



## Aberlady Primary School Newsletter – February 2019

“We learn to be wise”

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Welcome to our February newsletter.

### Numeracy Attainment

Recently at Parent Council we discussed our attainment figures over the last 7 years and were encouraged by them so would like to share with the wider parent forum our good news. It was noted that we have steadily improved our numeracy results and last year in particular we are now seeing the fruits of our improvement plan in our attainment results. All staff have undertaken further numeracy training to enhance their skills, we have invested in resources, and we have ensured we are spending time on this subject every day. We tailor resources in school to pupils who need extra support and challenge. We have changed how we deliver numeracy in the nursery and P1 and P2 and feel this new approach (SEAL) which is based on the most recent research available is helping us provide a solid foundation on which our pupils can build their numeracy and mathematical skills.

### P1-3 Packed Lunches on Fridays



As part of being an Eco school, and reducing the amount of plastic we use in school, we will no longer be giving bottles of water with the free packed lunches on a Friday. We hope that you will be able to provide water or a drink from home with your child's lunch. If however you would still like to get a bottle of water, please let the school office know and we will arrange for this.

### Headlice

We are aware that there are quite a few cases of headlice in various classes at the moment. Please check your child's hair regularly. If you find your child has headlice they should not attend school until they have been treated. This will help us try to stop the spread around the school.



### Outdoor Nursery

We have recently had confirmation that the proposed Outdoor Nursery Classroom for Aberlady Primary will **not** be going ahead. It is anticipated that we will trial additional hours between April and June 2020 with a move to permanent hours in August 2020. We are unsure at the moment how

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the hours will be delivered or offered to families. It may be that the total hours will be delivered in conjunction with child minders and private nurseries.  
So it is business as usual in the nursery here at Aberlady until further notice.

### Wonderful Wednesday/Fantastic Fridays

We wrote to you earlier in the year to advise that our Early Level pupils (N+P1) would take part in Wonderful Wednesday and our First and Second Level pupils (P2-P5 and P6-P7) would be involved in Fantastic Fridays. We have now decided to amalgamate the two therefore all classes will be involved in Wonderful Wednesdays, still working in the same levels, on the following dates.

6<sup>th</sup> March : 20<sup>th</sup> March : 24<sup>th</sup> April : 1<sup>st</sup> May

We have already had two sessions since returning this term where the pupils were working on the following:

**Early Level** – Our nursery and P1 pupils spent the first session finding out about Scotland through art, music and drama and in the second session, have been doing a maths topic to explore direction and movement. They had great fun with an obstacle course, programming computer toys and doing some dance.



**1<sup>st</sup> Level** – In January P2-P5 did some artwork connected with Scotland and you can see these displayed in our corridor. The second session involved looking at “a balanced diet”. They made some delicious salads – a fruit salad, a winter salad and a couscous salad.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Level** – During both sessions, P6 and P7 have been working on “Coding” – gaining an insight into how computer software is created.



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## Dates for your Diary

### **February**

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> P1 and P7 Dental checks
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm – SIP groups

### **March**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – P5 and P6 Rugby Taster session and P7 Cluster Rotary Quiz
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wonderful Wednesday
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – P5 and P6 Rugby Taster session
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Primary Cross Country Championships – Jog Club pupils
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Class photographs – AFTERNOON
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – DYW Nurse Project – working with P2's
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – 7pm Parent Council meeting in school
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – P6 Tag Rugby Festival – NBHS
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wonderful Wednesday
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### **April**

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Learning Consultations P1-P7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – John Harrison (Countryside Ranger) in school working with P4/5
- 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Service in Aberlady Kirk led by P3

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