



NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER FROM MONQUHITTER.....

...doing our very best to be our very best.

Dear parents / carers,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the 'tattie holidays' and are rested and ready for the busy term ahead!

News from the classes

Most classes have a science based theme this term and we have arranged visits to the Science Centre in Aberdeen. Primary 3,4 and 5 will visit on 21st November and primary 2, 6 and 7 on the 28th November, permission slips will be sent home soon with more details.

Our younger pupils recently enjoyed a road safety magic show, learning how to keep safe when out and about. The JRSO's are hoping to plan more opportunities to highlight road safety to the rest of the school.

After school clubs

Primary 4 - 7 can sign up to cheerleading classes through Active Schools - there are still spaces available for anyone who would like to give it a try!

Rotary shoeboxes appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who sent back a filled shoebox for the annual Rotary Club appeal. The boxes have been collected and will soon be on their way to Romania. Special thanks to Mr. Alistair Gray who came to assembly last week and thanked the children for supporting this very worthwhile cause. The children also learned about the Rotary campaign to tackle polio in poorer countries by supporting vaccination programs. Mr. Gray donated spring crocus bulbs to the school, a symbol of the polio campaign. The ECO group will plant these around the school grounds soon so we should have a good display in spring.

Children in need

Look out for information home about this year's Children in Need appeal, the Pupil Council are busy planning something 'spotacular'!!

School Photographer

Please remember the school photographer will be in school on Wednesday, 16th November for individual and family photos. Class photos will be taken later in the session.

Friends of Monquhitter

Children had spooky fun at the recent Halloween Party, organised and ran by FOM. A huge thank

you to the committee and helpers, for giving up their own time once again- A lot of these events can't happen without them so please get in touch if you are willing to help or would like to join the committee. Well done to our 3 winners of best pumpkin - there were some fantastic entries!; Calum Sutherland, nursery; Saul Wilson, pr 3 and Lewie Masson, pr 5, enjoy your prizes.

HEADLICE

It seems we are struggling to get rid of lice at the moment and I know it can be very frustrating and upsetting to have to treat repeatedly. Unfortunately, being vigilant and carrying out the treatments and combing daily are the only sure way to keep hair free from these little pests. Certainly, I would recommend that all parents check their child's head regularly and treat if any are found (most treatments should be re-applied the following week). It is important to keep using a detecting comb daily, even after treatment, so that the lice don't have a chance to move back in! Your local pharmacist or health visitor can also advise on treatments. We all have a responsibility to ensure we are checking and treating any outbreaks so please be vigilant. Our Pupil Council plan to raise awareness of the issue to all parents so look out for any information coming your way!

Dates for your diary

This tends to be a very busy term so just to give you a little advance warning of upcoming events, please see the list below. More details / information will be sent home as appropriate.

Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th November - Inservice (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 8th December - travelling Panto to school
Monday 12th December - afternoon performance of Christmas Show

Tuesday 13th / Thursday 15th December - evening performances of Christmas Show

Thursday 15th December - Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December - pr 6 and 7 party

Monday 19th December - pr 3, 4 and 5 party

Tuesday 20th December - nursery, p1 and p2 party

Wednesday 21st December - last day of term

Thursday 5th January - back to school!

As always, if you have any queries about news items, please get in touch,

Yours Sincerely

Davina Gardiner - Head Teacher