



## Holm Primary School

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### 'Dress Up as Your Dream Job' Day

As part of our 'Developing the Young Workforce' initiative our children dressed up in the clothing required for their dream job. The children enjoyed learning about the importance of wearing uniform in a number of occupations and their pictures can be viewed on our school blog. The sum of £210.66 was raised by pupils and staff and this will go towards supporting the work of MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship). This is an international aid agency which works in partnership with churches and charities such as UNICEF, Comic Relief and Tearfund. Grateful thanks to both the Rights Respecting School Group and the Pupil Council for leading on this event.

### Nursery and Primary 1 Creative Café

Congratulations to nursery and primary one for undertaking a very successful creative café venture which took place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Our visitors were most impressed with the hard work and skills the children had developed over the weeks they had been working together. The children enriched their learning by undertaking a number of activities which covered areas of the curriculum such as literacy, numeracy and science. They were able to show they were leaders of learning by developing and sharing their knowledge of the skills required for various roles in the real world within the context of their creative café.

### McRobert Cup Cross Country Event

The school will be entering a team to the McRobert Cup cross country event on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Letters have been issued to all children concerned. We wish them well for the day.

### Compressed Week - Consultation Process

Last year we undertook a consultation exercise to assess the views of parents and carers on the 4½ day week. We had a high return and it was clear parents would prefer to retain the status quo. However, we are aware that views may change over time and this consultation process is to gauge current views. Unfortunately, responses this year have been slow and we have had a very low return. In order that everyone takes the opportunity to share their views, we are extending the response deadline to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Consequently, if you have not already done so either return the slip to your child's teacher or email the school office indicating your name and your view.

### Reminder - Loch Insh

Please ensure any outstanding payments for the Loch Insh residential trip are made to the office as soon as possible, thank you.

### Parents' Evenings

Due to staff absence there will not be an opportunity to meet with support for learning staff on parents' evening. A meeting will be scheduled for a later date and a letter sent out in due course.

### Change of Family Circumstances

We understand that at times there can be a change in family circumstances. It is important that any changes are shared with the school in order that staff can sensitively meet the needs of your child on a daily basis. If school letters or newsletters require to be sent out to different households please let us know.

### Scottish Opera

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February our senior pupils participated in a workshop with Scottish Opera in preparation for the production of 'The Dragon of the Western Sea'. Scottish Opera will return for a full day to work with the children on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March prior to sharing their learning with parents in the afternoon. Times of the shared session will be sent out separately.

### Adverse Weather

While the school may be open to pupils and staff during periods of adverse weather it is always at the discretion of parents or carers whether children should attend. Details relating to the school's messaging service and pin code will appear at the foot of every school newsletter.

Some children are coming to school inadequately dressed for the cold weather. Please ensure all children bring appropriate clothing - coats, hats and gloves, etc.

### Student Teacher

I would also like to take his opportunity to welcome our Aberdeen University student teacher, Miss MacIvor who has joined Miss McHardy and Primary 3 and will be with the class from now until the end of term. Miss MacIvor will return at the start of next term and remain with the class until the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

### Basketball

Apologies, but on the last Newsletter we omitted to include that Elijah Moir had also been part of the winning Basketball team - well done to all who took part.

### Easy Fundraising

If you are buying items online please remember the school has an easy fundraising account. Every item you buy could earn the school some money. Please follow the link below [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holmschoolpc](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holmschoolpc)