School closures outwith school time will be notified online using the authority website and the telephone message system. Please check these first before sending your child to school. If staff have access to the school building and it is possible to do so, then this message will also be backed up with a message on text alert system.

We will endeavour to have a message regarding school closures on the system before 8.00 am. However, due to circumstances outwith our control, this is not always possible.

## Head Lice

Most schools and nurseries are likely to have a few children with head lice at any one time. When notified of this the school will send out an alert letter. Please do not treat your child as a preventative as this is neither effective nor advised.

It is very important that parents inform the school when they find eggs or lice in their child's head. If children in school are seen to have live lice in their hair then parents will be contacted and asked to take their child home for treatment.

Please be aware that it is parents' responsibility to check **all family members'** heads on a daily basis when they have been notified of head lice in the school. More information can be found at [www.healthscotland.com](http://www.healthscotland.com).

## HNC Student

Miss Gatt will be joining us this month to carry out her student placement in P1 with Mrs Hutcheon. We hope Miss Gatt enjoys her time at Portsoy Primary.

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## **Reverse Parking**

Please remember, following discussions with our school travel group on how to make our car park area safer, we have a reverse parking policy. We also remind parents and carers that children **must** be accompanied by an adult if they have to enter the car park.



## **ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres)**

The ALEC caravan will be in Portsoy Primary on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. This year's programme will include the themes of healthy eating and lifestyle, basic personal hygiene, how our body functions and feelings and friendship. There will also be a parent/carer session on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm. This will feature useful information around behaviour and health related decisions, including the misuse of drugs in the future. We hope you will be able to attend.

## **Boat Building**

The P6 children did a very good job building their own boat last month. The adults leading the project commended the children on their application of numeracy skills and team work. The next step will be to get the children's views on a name for the boat and a colour to paint it.

## **Street Dance and Football After School Club**

Unfortunately due to circumstances outwith our control the Street Dance sessions have had to be cancelled. The football could not go ahead due to lack of interest. There will hopefully be more after school clubs from active schools in the near future.

## **Education Scotland – Follow-through Inspection**

The inspection team will be in school from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February until the morning of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. The team will spend time on Wednesday discussing progress with the Head teacher, QIO and the staff. On Thursday class visits will take place when the team will observe learning and teaching and engage with the children. On Friday morning, the inspection team will share their findings with the Head Teacher and QIO.

## **Burns Celebration**

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and support the P5/6 and P6/7 Burns celebration. The children enjoyed having the opportunity to share their learning with parents and carers.



## **School Uniform**

The Parent Council consulted with parents at the November parent appointments about the school uniform. Most were suggesting more options such as shirt and tie, tank tops, cardigans or badges to add to items of clothing. The school will now request samples of ties and badges. It is hoped that the new additions to the existing uniform will be in place for the new session in August 2016, if not before.

## **In-service Training Days**

Staff training will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Class teachers and pupil support assistants will be engaging with the authority curriculum progression frameworks and developing them to meet the specific needs of the school. Staff will also be working with the new literacy support boxes to ensure a consistent approach across the school for children requiring additional support in Literacy.

## **Parent Council**

Thank you very much to parents who collected in Flora margarine tokens. As a result we now have a Samsung Galaxy Tablet which will be added to our IT resources in the school to support and enhance learning and teaching.

The next Parent Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30. This will also include the AGM. Additional info to follow from the Parent Council.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	ALEC caravan – parent session 2.15 pm – 3.00 pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed - In-service
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed - In-service

#### **MARCH**

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Good Friday
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#### **APRIL**

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last Day of Term
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