

ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 2 - November 2022



Term 2 Begins

We hope everyone had a great Tattie Holiday? From the tales the children have been telling it sounds like you all had a great time. The Halloween party on the first night of term was a spooky success and well done to everyone who won a prize, especially Rebecca who got first prize in the pumpkin competition. We have also already had defibrillator training, in which around a dozen members of the local community came along. Thanks to Gabriel and Joshua's mum for organising. We're all now looking forward to term 2 and some of the exciting things we have planned.



Outdoor Clothing

The weather has definitely taken a turn for the worse but that's not going to stop us getting the children outside as much as possible. Please continue to ensure your child has clothing suitable for wet and cold conditions. Our school wellies are always available and easy to access at break and lunch times as well. We also have overalls to keep out some of the dirt and rain! Please remember to use the hi-viz vests, especially now the clocks have changed.

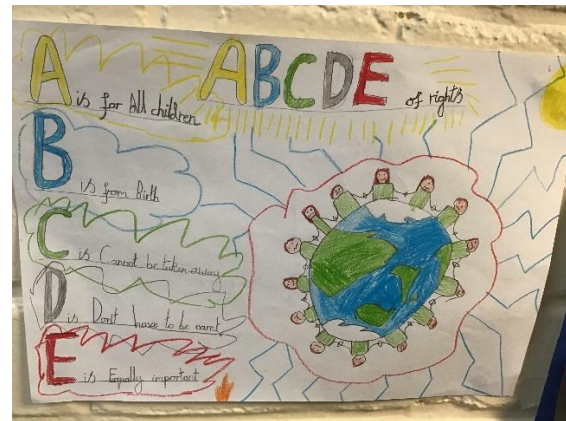
School Vision, Values and Aims

Thanks to everyone's input over the last few years, we have now finalised our new school vision, values and aims and completed child friendly versions of them. During the Thursday in-service day this term Mr Craig and Mrs McCalman will be creating a large display to show this off in the school. Over the course of this year, we'll be promoting them more and more in classrooms, across the school and on our school website. We are celebrating children's achievement related to the values every week in our assemblies and our new display will make their achievements visible to the whole school.

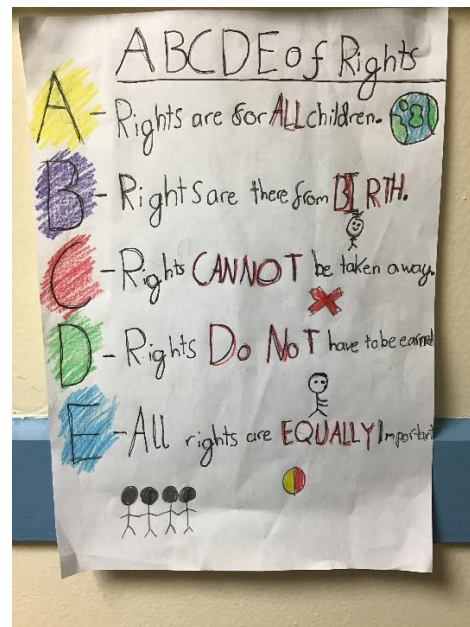
School Committees

Our three committees have been working hard in term 1. The Eco Group have been busy tidying up the garden and have organised our Plastic Free Fridays which start this week. The Charity/Fundraising Group have been researching different charities to decide where they want to focus their efforts. They ran a really successful Games Night – which funded the P7 hoodies. For this term they

have lots of events planned including the Barnardos shoe box appeal, the Elf Shelf and a school talent contest. The Rights Respecting School Group have been working hard on creating a new plan to get our bronze award which they are going to be submitting this week. They also ran a competition to design a poster to show the ABCDE of children's rights. The poster winners from each year group were: Maeve, Mairead, Harper, Lucy, Tilly, Callum, Angus. Well done to all of them.



ABCDE of Rights by Callum



ABCDE of Rights by Angus

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Communication



A reminder of office hours. Mrs Campbell is in on Monday until 12pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday until 2pm. Mrs Smith is in on Monday afternoons and, from this term, Tuesday mornings. Please leave a message if there is no answer as we will be able to pick it up at some point during the day. The school phone number is: 01358 281075;

Email: arnage.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk If you need to contact the school urgently my Skype number is: 01467 530710

Emergency Closure information is at the bottom of page 2.

We have been using home school diaries and the Seesaw app to communicate with parents and this has worked really well in term 1. Please don't use these to communicate any personal or confidential information. This should still be done by phone or using the school or staff aberdeenshire email address.

Learning Partnerships

Coming up over the year we have applied for and won a number of activities that will enhance the children's learning experience by bringing in educators and professionals from outside the school. This term the P4s and 5s are working together once a week to do 'Stemazing' workshops led by a female Chemical Engineer working in the oil industry down in Southampton. Each week the children complete a different STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenge. Next term the P5-7 class will be participating in the 'Farmvention Challenge'. This project is around a design challenge in the area of agricultural engineering and we are hoping to engage local farmers in our project. P5-7 are also taking part in a series of live online lessons run by Eco Schools Scotland looking at different aspects of the environment. Active Schools came out last term to deliver rugby training and this term we are hoping to be able to offer basketball at lunch times.



Parent Council

This will be held in school or via Zoom if you can't make it into school, on **Thursday 10th November at 6.30pm.**

The parent council do a fantastic job and it is a brilliant asset to the school community, new members are warmly invited, please consider joining. They can be contacted through the school or directly at:

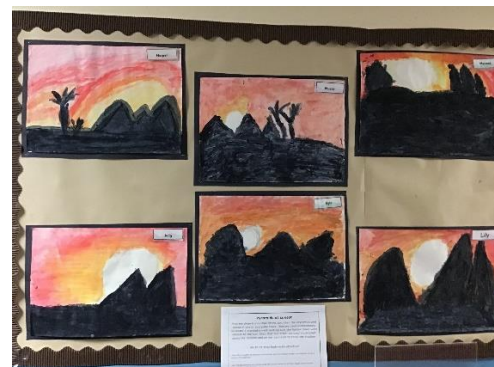
arnagepc@gmail.com. A warm welcome to the new team on the parent council: Treasurer: Chrissie Curragh, Secretary: Lorna Bartlet. Thanks once again to Sarah for agreeing to stay on as Chair until someone can be appointed.

Events Coming Up

There are lots of events coming up over the remainder of this short term. P1-4 are holding an open afternoon to look at their topic work on Egyptians. They are also holding an event for P1 parents to learn more about how we teach literacy in the school. Closer to Christmas we will be having our Elf Shelf present sale, a Christmas party and a trip to Aberdeen Art Centre for the panto. We have already started planning our school outdoor carols by candlelight concert and this year the P1-4s will be putting on a short nativity to accompany the concert. Dates are listed below. Looking even further ahead, Mrs Campbell worked her magic and managed to get us a great deal which will mean our P6s and 7s will be able to go on a residential visit to Abernethy Outdoor Centre, Nethy Bridge, in March.



Lovely Autumn Wellbeing display by P5-7



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022/2023

The dates below will be updated regularly in monthly/termly newsletters – please keep the most recent newsletter for reference as dates may have to change due to unforeseen circumstances and additional dates/events will be added as they are confirmed.

2022 – 23 Term 2	
Monday 31 st October	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Wednesday 2 nd November	Defib training
Wednesday 9 th November	Flu vaccination
Thursday 10 th November	Parent Council meeting
Tuesday 15 th November	Egyptian Open Afternoon P1-4
Wednesday 16 th November	Reading with Parents P1
Wednesday 16 th November	Children in Need – Charity event
Thursday 17 th November	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 18 th November	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 24 th November	Barnardos Shoe box appeal
Thursday 24 th November	Talent Show P7 Fundraiser
Friday 9 th December	Scottish SPCA workshop
Tuesday 13 th December	Elf Shelf
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas Meal
Wednesday 14 th December	Carols By Candlelight (6pm)
Thursday 15 th December	End of Term Assembly
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Party (parents welcome from 2.30pm)
Wednesday 21 st December	Aberdeen Arts Centre Panto visit
Thursday 22 nd December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
2022-23 Term 3	
Monday 9 th January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Tuesday 24 th January TBC	Robert Burns Lunch
Friday 10 th February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 13 th February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Tuesday 14 th February	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 15 th February	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 31 st March	School closes for Spring Holidays

Emergency Closure Information

Information Line – 0370 054 4999, PIN - 021220

2022-23 Term 4

Monday 17 th April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 1 st May	School closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 26 th May TBC	End of Year reports issued
Monday 5 th June	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Wednesday 7 th June TBC	Parents Evening
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June TBC	Health Week
TBC	Summer Show
TBC	P7 Transition (3 days at Academy)
Friday 7 th July	School closes for holiday

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Monday 21 st August	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 22 nd August	School re-opens to pupils