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National 'Outstanding Winner'
21st Century Learning Alliance Award

Thursday 27th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we expected, it has been a really busy half term of learning as we embrace our school value of 'Commitment' to ensure the children are taught the key knowledge and skills for their year group. Although the statutory testing (e.g. Y2 and Y6 SATs and Y1 phonics screening) have been cancelled for this academic year, we are absolutely committed to supporting the children to secure this key content to ensure that they are well-prepared for the next school year.

The children have been working incredibly hard so class teachers have had a difficult job nominating those who they feel should receive achievement awards for this half term. Achievement awards will be presented on in our class assemblies on Friday morning. These fabulous learners, who have demonstrated our school values in action, will enjoy a hot chocolate and cookie treat during playtime on Friday. We will post the photographs of our award winners on our social media platforms so be sure to take a look tomorrow afternoon.

Vision Statement

In addition to looking closely at how teachers needed to adapt or change the curriculum as a result of the disruption caused by the pandemic, the teaching team have also been looking closely at our curriculum offer in the medium and long term. During our last INSET days, we revisited our school vision statement to ensure it was ambitious and closely linked to our school values – Commitment, Aspiration and Nurture – and aligned with our mission 'unlocking positive futures'.

Grampian is a diverse, inclusive learning community built upon a foundation of nurturing relationships. These relationships empower children to overcome barriers so that they can pursue the opportunities that school offers with confidence and enthusiasm. These opportunities motivate children to develop their resilience and self-esteem so that they can strive for ambitious goals at each stage of their journey through education. These goals enable children to develop their self-awareness so that they can make valuable contributions to society as successful and respectful citizens. These relationships, opportunities and goals are the key to 'unlocking positive futures' for every child.

Vision in Action...

With just over 6 school weeks remaining of the school year, please find an overview of the final half term below.

Eco-STEM Week

When we return on Monday 7th June, the whole school will take part in a week of learning based around an important key question: 'How are humans affecting the world?'. Each class will take a different theme with 2 aims: to broaden their understanding of their world and to develop their knowledge of career pathways linked to science.

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Nursery & Reception: Under the sea – protecting the animals

Year 1: Deforestation

Year 2: Bee Decline

Year 3: Plastic Pollution

Year 4: Renewable Energy

Year 5: Climate Change – Reducing our carbon footprint

Year 6: Climate Change – Living things and habitats

Through these themes, the children will explore a variety of STEM-related careers which will include meeting, whether virtually or in-person, experts who have very exciting jobs linked to their Eco-STEM theme. Parents and carers can look forward to the children talking about the work of a horticulturist or a conservation biologist, perhaps a mining analyst and even a zoology research fellow, an entomologist plus many, many more.

** Class photos will also take place this week. The class photos have been rescheduled for Wednesday 9th June 2021. **

National School Sport Week

Monday 21st June – Friday 25th June 2021 will be Sports Week. The children should wear their school PE kit throughout the week. We are pleased to confirm that we intend to hold sports days for each class.

- Nursery Sports Day – Tuesday 22nd June (morning and afternoon session)
- Reception Sports Day – Wednesday 23rd June (10am)
- Year 1 & Year 2 – Wednesday 23rd June (1:40pm)
- Year 3 & Year 4 – Thursday 24th June (10am)
- Year 5 & Year 6 – Thursday 24th June (1:40pm)

We hope that we will be able to invite one parent/carer to come along and watch their child participate in the sports day. We will provide further information nearer the time as we will need to ensure we are following the government guidance, which is constantly being updated.

Transition days / Move-up days

We are pleased to confirm that we will be able to have our usual move-up day so that the children get the opportunity to meet the teacher they will have in September. In previous years, move-up day has been one day; however, this year, the children will spend three days with their new teacher. Our move-up days will be consistent with the common transition days agreed with Derby City secondary schools. Therefore we expect that the vast majority of our current Y6 children will also be visiting their new schools. Move-up days will take place on Tuesday 6th -Thursday 8th July 2021. We will write to parents at the end of June to share the class arrangements for September.

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School reports

At the end of this academic year, parents and carers will receive a full school report in relation to what the children have learnt throughout the year and the progress they have made. School reports will be sent home during week commencing the 12th July 2021.

Term Dates

School closes for half term: Fri 28th May 2021

Pupils return to school: Mon 7th June 2021

School closes for the summer holiday: 21st July 2021

INSET Days

22nd July 2021

2nd September 2021

3rd September 2021

Pupils return to school: Mon 6th September 2021

We hope everyone enjoys a wonderful half term holiday. We were pleased to learn that the weather would be improving just in time, too. When we return to school, all our existing COVID-19 measures will continue e.g. staggered starts and finishes, wearing face coverings on the school site and following the one-way system. Once again, we wish to thank everyone for playing their part in helping to keep our school safe for all.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Murfin

Parent plea for support:

On 18th June, one of our parents, Katie Coy-Stevenson, will be donating her hair to charity. The Little Princess Trust make wigs for children and young adults who have unfortunately lost their hair due to illness or treatment. Katie is aiming to raise £550 which will fund the cost of one wig. More information can be found on Katie's JustGiving page <https://gofund.me/e5a24a44>

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