

SKENE SQUARE SCHOOL

NEWS BULLETIN

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Happy Easter Everyone!



What a busy term it's been! The school is sprucing up for Spring with new carpets and newly painted walls. A range of new resources both for literacy and numeracy have been bought and both the teaching staff and children appear happy with their new curriculum resources

150 Years

As we bring Skene Square's 150 year old celebrations to a close we would like to take this opportunity to thank the wider community for supporting us with what has been a year of both sharing and creating memories. Mrs Clark has arranged for pupils to record the school song (written by Mrs Mennie and the song group) and we hope to have this available in the Summer Term.

PCFRC Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all who helped organise and make this event happen. Your efforts are very much appreciated. It was great turn out and all expressed how much they had enjoyed the event.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that Mrs V Burnett will be joining our staff as the teacher of P5/6 on Tuesday 22nd April 2014. We say congratulations and good luck to Mr Anderson, P7A Teacher, whose last day with us will be Friday 4th April 2014 before taking up the position of Head Teacher at Old Rayne Primary School. We wish him all the best for the future. Miss Findlay will be teaching P7A with Miss Paterson covering at the end of the week to allow Miss Findlay to continue her duties as Depute Head Teacher.

Book Fayre

£1625.62 was the grand total made at the Book Fayre. This gave us £975.37 in commission to spend on books for the school. Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fayre.

Sport Relief Day

We had great fun on Friday for Sport Relief and raised a grand total of £198.89! The whole school took part in the Zumba Fun.



Science Week

A full range of activities are taking place across the school this week as Skene Square works to meet the Primary Science Quarter Mark Bronze Award. Remember as a fun end to Science Week children are invited to dress as a "Mad Scientist" on Thursday 3rd April.

Easter Egg Competition

The judging of the Easter Egg competition takes place on Thursday 3rd April. Everyone will have to work hard as last year had "eggs-cellent" entries!

Lunch Menu

A new lunch menu has been issued to each family. This menu is used in all schools throughout Aberdeen City. The buffet sandwich lunches available every day will be replaced with one week being - two days buffet and three days baked potatoes and the following week – three days buffet and two baked potato. The buffet sandwiches will consist of more updated wraps and panini's.

School Improvement Plan - Partnership

Key Theme: The Schools Success in Working with and Engaging the Wider Community.

Next term we will be working in partnership with both our Secondary Schools and Nursery Providers as we support our pupils with the transition to Secondary School and also prepare the nursery children as they look forward to starting their school career with us at Skene Square.

As part of our partnership working we thank Les Kilminster for his on going support of the school. Les donates both to the nursery and to the school tuck shop on a weekly basis and the money raised goes towards new resources for the pupils.

Thank you to Gilchrist Funeral Director's for kindly donating a bright bunch of daffodils for our Primary 1 children to take home for Mother's Day.

On Wednesday the 12th of March 'The Education Meets Enterprise Initiative' was launched at Skene Square School. The Petrex Team, Kevin, Derek and Ian worked with Primary 7A and Primary 7F sharing informative presentations and interactive group sessions to raise the pupils' awareness of The Oil, Gas and Renewables Industry. The pupils responded with great excitement and enthusiasm. The pupils have been completing a Design Challenge on how they would see the Subsea Field Development in the year 2050! The winning design will be revealed next term.

School Questionnaire

Thanks to all who submitted a completed questionnaire on "How we are doing at Skene Square School". Over a third of our families returned a paper questionnaire and less than 1% accessed the questionnaire through Survey Monkey. Almost all returns were positive across the board. Appreciation was given to the hard work and dedication of Teaching and Support Staff and the input Enhanced Provision has had to optimum learning. Many suggested updating the outside area. Specific information can be found through accessing Skene Square School blog – <http://skenesquare.edublogs.org>

City Church – Friday 4th April – Easter Service

We will be attending City Church on Friday 4th April for our Easter Service. If you do not wish your child to attend the service please let us know in writing.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY REMAINDER OF SESSION 2013/2014

Term 3 Ends	Friday 4 th April 2014
Easter Holiday	Monday 7 th April to Monday 21 st April 2014 (Good Friday 18 th April 2014)
Term 4 Begins	Tuesday 22 nd April 2014
In Service Day (Staff Only)	Friday 2 nd May 2014
May Day Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2014
Parent Consultation Evening	Tuesday 6 th May 2014
Parent Consultation Evening	Thursday 8 th May 2014
Election Day	Thursday 22 nd May 2014
P7 Residential Trip	Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th June
Term Ends	Friday 4 th July 2014

We have been making flower pictures for Spring. Learning about Easter and making Easter baskets.

N1

We have been experimenting with old felt pens and water to make our own water colour paints.

N2

We have been hard at work rehearsing for our play "Farmer Brown and the Brave Robins" and learning some new songs

P1B

We all enjoyed learning about the Oil and Gas Industry. Thank you to Ian, Derek and Kevin for coming in to talk with us.

P7A & P7F

We have been learning about Spring and the signs that tell us the season is changing. We looked for them on our playground "spring Walk".

P1P

We have been learning about the process in which solid can change to a thick liquid. This is called liquid Faction. We have also enjoyed designing Gita, a type of Japanese shoe.

P6

We have been learning about "People Who Help Us". We really enjoyed when Sophia's mum came in to talk to us about being a doctor. We even got to listen to her heartbeat with her stethoscope!

P1R

We have used our learning about Japanese patterns to make Koi Carp Kites and are now looking forward to our trip to Yo Sushi!

P5/6

We enjoyed designing and building our unsinkable ships. We tested them and it was really fun!

P2

We have been learning about ways in which the rainforest is under threat and will write a mini report about this and things people can do to help save the rainforest.

P5

We have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt – mummifying Mrs Shewan, re-enacting Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamen and looking at artefacts.

P2/3

We have been designing our own symmetrical shapes and learning about digit roots and how to create shapes using them.

P4

We have enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. We enjoyed re-enacting the mummification process with Mrs Shewan.

P3

We have been learning about different festivals and the way that people celebrate them.

P3/4

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