

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIR...

At our last PC meeting on the 29th January we had an informative evening which included a brain storming session and ideas board on how we can engage more effectively with our parents and carers. There were some great ideas brought forward but we would like to hear your thoughts too.

As a busy parent myself I understand the pressures of daily life and know how precious your time is. All we ask is that you could have a think about what you would like to see from your parent council? You can send us an email (aboyneparentcouncil@gmail.com) at any time with your thoughts, grumbles or improvement ideas. We will bring all your suggestions forward to the staff team. We would love to hear from you to know;

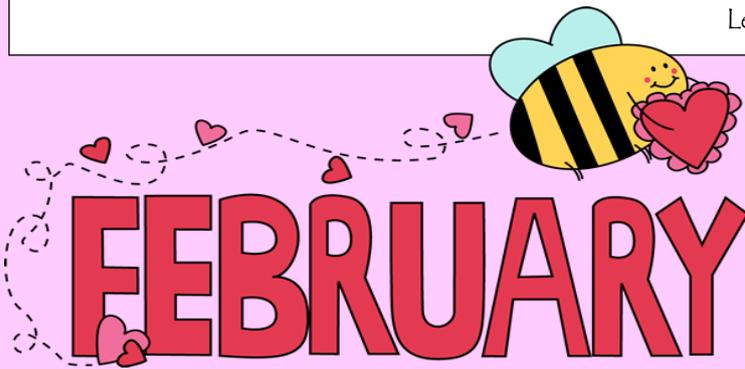
Would you like to have Information sessions? | Would you like to be involved but not attend meetings?

Would you become a parent helper? | Do you have a skill that can be used within the school?

Are you aware of what a parent Forum is? | What would you like to see?

We are working hard to connect with you all and ensure we are delivering what you expect of the parent council.

Leanne



ABOYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Save the Date!

23rd March	Merry-Go-Round Sale
23rd April	Term 4: Parent Council Meeting
11th May	Grand School May Fair
27th August	Term 1: Parent Council Meeting
5th November	Term 2: Parent Council Meeting

Our website holds the minutes from previous parent council meetings:

www.aboyne-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk

PARENT COUNCIL SPENDING - by Mrs Brooks

Where does your donation go?

Primary 5 All Stars of Classroom 9 have very much appreciated the enhancement of earning provision afforded to them by the funds from the parent council.

With duct tape, we built marble runs, showing our creativity, our successful team work, and proving the work of gravity. With biscuits, some readymade icing and a few bags of dolly mixtures, we met our design technology standard building gingerbread houses based on our graphic designs. With tissues, we try to keep the spread of colds down, and show responsible citizenship as well as healthy practices. With sellotape, we stop things falling apart, or at least I try!



The locks are part of a gamification of the classroom, giving breakout scenarios that children have to solve to break the codes and unlock the prizes (not featured in these photos), the challenges are mathematical, language based, technology driven, I can make them fit any part of the curriculum.

Where else does spending happen? Making Christingles, as we explore Religious studies through the eyes of the child, paper, hot chocolate and a cookie for the 'Big Bird Watch', paper, candy canes over advent as we learn about different religious practices, paper, henna, as we learn about Diwali, and the symmetry of mehndi and more paper! We have also bought some up to date books that are relevant to the class experience and interest.



Come and join in the fun with your friends and family at
The Greatest Showman Sing-a-long!

Wednesday 6th February at 6pm

Tickets are on sale now from the community centre for £5 each

Hotdogs will be served in the canteen area from 5:30pm. Juice, popcorn and sweets all available from our tuck shop

Bring extra change for your chance to win a bottle of Gin (one for the mums!!)

Prizes & games for the kids also available!



This Valentine's Day children are invited to wear...

A TOUCH OF RED

Donations towards Parent Council Funds welcomed!



Aboyne Primary Eco Committee!

As an Eco-friendly school, we are conscious of making the best decisions about our waste minimisation. As such, our Eco-committee have initiated collections of recycled paper, rags to bags, up-cycling toys during the spring fair, and most recently a parent helped support our recycling of used pens in school. Now, it's the Big Battery Hunt!

Our eco-committee is represented in every class. They promote awareness around our work and spread the message through their class.

Each school that books a collection for their batteries will be automatically entered in to the Big Battery Hunt prize draw. By helping us to recycle as many batteries as possible, our school could win;

- A 2-night class trip to the sustainability centre
- A 3-year subscription to MyMaths worth £1,000
- £2000 worth of school equipment vouchers
- iPads
- Certificates and trophies!

So please send in your used batteries as a community wide drive to promote recycling!

The competition will close on Thursday 3rd June so we want to make sure we get a battery collection before then!

PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENTS BY BECKI REDMOND:

As you all know the focus of fundraising for the last 2 years has been to raise money to improve the school playground, so we thought we'd give you a wee update as to how this will all happen.

Last school year we put out a call for parents from all school years (P1-7) to come together to form a small group to help lead this development. On this group also sit 2 teachers and a PSA to provide representation from the school. At the same time as this every pupil had been asked to draw their Dream Playground and to answer a few questions about what they do/ don't like about the current playground and the kind of games they play/ would like to play. All of this information was brought to the first meeting of the Playground Sub Group, who sat and looked through it all and drew up a list of the general themes and areas that the pupils had asked for - obviously the swimming pools and hot dog stands won't be possible but ideas will be drawn from this!

So where do we go from here? This group will be meeting again soon to look at the different companies that are approved by the Council, we will then hold a site meeting with these companies and the Council to look at what is possible. From here each Company will provide us with a design - it is at this point we will need every parent, pupil and staffs input. These designs will be displayed in the school for a period of time whilst everyone will be invited to come and vote on their favourite and the one with the majority of votes is the one we will take forward. It is at this point we will know the total we need to raise!

If you have any thoughts on what you may like to see in the playground please let us know.

We do appreciate this seems a fairly long process but we also do hope you agree with us that it will future proof our playground.

