



# Ben Wyvis Primary & Nursery Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2016

## P4 FUND-RAISER

Friday 26th March at 10.30am.

On sale:

Smoothies 30p

Popcorn 50p

Raffle tickets for 'Simba' the lion, cuddly toy £1 for a strip.

Monies raised will go towards our school trip to the Highland Wildlife Park. We will also be donating some of the monies raised to Mary's Meals.

mary's meals

a simple solution to world hunger

**Flexible Nursery Provision in Ben Wyvis.** As you may already be aware, a Childcare Manager is to be appointed after Easter for our school. As Ben Wyvis we will be providing care from 8am till 6pm and it will be the new Childcare Manager who organises this provision. Other schools in the area have different arrangements, so are at different stages in the roll out of this provision. Information will be forthcoming as soon as interviews are completed across Highland.

## Fresh air and fitness!

Some of the staff and children at Ben Wyvis have in the last few weeks decided that we will walk a 'daily mile'. This helps us with our concentration in class and children have really enjoyed this. We have a circuit that we follow and we also enjoy using our school grounds. On Monday we will be walking 2.29 miles (well just over) as it is the 29th February, so some classes have decided to walk to Maryburgh and back. Parent Helpers are welcome.

Miss Hamilton has also been keeping us fit with her early morning cross country runs. A big thank you to Miss Hamilton. We have two events on the 4th and 19th March at Alness Academy. We wish them luck!



The P5/6 and our Junior Road Safety Officers, led an assembly for Fiona our Lollipop Lady. This rap was written by Alex B, Alex E, Lewis and Jamie Kennedy in P5/6. (Thanks to Blake too for his help)

Thank you, thank you for all your hard work

Out in the rain, out in the snow

Keeping us safe day and night

Your cheery chat, its been a delight!

When we see you a beautiful bright sight

We'll miss your Christmas decs and treats

You've been so kind, giving us sweets!

Lollipop, lollipop, lollipop lady

You help us cross the road safely!



We would also ask parents to speak to children who walk home near the large roundabout. There have been a few reports of children walking across this. Buses need to drive over this...so please stay safe!

A big thank you to the staff who are covering the crossing until we can appoint a new Pa-troller!





Well done to our Primary 7s , Mrs Ghee and Mrs Dalseme in the Rotary Quiz.

Erin Watters, Rosie Green, Innes Ross, George Shred & Harriott Everleigh. We didn't win, but it is about taking part.



There have been a couple of children who have not been representing the school very well 'after hours'. A couple of children chose to knock on a few doors in the community and run away. Please be assured that we are working with the Community Police and for those who chose not to behave outside school, there are consequences.

Well done to our **BADMINTON TEAM**. Mrs Beaton and Mrs Maclennan are taking our team to a tournament this Saturday. Thank you also to Ms Mackenzie who has helped with training. They are all doing really well. **GOOD LUCK!!!**



### DATE ALERT!!!! PARENTS NIGHT.

We have a quality assurance visit on the 10th March. This is where all classes and nursery sessions are visited by our area Quality Improvement Officer with a team of specialists. The teachers also have to stay late for parents evening that week. As a consequence, parents evening was moved, but there was a muddle with the letters. Apologies!!

Please note parents night is **TUESDAY 8th MARCH** and **WEDNESDAY 9th**.

New letters were sent out to classes today. If you received one with the wrong date, please return the new one.

### WHAT ARE WE DOING IN SCHOOL?

**Rugby.** Thank you to Nicola Cairncross from Highlife Highland who has been working with our upper school. The children have really enjoyed the sessions. **Feis Ros** finishes this week at school, but the children have worked really well and the music and singing has been outstanding. **Kodaly** (Singing John) has also been visiting Primary 3. Thank you to our visitors! **Resilient Kids**, a health and wellbeing programme supporting children to make the right choices is on-going. Thank you to all the staff who are supporting this. **Tom and Pauline** have started digging!!! Parent helpers welcome and our '**Gardening Club**' is just about to be set up again. We might have a new veg plot soon!! Week of **March 14th** we are all focusing on Learning for Sustainability and the 'Rights of a Child.'

### WORLD BOOK DAY

Wednesday 2nd March



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Please dress up as your favourite book character and donate £1 to school funds.

You can also bring an old book into school and Miss Glass is organising a **BOOK SWAP**.

There will be activities in class / nursery and any competitions held in the day may win you a book of your choice! Parent helpers or story readers for the day are welcome. Please contact Miss Glass.



## Information about Head Lice ....please take note.

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb – ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment. For further information see: <http://www.nits.net/bugbusting> OR <http://www.nhshighland.scot.nhs.uk> – search on head lice



We are delighted that the **Crossing Patroller** is now advertised. Please see myjobscotland for details: (11.25 hpw), Ben Wyvis Primary School, Conon Bridge (HGH02098) Ref no: HGH02098 Closes: Monday, 7th March 2016

TACS:



Miss Dougan has helped us organise a 'trucks and child safety awareness day'. On the 4th March a very large lorry will be joining us and we will be learning about how to stay safe near lorries. Thank you to DHL UK for their help in keeping our children safe.

### What is Trucks and Child Safety all about?

Delivering a better future for children on our roads, TACS is an award-winning, national safety programme. Funded by the DHL UK Foundation and run by DHL employees. Demonstrators take a large vehicle into a school or community group and talk to the children about keeping safe around lorries. Since 1998, 250,000 children (between the ages of 7 and 11) have received training **free of charge**.

- What exactly the driver can or cannot see in the mirrors.
- Make the children aware of the truck's dimensions. Just how loud is the engine?
- What and where are the vehicle's blind spots? How difficult is it for a driver, while inside the cab, to hear a child shouting?
- What distance is needed on the nearside when a vehicle is turning left at a junction? Children learn how to walk safely around the vehicle and where to stand on the pavement. What should you do if a football runs under a truck?

**WELL DONE TO Nell Fraser in P7. Nell's team 'Highland Pups' skated last week and they got another personal best and took silver in the international competition for their category preliminary and gold for Scotland so are the current Scottish champions, her sister Molly's team, 'Northern Dolphins' skated on Friday and they also got a personal best and silver in the international competition for mixed age and gold for Scotland so are also Scottish Champions!!!**

