

ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 5 – April 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a lovely Spring break and managed to enjoy some sunshine.



As always, our young people have settled back into the school routine and are working hard. We've loved hearing all about their holidays and how much they enjoyed their Easter Eggs!

New Primary 1 Pupils for 2022-23



We are delighted to be welcoming 4 Primary 1 pupils next school session. The 4 pupils will be joining us over several days this term for their induction days. Parents will attend their first information evening on **Wednesday 27 April**.

Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will take place in school or via Zoom on **Thursday 28 April at 6.30pm**. Our three brilliant office bearers: Sarah, Marion and Eleanor, are all stepping down this year, so we will be looking for some new blood. Please consider whether this is something you would like to be more involved in.



P4-7 Swimming Lessons



Prior to the Easter holidays we had been successful in organising a 4-week block of swimming lessons for all Primary 4-7 pupils.

Unfortunately, this is now on hold due to issues at Ellon pool. We will let you know as soon as they can be re-scheduled.

School Closure

A reminder that school will be **OPEN** on Monday 2nd May as the May Day holiday is now cancelled and has been re-scheduled for 2nd June. We will, however, be closed on **Thursday 5 May** as the school is used as a polling station. The school is closed to *all* pupils and staff.



Primary 6 Residential Trip



Our Primary 6 pupils have been invited to attend a residential trip at Allnacriche along with the Primary 6 pupils from Ellon Primary. This is a 3 night/4 day trip from **Tuesday 10 May to Friday 13 May**. We hope all the pupils have a fantastic time and make lots of great friends and memories.

Techfest

The whole school will attend Techfest on **Wednesday 25 May** where they will take part in various science-based experiments and experiences. Further details will be issued nearer the time.



School Show



On **Wednesday 1 June** we will present to you the Arnage whole school production of "The Greatest Show". Tickets and further details will be issued shortly.

Jubilee Celebrations

In recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the school will be closed on **Thursday 2 June and Friday 3 June**. All pupils and staff will return on Monday 6 June. On **Tuesday 31st May** we will have a Jubilee picnic and games afternoon, parents are invited to come along later in the afternoon. Details to follow.



Health Week

Our annual Health Week will take place from **Monday 6 June to Friday 10 June**. During this week we will participate in lots of fun, healthy activities including:

- **Sports Day** - **Wednesday 8 June**. All parents/carers are invited to attend.
- **OnePlanet Picnic and Litter Pick** - parents/carers are invited to join us for a "One Planet Picnic" and Litter Pick at Balmedie Beach on **Thursday 9 June**



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Parents Evening

We are delighted to say that face-to-face Parents Evenings can now take place. Our next Parents Evening is scheduled for **Wednesday 8 June**. Invitations to select an appointment time will be issued in due course.



Primary 7 Transition to Ellon Academy



Our Primary 7 pupils will be attending Ellon Academy for a Values Day on 20th May and three transition days at Ellon Academy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the week commencing **13 June**.

P7 Leavers Party

Another very important date in the social calendar is the P7 Leavers Party on **Wednesday 22 June**. This promises to be a fun-filled event - details to follow.



Celebrating Success Assembly



We are always delighted to share the successes of our pupils and more so when we get the opportunity to have parents and family members join us. As long as restrictions remain the same, then we would like to invite you all along to help us celebrate on **Thursday 23 June**.

P7 Leavers Assembly

Saying "farewell" to our Primary 7 pupils is always hard, but we know they are more than ready to move on to secondary school. Please join us on **Wednesday 29 June** to celebrate the primary years of our P7s and to wish them all the very best as they move on to Ellon Academy.



End of Term



We finish this school year on **Friday 1 July** and return to school after a 7 week break on **Tuesday 23 August**.

Indoor Shoes and Change of Clothes

Please ensure that all children have an indoor pair of shoes to change into when they arrive at school, after breaks and for PE. We would recommend that all pupils have a change of clothes in school as puddles and water are very popular!



Water Bottles



As the warmer weather is finally here, pupils are becoming thirstier. Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them every day, clearly marked with their name. These can be topped up at the water fountain throughout the school day.

COVID - Face Masks

The current Risk Assessment states that: "Optional wearing of face coverings by individuals. Staff and learners still wishing to wear face coverings remain supported to do so. The wearing of face coverings will not be mandatory, but it will remain encouraged in indoor communal areas in line with the workplace guidance."

Please note that at Arnage School some staff have chosen not to wear face masks whilst in class but will continue to wear them if in close proximity to others.

Current Guidelines (18-04-22)

Children, young people and staff must stay at home and self-isolate if they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19, whether they feel unwell or not
- have tested positive, even if asymptomatic
- are required to self-isolate for any other reason in line with the requirements set out on NHS Inform
- are identified as a close contact and are over 18 years and 4 months and not fully vaccinated
- [Follow current testing advice from Scottish Government.](#)

• Thanks to:

- Loch-Hills Garden Centre for their donation of loads of compost for our raised beds
- Simpsons Garden Centre for their donation of a voucher, compost and seeds for our polytunnel and wildlife garden.

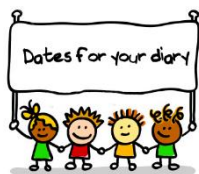
• School Uniform and PE Kit

- We would like children to go back to wearing school uniform again but please don't rush out to buy new clothes, we are happy to phase this in The Parent Council also have a large stock of used items. We have re-considered the benefits of children wearing their PE kits for the whole day and are happy for this to continue this term, if it is easier for parents.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021/2022

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.



Upcoming Events

TERM 4	
April	What's On
Wednesday 27 th April	New P1 Parent Information Evening
Thursday 28 th April	Parent Council Meeting
May	What's On
Tuesday 10 th - Friday 13 th May	P6 Residential Trip - Alltnacriche - 3 nights
Wednesday 25 th May	Techfest
Tuesday 31 st May	Jubilee Picnic and Games Afternoon
June	What's On
Wednesday 1 st June	School Show "The Greatest Show"
Monday 6 th - Friday 10 th June	Health Week
Wednesday 8 th June	Sport Day
Wednesday 8 th June	Parents Evening
Thursday 9 th June	Whole School Trip - Balmedie Beach, One Planet Picnic & Litter Pick
Tuesday 13 th - Thursday 15 th June	P7 Transition to Ellon Academy
Wednesday 22 nd June	P7 Leavers' Party
Thursday 23 rd June	Celebrating Success Assembly
Wednesday 29 th June	P7 Leavers' Assembly



Arnage School Term Dates - 2021/22 and 2022/23

2021-2022 - Term 4	
Monday 18 th April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Thursday 5 th May	School closed - school used as Polling Station
Thursday 2 nd June	School closed - Re-scheduled "May Day" Holiday
Friday 3 rd June	School closed - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday
Friday 1 st July	School closes for Summer Holidays

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