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## Newsletter 4 May 2018

May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Easter Show

Well done to all who took part in the concert Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits! What a fantastic show! Thank you to all the staff and parents who made the show such a success by providing props and fabulous costumes, raffle prizes and attending on the night to support the children. Also, a huge thank you to Jenny, Douglas, Gemma and Chris Giles who always bring the best out in our talented pupils. A total of £1368.95 was raised for the school fund through ticket and programme sales. The Parent Council also raised just over £600.00 from the raffle.

### Easter Service

Our Easter Service was led by Reverend Wilma Johnston. It was lovely service and we were glad to be able to share it with so many parents and friends. In the afternoon pupils took part in a house challenge; P 1 - 3 took part in an Easter egg hunt around the school, P 4 - 5 created posters about the Easter story and P6-7 made Easter bonnets.

### Be Fantastic Reduce Your Plastic

Primary 6 continue to work hard helping to increase children's awareness of single use plastic. At the end of last term they held "The Great Crisp Swap" where pupils swapped their packet of crisps for an item with no packaging. Swapped crisp packets were then donated to the Orkney Food Bank. Well done Primary 6!

On Monday, they visited the Council Offices to get an update from councillors on the small working party set up to reduce single use plastics in the school meals service.

Their next project is a beach clean-up on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, close to Sir David Attenborough's birthday on May 8<sup>th</sup> and as part of the #doitforDavid campaign. If you'd like to come along and help out with this, please let us know at the school.

### Bag The Bruck

Our P1's and P5's carried out our yearly beach clean at Dingieshowe on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you to all the helpers who came along. The children had a great morning at the beach and the rain only started once they got back on the bus! The biggest find was a huge piece of rope and all the children had to work together to drag it up the beach!

### **School Uniform**

Wearing school uniform contributes to our positive school ethos, helps avoid discrimination and reduces peer pressure to wear expensive designer clothing. In a change to previous arrangements, Birsay Farmers are no longer able to supply the school with clothing and so there are now two suppliers selling uniform locally:

John Kemp, 28 Albert Street, Kirkwall.      01856 873190

<http://www.johnkemp.co.uk/>

MacGregor Industrial Supplies      (Showroom under construction, order online)

<http://macgregorschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/primary-schools/st-andrews-primary/>

### **Japanese Week**

Across Orkney during May, school children will be learning about Japan. Here at St Andrews from 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> May, our P1 - 4 classes will undertake a cross-curricular project comparing the cultures of Japan and Orkney and our P5 - 7 project will be 'Escape from the Island' with a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) focus. Activities at the school will include:

- Storytelling with Tom Muir for P5-7
- Designing mini kimonos with Kirsteen Stewart, P1-4
- Making Sushi
- Japanese lunch on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Introduction to Karate (P6 & 7)
- Visit from EMEC staff (European Marine Energy Centre)
- Talk from Martin Solloway on Japanese life.

### **Sports Day**

Weather permitting, sports day will be on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June this year. The day will follow the usual format, with P1-4 children's events beginning at 9.30am, P5-7 events at 1.30pm and the whole school relay and tug of war at 2.30pm. Parents, family members and friends are welcome to come along. If the weather is not suitable, parents will be informed of the change by text message.

### **Report Cards**

Teachers are busy collecting information for report cards and these will be issued to parents on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

### **School Review**

The education department plan to carry out a school review as part of their scheduled quality assurance process. Our service improvement officers will carry out the review of the school over the following dates: 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. Part of the process will include focus groups with pupils, parents and staff. This is a welcomed process which will validate the life and work of the school and help with setting next steps for improvement.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

<b>30<sup>th</sup> April - 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Intermediate Instrumental Course</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>May Day holiday</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May - 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Japan Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Parent Council Meeting, 6.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bag the Bruck P6</b>
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Norwegian Constitution Day</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>P7 Lagganlia Trip</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>In-service day (school closed to pupils)</b>
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Primary Athletics Competition</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Transition Sports Festival (P7) KGS</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>Reports sent home to parents</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day (Weather permitting)</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>P5 Outdoor education days</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>KGS Transition Days (P7)</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>P7 Leaver's Assembly</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Kind Regards**  
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