



Saltoun Primary School

May Newsletter 2013



A very brief piece from me this time. We are having a very busy term as is usual for the Summer Term. We are about to go off to Innerwick with P4's, followed a fortnight later with P5-7's. There are the many sports activities happening- rugby and cricket amongst them. We are planning a health/sports week from 17th-21st of June, which will include our sports day (Thurs 20th)- at Saltoun -with a HATS morning before it. We are hoping for good weather- remember last year's sports day?

The day before-Wednesday 19th- is our Tri-School Sports at Meadowmill. Humbie and Saltoun are teaming up with Elphinstone for this. It will be organised by P.E. students and will look like an athletics meet- javelin, hurdles relays etc. The children will be in year groups, mixed across the three schools and be split into two clans-McHaggis and McSporran- to compete for a trophy. The facilities at Meadowmill allow for an audience and you will be invited to come along and view the action. More of that later.

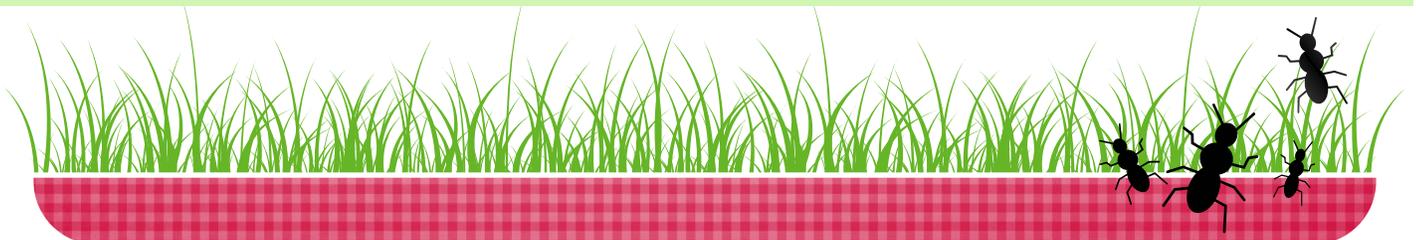
This newsletter contains dates for all the up-coming events and we will keep you posted about additions.

Lindy Lynn

Head Teacher

Innerwick Trips

It looks like we are all prepared with kit lists out. Remember if you are unable to transport your child to Innerwick then please let us know. Medical forms will be issued just prior to each group leaving so do please ensure they are returned to school by the due date. We have 20, P5-7 children from Humbie and Saltoun attending 28-30th May and 18, P4 children from Humbie and Saltoun attending on 14-16th May. We will update the blog to let you know how the children are doing and what they have been up to. Could we please ask for volunteers to do some baking? We need 24 portions of whatever you send in. Please let us know if you can do this. Thanks.



Projects This Term:



P1/2 We will soon be visiting a potato processing plant in Samuelston to learn more about locally grown food. We are also taking part in a national potato growing competition. Our postponed visit to the recycling centre should be going ahead on 20th May. But our most exciting event is our Daffodil Café (see details later in newsletter). Invitations are well in hand and everyone is invited for juice and a healthy snack.

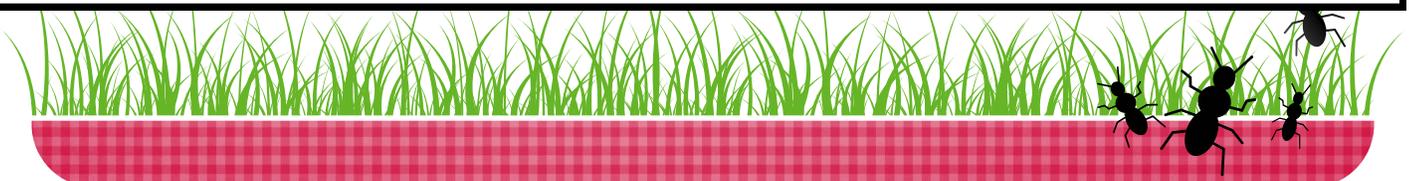
P3/4 We have just finished looking at 'Oceans' and have started our new topic 'The Egyptians'. In maths we are finishing time and going on to do multiplication and division. Forest Schools is now up and running on a Tuesday afternoon along with rugby each Tuesday morning. **Please send your children in rugby kit, tracksuit bottoms, old trainers and tshirt. The children should bring school uniform to change into.** We will also be creating imaginative stories. Do please join us at the opening of our Art Exhibition (see details later in newsletter).

P5-7 Will be learning about Natural Disasters. The physical process of an exploding volcano and the impact it has on people and landscapes. We have written newspaper reports, made exploding volcanoes, used the internet and books. We will be writing an imaginative story set in Pompeii. For our next part of the topic we will be learning about hurricanes.

We are using our research skills to create power point presentations explaining how earthquakes and tsunamis occur. In Forest School the natural environment will inspire our fabric art, this is a really good reason to use our new sewing machine. We are also hoping to raise a football team and we have cricket to enjoy.

Nursery The nursery have been learning about planting peas and will follow up with a garden centre trip on 16th May. We have also been exploring 'Feelings' and will have a "Worry Box" for children to talk to our cuddly dog and put their name in if they have a problem/worry.

Other activities planned for this term are: looking after stick insects, using marbling inks, meeting Monty the toothbrushing dog (puppet!), group times and drama for P1 transition and ante-pre language development, learning about the seaside/pirates, practising physical skills in lead up to sports day, Forest school, and an end of term family outing to East Links with Humbie. Luckily we have Kirsty Speirs, a BEd teaching student from Moray House, to help us until the 16th of May.



Diary Dates:

May

6th	Holiday
7th	P3/4 Rugby P5-7 Cricket Session
8th	Dental check ups for P1 & P7
10th	P6 team Little & Large Cookery Competition at Ross High
14th	P3/4 Rugby
14-16th	P4 at Innerwick Outdoor Centre
16th	Nursery Outing to Smeaton Garden Centre, East Linton
20th	Holiday
21st	In-Service Day
22nd	Nursery into P1 Transition Drama
23rd	Little & Large Cookery Final—if we are successful P1 new parents meeting 11am
28-30th	P5-7 at Innerwick Outdoor Centre

June

5th	P3/4 Rugby Festival
6th	Humbie nursery at Saltoun Transition drama Nursery into P1
12&13th	Ross High P7 Transition Days
13th	Nursery trip to East Links Country Park with Humbie
17th	Nursery/P1 transition event
18&19th	Knox P7 transition days
19th	Cluster Try School Sports P1-P7 at Meadowmill
20th	HATS day and Sports Day
27th	End of Year Assembly
28th	School closes for holidays

School Trips

We are very aware of the cost of school trips and do try to keep the costs down. Unfortunately the cost of buses is astronomical and outwith our control. Just to let you know that the school spent **£2,707** on trips **so far this year** and we have asked for **£1,528** from yourselves which means we have subsidised trips by **£1179**—a lot of money! The school is happy to do this as we see trips as a vital to the educational experience of the children. We never charge for trips for sports events, sports festivals etc.

Remember if your child is cycling or using their scooter to come to school then a helmet should be worn. Please DO NOT LET children cycle in the playground.

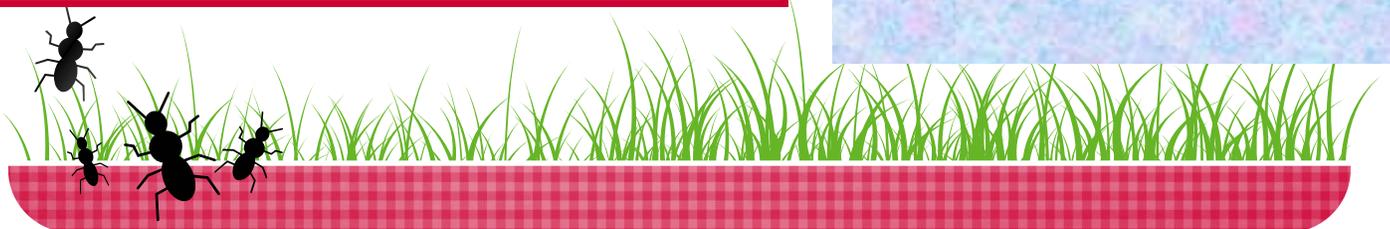
Sponsored Walk/Cycle

Saturday 22nd June

Pencaitland Railway Walk

All proceeds to Mary's Meals

Details to follow.



P3/4 Art Exhibition
Grand Opening Event
Wednesday 22nd May
6-7pm



Wine & Nibbles

Come and see how well the children have painted in the style of famous artists.

The gallery shop will be open at the same time to allow you to purchase, prints and cards. The original paintings will also be available for sale at the same time.

A catalogue will be available.

All profits to Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals

You are now no doubt all aware of the children's intention to raise £6,000 for a new kitchen in a school in Malawi. Each newsletter we will keep you updated with how they are doing.



P1/2 Daffodil Tea

Wednesday 8th May

2.15 to 2.45pm

All Welcome



Can we remind parents that children should have PE kit (tshirt, shorts and gym shoes) in school at ALL TIMES. Children can use their gym shoes for changing into when they come into school. Also a reminder that lunch money should be paid on a Monday for the week of any particular days of the week.

Do also remember to keep us up to date with changes in email addresses, phone numbers etc.

Mrs Baillie has changed her hours and the office is now manned at the following times:

8.50 to 3pm Monday to Thursday

8.50 to noon Friday

Please ensure that you pick up your children on time. If Mrs Baillie is not there then the teachers have to look after your child/ren which holds them back from their work



Children's Safety

Can you please ensure that your child/ren do NOT climb on the playground wall. Please also ensure that they do not enter the field with the sheep as this obviously scares the sheep! We are also awaiting the renewal of the fence onto the playing field, in the meantime, please do not let your children go through the hedge and the hole in the fence. The children have been spoken to by Mrs Lynn re the above.