



Ben Wyvis Primary Newsletter—June 2017

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to Summer Fayre at Ben Wyvis. The sun shone, we had a great turn out and we raised £3000 after expenses. The feedback was really positive and many stall holders asked if we could have a Christmas Craft Fayre... Well done to the Parent Council and the organising team. It was a superb effort.

Staffing—We are sad to announce that Mrs Schmidt and Mrs Forbes are retiring this session and Mr Cormack will be leaving too. We will be saying goodbyes at our end of term assembly. In Highland, staffing for classes is organised centrally. Schools identify possible vacancies in Feb/March and then allocations are given to schools in May / June. So far, we know that Miss Lachlan will be joining the Ben Wyvis Team as a permanent teacher and we will also have two probationers from August. Miss Fraser & Mrs Booth will be at Ben Wyvis until Mrs McDowall and Mrs G. Mackie (Hamilton) return.

Classes for next year are drafted, however as pupils continue to enrol, classes will not be finalised until the end of term. (In Highland, classes can also change right up till October of the new term). As soon as we have all the details, we will share these with parents.

Well done to the Ben Wyvis Hockey Team at the Cup Tournament. There were 80 children participating and about 50 parents/grandparents watching. We entered 4 teams and the pupils' effort, behaviour and performances were amazing. Thank you to Mrs Barlow and her team for helping coach and organise:

Ben Wyvis Alligators 1st / Ben Wyvis Bears 3rd
Ben Wyvis Cats 8th / Ben Wyvis Dolphins 7th



Dates for your diary

7th June. 5.15pm	New P1 Information Evening in P1 classroom
8th June	General Election Polling —School closed to pupils
9th June	Reports sent home
14th June	Sports Day. 9.30am start. (Weather permitting)
15th June	County Sports. Individual pupils will be notified
20th June	Summer Picnic—dress up as a Super Hero for the day— contribution £1.00. EARLY LUNCH FOR MAIN SCHOOL.
21st June	P7 visit Academy for 3 days Disco at Dingwall Academy for P7 children on 22nd
22nd June	Moving up day for P1—P6 11—12pm
28th June	9.30am Awards Assembly for whole school
29th June	9.30am P7 Leavers Assembly and party. P7 parents welcome
30th June	School closes for the summer at 12.00
14th August	INSET Day for staff
15th August	School open to pupils
28th August	Health and Wellbeing focus week—school
30th August 9.30am	The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe—M&M Productions. Early Years—P7. £3.00 per child. Letter to be sent out in the first week of term
18th / 19th September	INSET Day—school closed to all pupils
27th September	Individual and family group photos
28th September	Individual and family group photos
Friday 6th October	School closed for the October break. School reopens on Monday 23rd October

News for August: One class in school has been offered the opportunity to work with 'Skillforce'. 'Skillforce', a Charitable Company, will support a class to complete over the course of the year, the new Prince William Award. This is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award, but is based in the school grounds. Mrs Dalseme, as Acting DHT will be the lead for the Explorer Award and therefore the class that she teaches in August will be working on the award, which will be delivered by Skillforce.

The class will complete the Explorer Award.

Permission slips will follow, when the classes are finalised for August later this term.

Altnacriche Residential Trip last week

Primary 7 really enjoyed going to Alltnacriche last week. We did lots of fun activities including zip line, gorge scrambling, ropes course, wood carving, water-sports, archery, trail biking and many more! Our favourite was the zip line and gorge scrambling where we had a water fight at the top of the gorge. Landmark was fun too. Thank you to our parents, Parent Council for paying for the buses and the adults who came with us.

Rosie and Natalia



NEWS:

Literacy Ambassador Project. A number of S6's from Dingwall Academy will be supporting a group of P6 and P7 children next session. The groups will focus on literacy skills using different media / activities. We will be writing to those involved, however we hope the project will really make a difference to those who may need a boost with their work.

P7's and Google Classroom. P7 have been working with Mrs Mackie and Mrs Ghee to learn about how to use the google apps for education. We have been visiting Dingwall Academy and using their computer suite. By the end of the visits, we would hope that P7s are not only familiar with parts of the Academy and the lesson structure, but they will also be able to use the apps, which support some classes and homework at Dingwall.

Football Tournament in Invergordon—well done to all those who represented the school. We came 6 out of 30 schools. Thank you to Mrs Barlow for accompanying the team.

Standards and Quality Report. 2017—18. This will be available on our school website soon or you can ask for a copy from the school office. The report identifies what we have done as a school over the last year and what we would like to achieve in the next session.

Pupil Council—well done to the Pupil Council for raising £81.00 at the school fayre by selling ice-cream. The Council will decide what they would like to spend their monies on in the next meeting. Well done too, to the other classes in school who ran enterprises during the fayre. We have lots of budding entrepreneurs in the school.

PARENT COUNCIL.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7th June** at the earlier time of 4pm—5.15pm. The P1 new parents evening is being held at 5.15pm, so new parents are very welcome to join us in the staffroom from 4pm.

School lunches—A reminder—Home Dinners

Please can all children who go home at lunch, have a letter from home (even if this covers them for the week or term). This ensures we have parental permission in place. All children must sign out and sign back in.