

# Gourdon Primary School Newsletter



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I hope you all have had a peaceful and enjoyable half-term and it is so lovely to welcome everyone back. We continue with our learning this term. As always, I endeavour to keep you all up to date with what's happening and share relevant information as soon as possible. And again as always, I would encourage you all to contact the school with any questions or queries you might have.

Miss Angela Wells  
Head Teacher

## SCOTTISH EVENING

Thank you for your support with our Scottish Evening. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and cleared away, thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and donated raffles, thank you to everyone who helped organise and serve refreshments donations, thank you for the hall decorations, the sound equipment and for our amazing pupil performances. Our evening raised a fantastic £489 which will go towards purchasing ICT equipment.



## WORLD BOOK DAY



We hope you have all received the Scholastic Sponsored Read information which went home recently. Our aim is to buy reading books for our pupils with monies raised. We will also be inviting the pupils to select titles of their choice. We thank you for your support.

## WORLD BOOK DAY ACTIVITIES:

- **Great Gourdon Book Swap** - all pupils, parents and staff are invited to bring in one book to school on Thursday 5th March to swap with another book. Books should be in good condition, and be suitable and appropriate for being swapped with pupils of a similar age. Books should be brought into school on Thursday morning and swapped in the school hall. Classes will have opportunities throughout the day to go to the hall to swap their books.
- **Author Visits**—we look forward to the author visits organised in partnership with the Gourdon Community Council.
- Classes will also be taking part in author's meets online as well as other reading activities.

## STAFFING UPDATES

We are still actively recruiting to fill our vacancy. Myself and Mrs Barnet will be covering PE this term and next term and I will of course keep you updated.

## SCHOOL CLUBS

We would like to wish our Scottish Country Dancers the very best as they take part in the Dancing Festival in Aberdeen on Friday 20th March. We are very proud that they are representing our school.

Our Netball group have the opportunity to take part in their first friendly netball festivals. We wish everyone who takes part a very positive experience and are thankful to Mrs Shakespeare for her continued support.



## ORIENTEERING

A very brave Mrs Christie, Ms McDonald and myself will be completing our orienteering training with the Scottish Orienteering Association this term at Knockburn Loch. As our village is to be mapped, we are looking forward to being able to develop the skills with our pupils and make use of this unique opportunity both in and around our village.



Any parents and/or friends of our school are most welcome to learn more and get involved. Thank you to everyone who has brought in empty milk bottles, we now have enough and hope the pupils can explain to you their important purpose!

## ROTARY QUIZ

Our P7s will be taking part this term in the Rotary Quiz at Mackie Academy on 27th March.

We wish the team the very best of luck and know they will do a great job of representing our school.



## COMMUNICATION

Thank you for your support in ensuring that you child(ren) comes to school with everything they need, ready to learn. Staff are always happy to speak with parents about any aspect of school life. As you can appreciate mornings are a particularly busy time for staff as meetings and other planned events take place.

When the 09:15 bell rings, staff are responsible for their classes and so to speak with a parent then is not a suitable time. Therefore I would respectfully remind all our parents to please ask to make an appointment at the office.

I thank you in advance for your support with this matter.



## SPORT RELIEF

This year we will be doing our part to highlight the work and impact of the Sport Relief week 9th to 13th March.

Our House and Vice Captains will be planning activities for each class to take part in over the course of the week with opportunities to score points to go towards each of their Houses. This week will also be a focus as part of our Health and Wellbeing learning.

We look forward to sharing the highlights of the week with you all.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- Thursday 5th March—World Book Day
- Monday 9th—Friday 13th March—Sports Relief Week
- Monday 9th March- Fun5z Netball Series P4-P7, Mearns Academy 16.00-18.00
- Friday 20th March—Scottish Country Dancing Festival, Aberdeen 12noon
- Friday 27th March—Rotary Quiz, Mackie Academy 10.00am
- Friday 27th March—Primary Badminton Challenge, Bervie Sports Centre 10.00-11.45
- Friday 3rd April—Whole School Assembly, Mission Hall 11.15-11.45
- Thursday 2nd April—TAG Family Bunny Drive 18.30
- Friday 3rd April—End of Term 3
- Sunday 12th April—Gourdon Community Council Easter Hunt 10.00-13.00
- Monday 20th April—Term 4 Begins
- Thursday 23rd April—Tempest (School Photographer)
- Wednesday 6th May—School Reports sent home
- Thursday 7th May—TAG Meeting 19.00
- Friday 8th May—May Day Holiday
- Wednesday 13th May—Book Fair Arrives
- Thursday 14th May—Parents Evening
- Tuesday 19th May—Rising 5s (Session 1) 14.00-15.00
- Wednesday 20th May—Book Fair Ends
- Thursday 21st May—TAG Bingo Night (over 16's) 19.00
- Monday 25th—Friday 29th May—Health Week
- Tuesday 26th May—Rising 5s (Session 2) 14.00-15.00
- Wednesday 27th May—Sports Day
- Thursday 28th May—P7 Aiming for High Activity Day, Bervie School 9.30-14.30
- Friday 29th May—Whole School Sponsored Walk
- Tuesday 2nd June—Rising 5s (Session 3) 14.00-15.00
- Wednesday 3rd June—Alternative Sports Day
- Sunday 7th June—TAG Summer Fayre 13.00-16.00
- Monday 8th June—P7 Engineering Day, Mackie Academy 9.30-14.30
- Tuesday 9th June—Rising 5s (Session 4) 14.00-15.00
- Wednesday 10th June—P7 Leavers Show 14.00
- Tuesday 16th June—Rising 5s (Session 5) 14.00-15.00
- Wednesday 17th—Thursday 25th June—P7 Mackie Visit (7 days)
- Friday 26th June—Prize Giving 10.00-12noon