

Dear Parent/Guardian,

SPORTS ACTIVITIES

- ❖ We continue to be very successful in cross country. At the MacRobert Cup competition the P4/5 boys team came first as did the P6/7 girls team. Balloch also won the Cluster School Shield in this event. Steven Dey did particularly well as an individual, coming 2nd amongst all the boys. Top ten places also went to Caris Simpson 7th, Andrew Young 7th, Ailie Rodgers 5th, Susan Smith and Fraser Robertson 10th.
- ❖ At the Primary School Cross Country Championships on Saturday 24th March the girls team did extremely well, picking up the Trophy for 1st place and the boys team taking 4th place.
Excellent results - well done and thanks to everyone who helped to coach the pupils and attended the events.
- ❖ Congratulations to the P5 football team who took part in the Hamish Black 5-a-side tournament. The team got into the final but were narrowly beaten.
- ❖ The after school Tag Rugby, Cricket and Basketball clubs continue this term.
- ❖ The Nursery pupils enjoyed fun football sessions with members of Caley Thistle.

CHARITIES

- ❖ **Highland Food Week** - You are invited to take part in Highland Food Week as explained in the accompanying leaflet. Please note that food should not be brought to school until May 3rd as we have very limited storage space.
- ❖ The Nursery pupils raised £172.30 for Marie Curie Cancer charity with their 'Pots of Care'. Well done everyone.
- ❖ P6/7 organised activities for Red Nose Day. They raised £355.74.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity towards these good causes.

FAB GROUP

These are some of the activities organised by the group recently:

- ❖ French taster day - when everyone taking school lunch could enjoy a French themed menu.
- ❖ Hand Washing - P4 pupils had a session with the school nurse, learning the correct way to carry out effective hand washing.

- ❖ Hopefully you are all now aware of our plans for improving the school grounds. The display explaining this is still on show just inside the school entrance. The parent group under the guidance of Mrs. Green and Ms Spalding have already done much of the heavier work. The after school Gardening Club is up and running and I am sure you can all see the improvements already.
- ❖ **'Street Jammin'** - Pupils from Nursery to P7 took part in this ever popular event which promotes fitness and is really good fun.
- ❖ The FAB Group would like to encourage everyone to take part in 'Walk to School' week May 21st - 25th.
'It is healthy and fun to walk. So please make a big effort to try to walk to school during May 21st - 25th. If you have to come by car, maybe you could get dropped off and walk half of the way e.g. walk down the hill from the bridge or Cameron Avenue. If you have to take the bus, think about going for a walk in the evening or at the weekend - you could go with a friend, your family or your dog and have tons of fun. Enjoy 'Walk to School' week!!!'

by Calum Mitchell P6/7 and Jack Nicholson P7

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS

- ❖ The Nursery underwent a Care Commission inspection on March 7th. This went very well with no significant areas for improvement.
- ❖ We had a full school inspection during the week of February 26th. Although we do not yet have the final report on this, we are confident that it went very well. All parents will receive a full report in due course.

PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be here on May 9th to take class photos of all groups from P1 - P7 (no individual or family photos). These will be available to purchase before the end of session.

JANITOR

We have appointed a new Janitor - Mr. Stephen McKeand, who we hope will be able to start within the next few weeks. We continue to do the best we can in carrying out all the janitorial duties with a little part time help. The arrival of a new Janitor will certainly be very welcome!

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to pupils in Larch, who won the house points last term. They have received a Larch pencil and will enjoy an extra playtime.

BOOK FAIR

There will be a Book Fair in school in May. You are invited to come along on May 23rd or 24th from 2.30 - 3.00pm. As usual there will be a good selection of books for children of all ages.

HIGHLAND 2007

The Council have asked me to distribute wrist bands which they have supplied for Highland 2007. So you may note that your child is wearing an orange H2007 band!

DATES + REMINDERS

May 7 th	Holiday
May 30 th	Sports Days (change from May 29 th)
June 1 st	Pupil Reports issued
June 7 th + 8 th	Parents Evenings
June 12 th	Information evening for new Nursery Parents
June 26 th	Nursery Sports Day - 9.30 - 11.30am.

Yours sincerely,

Head Teacher