



May '14 Newsletter

Parent Council

We now have a fundraising committee and are very much looking forward to the School Fayre this Saturday, 10th May (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.). The committee has worked hard to include fairly inexpensive, pupil friendly activities. We hope to see you all there.

The Parent Council welcomes any parent/carer (Nursery – P7) along to their meetings. If you have an issue you would like to see included on an agenda, this should be raised with the P.C. Executive or passed to the School Office for consideration. Our next meeting is on Mon 2nd June at 6.45 p.m. Our website will hopefully go live within the next couple of weeks and we hope to post agendas and minutes there.

The Parent Council gets some commission every time someone logs in to Easyfundraising.org.uk – select *Support a good cause* and enter *Longside School (Name of Good Cause)*.



School Performance

Please find enclosed the feedback we got from parents/carers on parental involvement. This exercise was undertaken at the Open Evening and yielded a very positive return. Most parents feel well informed about their child's progress through our Learning Letters, homework tasks and regular Footloose Friday events.

We are very pleased that a Quality Improvement Visit has been scheduled for Thursday, June 5th. This is a good opportunity to share the school's many successes and achievements. Our P.C. has been asked to identify a few parents/carers to be involved in a discussion with attending Quality Improvement Officers. If you would like to be involved in this, please pass your name to the School Office.





Sports Day – Monday 12th or Thursday 15th May

All being well, Sports Day will go ahead on the morning of Monday 12th May at 09:15. Parents/carers should make their way round to the playing field. A message will be posted on the telephone facility at around 8 a.m. (once I've had an opportunity to inspect the grass!).

(0870 054 4999 – 022 210 option 3)

Children should come to school wearing sports clothes. Although we will provide water and a snack, your child may wish to **bring a clearly labelled** bottle to carry with them. Sun protection is also advised (please apply before school).

We'll be flying our prizewinning flags from the Footloose event that day too. Well done to:

**Ferguson – Christopher W. and Luke E.
Keith – Lewis A. and Natalie W.
Skinner – Millie and Lois S.
Bruce – James M and Dominic U.**

Loch Insh

Our P7s were an absolute credit to us and to their families at Loch Insh. They enjoyed fine weather and a 'character building' few days. Special thanks to Mr Taylor and Jack Donaldson who led the group so competently.

Gala

As a village organisation we have been invited to contribute any 'eats'. The Gala Committee would be extremely grateful to receive any items after 9.30 a.m. at the Football Club (marquee) on Saturday 17th May. Suggested contributions – pancakes, scones, cakes/biscuits or fruit loaves.

Nursery

We are delighted to welcome Mrs L. Hendry into the Longside School Community. We have already begun to plan for a small sports event for nursery parents/carers to attend this term, more information will come home from the nursery.

We are moving forward with the additional nursery hours for next session. Pupil sessions are to be extended from 2hrs 30 mins to 3 hrs 10 mins. It is likely that we will run with the authority's preferred model:

a.m. class: 8.45 – 11.55
p.m. Class: 12.20 – 3.30



Bikeability Lv 2

In order that we can deliver Bikeability Lv2 to our P6s as usual, we hope to recruit parent volunteers to assist with lessons. Miss Ingram will be attending a training afternoon at Pitfour School, Thursday 8th May 1.00 – 3.30 p.m. (volunteers can also attend). **If you are able to help please complete the tear-off slip provided.**

Following a recent accident I am delighted to report on the very good progress made by Ryan (p5). He popped in to see us all last Friday and was on great form. We look forward to seeing him back and fully recovered very soon.

From the kitchen

Please remember to purchase dinner tickets between 08:45 and 09:00. This is also the best time to hand in any outstanding dinner tickets. On a fruity Friday, fruit is sold at a cost of 25p.

Class Configuration

Once again it is time to look at class configuration for next session; this is never easy with fluctuating numbers and other variables. Staffing numbers correlate with the pupil roll, this also informs how classes are configured. I hope to be in a position to issue information about proposed classes very soon. Simultaneously I hope to share information about nursery classes. Information about composite classes is enclosed.

Little Giants

P1 and P2 are looking forward to a Science presentation and workshop this Wednesday – Little Giants (bees).



Bikeability -

Please tick

Can support lessons

Can attend the training session on Thurs 8th May

Name _____ Contact No. _____

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