



Arnage Primary Newsletter

Newsletter 1 – September 2017

It is great to see all of the children back at school and eager to learn. We are already half way through a very busy term! The new P1 pupils have settled into school very well and the new P4 pupils are now fully integrated into the senior class.



Staff

There have been some changes to the staff at Arnage School. We hope you find the updated table below helpful.

Post	Member of Staff
Head Teacher	Mrs Lawrinson
P1-3 Teacher	Mrs Alcaraz
P4-7 Teacher	Mrs Lawrinson/Mrs Mathias
Pupil Support Assistant	Mrs McCalman
Support for Learners	Mrs Jamieson
Office - Administrator	Mrs Campbell
Office - Admin Support Assistant	Miss Smith
School Cook	Mrs Wheeler

Parent Council – Elected Members

Thank you to all that attended the Parent Council AGM early this month. Firstly, I would like to thank the elected members of the Parent Council that have stepped down this session, for all of their hard work and the commitment that they have shown to the school.

Secondly, I would like to welcome the newly elected members to the Parent Council – there are many new initiatives to work on this session to enhance the learning and teaching for all pupils of Arnage School.

Home/school Communication Books

Pupils in both classes have now been provided with a home-school communication book. Please use this to communicate with your child's teacher – notes will be initialled by a member of staff once it has been read. OR – please do not hesitate to email the school or myself if you wish.



Water Bottles

Pupils at Arnage School are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Each child should bring a water bottle to school that is clearly labelled. It would be appreciated if these could be filled at home, to reduce the amount of learning time used to queue to fill bottles at the water fountain every morning. Children will be reminded by the class

teacher to collect their bottles at the end of the day for washing.

Macmillian Coffee Morning



Isla Cunningham (P7) has been working extremely hard to organise a Macmillian Coffee Morning. She and her team have been very proactive and they are eager to make this event a great success! We will have leaflets

going home soon – could I ask that you distribute them to neighbours within the community. Everyone is welcome to attend – we are looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 28th from 1.30pm.



Our Parent Council will once again be hosting a Halloween disco for the children. This was a great event last year and I have no doubt this year will be just as 'spooktacular'!!

Save the Date – **Thursday 2nd November (6.30pm-8.00pm)**

School Committees



Pupil Council representatives for each class have now been elected and all other pupils have chosen which committee they would like to be a member of. Our meetings will be held on Thursday afternoons (1.30pm). Should you wish to support a group, either as an additional leader or as an active participant of the group then please get in touch, as we would love to have you as part of our team.

- Groups – Rights Respecting Schools
- Eco Schools
- Healthy Schools
- Charity Event Organisers

Outdoor Clothing



The colder weather has returned, please ensure children are sent to school with suitable outdoor clothing. Outdoor play will be encouraged when it is deemed safe to do so. A change of clothes can be left at school should it be required (a change of trousers and socks are always handy to have!)

Mr Watson (Abby's Dad) has finished making us a welly tree/stand – all pupils are welcome to leave a spare pair of wellies in school for outdoor play and gardening sessions.

School Update

Outside Classroom- Wildlife/Nature Museum

Our outdoor classroom is being turned into a 'Wildlife/Nature Museum'. The children will be working with the teaching staff and Mrs Watson (Abby's Mum), to design and create a useable learning space for both school and the wider community. We have begun working on this and we will ensure to keep you updated with our progress.

If this is something you wish to become involved in, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office for more details.

Curricular Update

Developing the Young Workforce – Skills for Life

In primary schools, 'Developing the Young Workforce' will be an integral part of the curriculum which will allow teachers and pupils to links areas of the curriculum to the World of Work.

All pupils are entitled to a broad general education until the end of S3. In Primary Schools, pupils will be encouraged to identify the [skills for learning, life and work](#) which they are developing and will be supported in communicating these in a range of ways, including the P7 Profile.

At Arnage School, pupils from P1 to P7 will be working on the 'Skills for Life' programme. Mrs McCalman takes a lead role with this in our school – children are encourage to work alongside Mrs McCalman and share new learning and skills they have been developing. More information regarding this will be available during our 'Shared Learning Evening' in term 2.



School Policy Update

Many of our school policies and procedures are approaching the point where they require to be updated.

Throughout this process there will be continuous consultation with primary stakeholders to determine existing processes, problem areas, and to ensure that the policy document developed will enhance the educational provision for *all* pupils.

Educational establishments have many policies and procedures – teaching staff are currently meeting to decide upon the hierarchy of priority in which we tackle these.

Parents Evening

Arnage School parents evening will be held on Thursday 12th October. Parents will be invited to make a 15 minute appointment (a longer appointment this year at the request of Parent Council), via the letter going home with your child shortly, with the additional option to meet with myself to discuss individual pupil standardised assessment results (P2-7). Please note that appointment will last 10 minutes and only the raw data about **your** child will be shared – due to very strict data protection laws, I will **not** be sharing the analysed school data.

Next Parent Council Meeting

To be confirmed.

Current School Policy under Review

Lockdown Policy

This policy has now been shared at Parent Council and has been finalised.

Please contact the school office to view a copy.

Emergency Closure Information

Information Line –

0870 054 4999

PIN - 021220

PHOTO GALLERY

TechFest

The pupils had a fantastic time at TechFest this year! The infant class were bravely visited the mini-beast workshop, floating & sinking, and how the Healthy Body works. The senior class visited the Arctic and Antarctic, then learned how to operate ROVs, before finally experimenting in the 'Light Lab'! All pupils were a credit to the school – It was encouraging to observe them approach new learning experiences with great enthusiasm and curiosity.



2017/2018

September	What's On
Wednesday 6 th	Parent Council AGM
Thursday 21 st	Committee Meetings – 1.30pm (please report to school office)
Thursday 28 th	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – from 1.30pm (school hall)
Friday 29 th	Mr Bambridge (Grace's Dad) – sharing Australian culture with P4-7
October	What's On
Wednesday 4 th	Science Centre Visit – whole school
Tuesday 10 th	Formartine in Bloom Prize Giving – Meldrum Academy 7pm
Thursday 12 th	Parents Evening
Friday 13 th	Last day of school – beginning of October Holidays (2weeks)
Monday 30 th	First Day back to school – beginning of Term 2 Mrs McFarlane back from maternity leave
November	What's On
Thursday 2 nd	Halloween Disco (6.30pm-8.00pm)
Monday 13 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 14 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Friday 17 th	Children in Need – charity event
December	What's On
Thursday 14 th	Provisional dates for Arnage School Christmas Show (am & pm)
Wednesday 20 th	School Christmas Party (parents welcome from 2.30pm)
Friday 22 nd	Last day of term – beginning of Christmas Holidays (2weeks)
January	What's On
Monday 8 th	Start of Term 3

Stay in Touch

Please know that your views and comments are always welcome.

You can-

- call the office to leave a message - 01358 701233
- email the school
arnage.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or
kerry.lawrinson@aberdeenshire.gov.uk



Also, you are more than welcome to pop up to school. Schools are often very busy places, so when possible please call the office first so that a mutually convenient time to meet can be arranged. This will allow us the chance to talk without being interrupted!