

**27th January 2016**

**Nursery Enrolment Week**

Nursery enrolment will commence next Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. This year the authority undertook a pilot scheme in both Milton of Leys and Inshes primaries which offered a 'flexible hours' model rather than the current sessional model. In practice this means that parents will have a choice in how they would like to receive their 16 government funded nursery hours. This will form part of our discussion for those who will be enrolling their children in nursery next week.

**Primary 7 Transition**

A meeting was held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January for the parents of P7 pupils who will move on to Inverness Royal Academy in August 2016. Parents were introduced to the new rector of the IRA, Mr Nigel Engstrand, who shared a presentation which outlined his vision and expectations for the future. Mr Robin Fyfe, Depute Rector also shared a presentation which explained the rationale behind the calendar of transition events which take place throughout the year.

**Burns Supper**

Primary 7 pupils and their teachers have organised a Burns Supper which will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The proceeds from this evening will go towards funds for Loch Insh.

**French Club**

Miss Giblin and Mrs Henderson are offering fun activities in French as an after school class on Fridays. Due to overwhelming teachers will run a second series of sessions after their first block. It is encouraging to see such interest in the subject.

**Dancemania**

Miss Penman has commenced Dancemania sessions for senior pupils after school on Mondays. She will be selecting a group later this term to participate in a dance event at Hilton Primary. This event is a celebration of dance and will give pupils a platform to showcase their dance performance on stage. The dance class is currently full. Children who are interested but do not have a place will have the opportunity to join the sessions next term.

**Soccer Sevens Football Event**

We would like to thank Mr Richard Hastings for coaching and entering two teams of pupils, one from P6 and the other from P7 into this soccer event. The first series of games will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January and the second on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teachers from school will accompany Mr Hastings to these games. We wish our children the best of luck for these tournaments.

**Expressive Arts**

The pupils in Mrs Nicholson's class will commence sessions with a drama worker from Eden Court this Thursday. The focus will be on developing character using the works of Roald Dahl as inspiration.

**Numeracy Development**

Kirsten Mackay, Numeracy Development Officer is visiting the school to work with teaching staff in the senior school. Teaching staff are interested in trialling new strategies to challenge your children and assist progress in numeracy.

**Loch Insh Parent Information Evening**

There will be a meeting for primary 7 parents to discuss next term's trip to Loch Insh on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Please note the meeting is for parents only.

**Student Teacher**

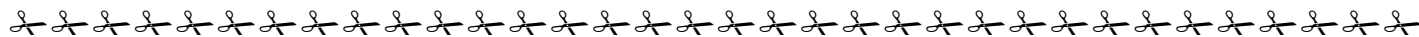
We would like to thank student teacher Miss Evangeline Stevenson who has been working both last term and this term with pupils in Mr Ross' class. She has worked well under the guidance of Mr Ross and we wish her all the best in her next placement. We are also pleased to welcome another student teacher, who is affiliated to the University of Aberdeen, later this term. She is Miss Jessica Sutherland and she will work alongside Miss MacNaughton and also plan and deliver lessons of her own. She starts her placement with us on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Gymnastics**

A number of our pupils have been training for a forthcoming gymnastics competition. I would like to thank Mrs Claire Mackenzie for devoting her time to coaching and also for offering additional training sessions in school this week and next. We would like to commend our children for their commitment to training and send our good wishes to the team.

**The Baillie Cup**

Last week all primary schools in Inverness received an invitation for pupils in P1-4 to take part in a running event in June at Inverness Leisure. This event enables younger children to have the opportunity of experiencing fun competition in a track environment. While we would like to give our younger children the chance to compete we are looking for parents who would be willing to commit the time to train the children. If you are interested in taking this forward please note your interest on the tear off slip below -thank you.



**The Baillie Cup**

I would be willing to help train the children for the Baillie Cup.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_