



# Aboyne Primary Parent Council Newsletter

Saturday 11th May  
10am - 2pm

Aboyne Primary School  
Playground



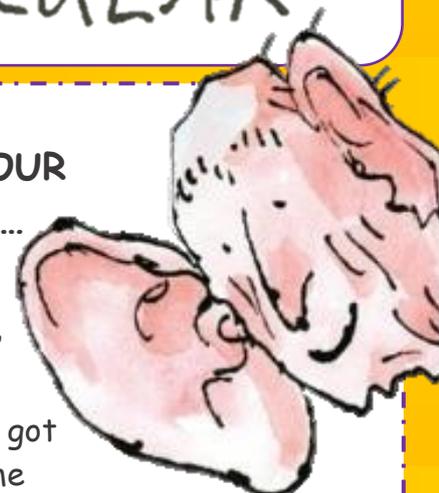
## MAY FAIR SPECTACULAR

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARENT COUNCIL...

We are excited to be hosting the *Roald Dahl May Fair Extravaganza!* The pupils and teachers in the school have all got on board and come up with some fantastic themed Social Enterprises and we look forward to seeing them all at the fair. In keeping with the slightly weird and wonderful world of Roald Dahl we have booked Party Box to bring along their foam party where little and big human beans can come have some foamy fun!

There will be home bakes, candy floss, slushies, Dinnies Ice creams and a BBQ so all food and refreshments are covered too!

This is one of the biggest events of the school year we run and we look forward to welcoming everyone from the school and the wider community to join in the fun and frivolity of the day!



### Class room Stalls

P1 & P1/2	James & Giant Peach Bug Hotels and 100 square Guess
P2/3a	Minpin bowling & Fairy Doors
P2/3b	Magic Finger - hook a duck / Pick a Finger
P3/4	Wonka bars Bruce Bogtrotter Weight of the Cake
P4	Georges Marvellous Slime
P4/5	BF6 Dream Catchers
P5	Danny the Champion of the World Pheasant Shooting
P5/6	Still planning...
P6	Matilda Truffles - boxes & chocolate
P6/7	Georges Marvellous Medicine Jars of Sweets
P7	Matilda - Miss Trunchball Pie Eating Contest



Congratulations to Jack Esslemont who came 2nd in the John Byrne National Drawing competition. Jack's drawing was chosen from 7000 entries from schools across Scotland.

A fantastic achievement for Jack, Mrs Smith and for Aboyne Primary!

**WELL DONE!**



The Parent Council would welcome any donations for the Raffle Stall, Bottle Stall, Chocolate Tombola or the delicious Home Baking Stall.

We are also appealing for volunteers to help with the running of the stalls on the day of the May Fair, if you are happy to help please contact us!

## PARENT COUNCIL SPENDING

Using their Parent Council donations P2/3a and P2/3b came together and enjoyed their class visit to the Dundee Discovery Centre to further expand their knowledge on their class topics of The Polar Lands!



*"I went to see the Discovery in Dundee. I went with my friends and my teacher when we got there we went on the Discovery, we saw everything. We saw the boiler room the toilet it was so cool. The Discovery is called the Discovery because it meant to discover bits of Antarctica and other places. Would you like to go? After we went to the Boat we went to look at the clothes that they would have worn in the past, they looked so cool they were funny as well then we went back to school on the bus when we got out of the bus my legs were hurting so I had to stretch them hope you enjoyed my facts."*

*Grace Barr, P2/3b*

Class visits are only possible thanks to your donations to our fundraising events, it allows us to donate £200 to each class to spend as they wish!

## **ABOYNE PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL**

CHAIRPERSON:	LEANNE DUNCAN
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## **A LOOK AHEAD:**

6th May	<b>May Day - School Closed</b>
9th May	P7 Academy Visit
13th May	P7 Leave for Dalguise!
17th May	P7's Home from Dalguise!
29th May	P7 Academy Visit

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## **ABOYNE PRIMARY ECO COMMITTEE**



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:

- 🥕 **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!
- 🥕 **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.
- 🥕 **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. We should now be entered automatically into the prize draw. The collection will continue until the beginning of June.
- 🥕 **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.

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

## **ASN MESSAGE FROM DT MRS SHARP:**

Information and Awareness Raising Presentation for Community Resource Hub/Enhanced Provision/Support For Learning at Aboyne Primary.

Based on the information that was received from the survey, we would like to let you know that we plan to create an action plan in response. With input and support from the Parent Council.

Our first step will be to hold an awareness raising session. We would like to invite you to learn more about how we support the GIRFEC agenda through Community Resource Hub/Enhanced Provision/Support For Learning at Aboyne Primary. Our first session will be MAY 20th, 2019 @ 9:30 A.M. & 6:30 P.M. at Aboyne Primary School.

This will be a short presentation and also an opportunity to share the results of the survey and discuss an action plan. Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there.

### **What do we mean by 'Nurture'?**

There are many terms used in educational tend become over used to the point of losing their meaning. Resilience, entitlement, inclusive and nurture are some of those terms. In this article, I want to look at 'nurture' because it's a term that our ASN team use and think about a great deal.

Nurturing is what each of you as parents do all the time often without thinking about it. From before your child was born, mum and dad nurtured that precious unborn baby by ensuring mum had the right nutrition, rest, and peace. When the baby was born mum and dad, together with grandparents, health visitors, nurses and doctors, ensured your baby had the environment he/she needed to thrive and to feel safe. That's what you have been doing for your child ever since.

In education we've come to recognise that individuals need to feel safe and respected in order to learn. This means that all the school staff who work with your child need to get to know them well, as quickly as possible. At Aboyne Primary we believe that positive relationships are the key to the most important learning.

Nurturing is about finding the right spaces and times to enjoy being together. We can use these moments to pick up on curriculum learning or to help a child follow an interest. Much of our nurturing happens around a campfire where we cook food together.

The principles of nurture in education that we follow Aboyne Primary are:

- Children's learning is understood developmentally.
- The classroom/ learning environment offers a safe base.
- Nurture is important for the development of self-esteem.
- Language is understood as a vital means of communication.
- All behaviour is communication.
- Transitions are significant in the lives of all children

All adults in school try to be nurturing and together with parents/carers we can ensure the best start for our children.

Nurturing parents and teachers:

- trust their child's fairness and good judgment.
- respect their child's autonomy, thoughts, and feelings.
- support their child's interests and goals.
- enjoy their child's company.
- protect their child from hurting him or herself or others.
- model self-control, sensitivity, and values they believe are important.

If you would like to know more about parental and teacher nurture please visit

<http://www.nurturingparentsandteachers.com> and

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/Documents/inc55ApplyingNurturingApproaches120617.pdf>