



Aboyne Primary School Parent Council Newsletter

Thank you to all who joined us at our Greatest Showman Sing-A-Long!

Together we raised a fabulous **£537!**

Extra special thanks go to the parents who donated the Gin & Glasses to be raffled, to the Corner House for donating the children's raffle prizes and to Granny Charlotte for giving up her time to cook the Hot Dogs!

Our "wear red Valentine's Day" also raised **£204**, a super amount!

All monies raised will be added to the parent council funds which allow us to provide each class with £200 to spend on class outings & visitors!



Our next collection is on Friday 3rd May. Bags can be dropped off all week to the bike shelter nearest the school car park from Monday 29th April

Playground Update

The Playground Group have now met and have decided on four companies to invite to a site meeting, along with the Council, so hopefully we can get this organised in the next few months.

We are also working on a vision statement to hand to the companies, this will give them an idea of what design we are looking for. We will keep you updated on progress as we go.



All pupils are encouraged to come to school ready to show off their joke telling skills on Friday 15th March! Each class will listen to each other's jokes and choose 2 pupils from their class to be put forward in the

Whole School Jokester Competition

Red noses will be available to buy for £1.25 on Friday.

The ASL Team at Aboyne Primary School

What Is ASL?

ASL stands for Additional Support for Learning

Who Are We?

The ASL team at Aboyne is led by Ms. Cheryl Sharp, DHT. The team members are Mrs Terri Harrison, Mr Adam Liversedge, Miss Aoife McArdle and Mrs Helen McCulloch.

What Do We Do?

We are qualified teachers employed by Aberdeenshire Council. The main aim of our job is to identify and assess barriers to learning and in partnership with others, address these needs through a relevant curriculum. We work with class teachers and parents/carers. It might also mean working with speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, educational psychologists, English as an Additional Language teachers or other agencies.

Where Do We Work?

We might work in a team teaching situations with class teachers in their classrooms. We have bases in Rm 8, Rm 10 and the Old Library where we work with groups. We also use outdoor spaces around the school as learning environments.

How Will I Know My Child Is Receiving Support?

Members of the ASL team send out letters to individual families at the start of every term. The letter gives information about the support being offered, who will be providing it and contact information so any questions can be answered.

More Information

The Parent Council has kindly allowed us space in their monthly newsletter so members of the team will team will be giving more information there. In the meantime, please feel free to get in touch with us via the School Office.

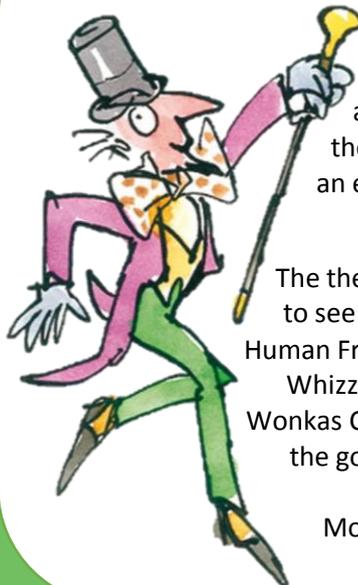
World Book Day - Book Exchange March 7th

In celebration of World Book Day, Aboyne Primary School will be having a whole school book exchange on Thursday March 7th. Pupils are encouraged to hand in good quality, pre-loved books, to their class teacher on Monday 4th- Wednesday 6th March.

Pupils will receive one token for each book they bring in to school. Pupils will use tokens to exchange for books on Thursday, March 7th. All leftover books will be donated to a local charity shop or the MGR Sale.

Children are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book characters on March 7th

School Grand May Fair Saturday 11th May - save the date!



This year's Grand May Fair is Saturday 11th May from 10am -2pm at the school. Once again each class in the School and Nursery will be running an enterprise and manning their stalls to sell items or games.

The theme this year is Roald Dahl so expect to see things like James & the Giant Peach Human Fruit Machine, Snozzcumber Sime, Whizzpopping Lemonade Stall and Willy Wonkas Chocolate Tombola where if you draw the golden ticket you win a Wonka Bar!

More information to come nearer to the date.

Your Eco Committee at Aboyne Primary School!

What a busy and hardworking lot this year's Eco Committee are. It's been a real pleasure to sit in as a parent at these meetings. The committee is made up of representatives from every class in the school who attend the monthly meetings and then feedback to their own classes. There are several initiatives we would like your help with in order to retain our Green Flag Eco School status:

1. Wrapper-less Wednesday: This is to promote minimizing throw away wrappers, keep litter down and hopefully enjoy a healthier snack. Many fruits come with their own 'wrappers', e.g. satsumas & bananas. Or you can use plastic tubs for biscuits, crisps, strawberries, cheese etc. The class with the highest percentage of wrapper-less snacks wins 'The Golden Carrot' for the week!
2. WOW Travel Tracker: The children complete this every day and can win badges for regularly walking or cycling to school at least once a week. For those of you, who live further away, why not try parking at the play park on the Green so that your child can tick 'Park & Stride'? The Eco Committee have also agreed that if a class does a daily mile activity, the following day the children may click that they walked to school to allow all children a chance to collect a badge.
3. Big Battery hunt: We are still collecting batteries for this. We've already had an amazing 60 litres of batteries collected and are close to having the next load collected. The collection will continue until the beginning of June.
4. Refillable water bottles: This is something that we can be very proud of as nearly everyone at Aboyne Primary (including staff) now uses a refillable water bottle every day – well done all! You could help us by clearly naming water bottles.
5. The Big Pedal: This is happening the week beginning 25th March, when all children are encouraged to cycle, scoot or walk to school. It's being kicked off by a walking bus, leaving the play park on Aboyne Green on Monday 25th March at 8.15 am. All parents, carers & children are welcome to join in; children can even be dropped off at the park & will be supervised on the walk to school. More information and forms will be sent home soon.

The Eco Committee organised a competition in school to design a poster and an eco code for Aboyne Primary. We are delighted to announce that Ben McCartney from P4/5 was the winner and you should start to see his fantastic design around school very soon.

There are many, many more initiatives that the Eco-committee are currently involved in, from playground litter picking to tidying up the school garden, from paper recycling to re-using junk for educational purposes. It would be lovely to have more parental involvement, if you are interested in any aspect of environmental issues then please contact the parent council or school.

Thank you and keep up all the good work – every little bit counts!
Fiona Walmsley

A MESSAGE FROM LEANNE:

WOW! Where has February gone? It's been a very fast month and we are flying into March already!

Last month we had set a brain storming session with council members and some really good responses came through from it. Listed below is just some of what was said, the whole document will be attached with January minutes of the meeting...

How can we as a Parent Council engage more effectively with the Parent Forum?

"Speaker corner" in playground/the chair can share news each "wed" morning before or after school (I liked this one!)

Shared vision /purpose

everyone included

Workshops in conjunction with school

what are the benefits of effective communication?

Work as a team to achieve success reduce complaints

More interest in children's learning

More engagement in all school activities

No confusion on dates, times, money etc.

Support of parents/carers

I would like to take the next few months to discuss and look at "school jargon" there is lots of it and I am sure you are like me you have no idea what some of it means, so I will start this month with the most important one "you"...

What is a Parent Forum?

The 2006 Parental Involvement Act states that every school in Scotland has a Parent Forum which consists of all the parents/carers who have a child at the school. They are automatically members. The Parent Forum can expect to;

- * Receive information about the school
- * Decide on the forum of the Parent Council and how it operates
- * Identify issues for the Parent Council
- * Be consulted by the Parent Council
- * Express views through the Parent Council

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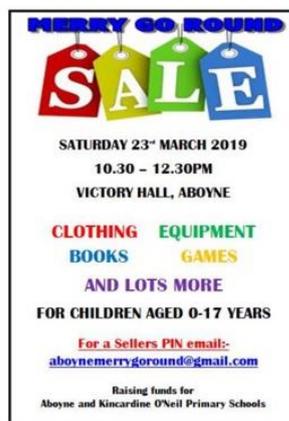
The Parent Council is the committee appointed by the Parent Forum to run matters on its behalf. A Parent Council is not run by the school or the local authority but by the parents in the school. The local authority should support a Parent Council both financially and through advice/support.

Merry-Go-Round Sale

We are looking for volunteers for
Saturday 23rd March

9.30-12.30 / 12-2 or 9.30-2 and also for set up on the Friday 22nd evening 6.30-8.30 (we ask if you help on the Friday evening you also help some part of Saturday).

If you can help please email
aboyneparentcouncil@gmail.com
or let Becki or Leanne know



If you would like to speak to us about your views please contact us by email:

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A LOOK AHEAD:

Easter Holidays: 1st April - 12th April

Good Friday: 19th April