



September/October 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

- **House Captains & Vice Captains** – The following pupils were awarded the honour of House / Vice Captain roles for this session. Pupils applied for the posts and interviews were carried out by Mrs Farquhar and Mrs Moir.

Craigshannoch	– Abby & Sophia
Mither Tap	– Reece & Sophie
Millstone	– Ava & Kyla
Oxen Craig	– Michael & Carla
- **Pupil Council** – Following a mini election in each of our year groups, these pupils have been elected as members of our Pupil Council this year –
P1 – Finn
P2 – Poppy
P3 – Rhuaridh
P4 – Lewis
P5 – Finn
P6 – Annabelle
P7 – Abby
- **Doric Poetry Competition** – Our first competition was held last week and we had a great morning watching and listening to all our finalists! They were all so good! Our 3 judges (Mr Glen, Mrs Alexander and Emily) had such a hard task deciding the winners. However, our 2022 champions are Georgia (P1-3 category) and Carly (P4-7 category) – huge congratulations and well done to them! They each received a trophy to take home and their names will be the first to be engraved on our new shields which will be put on display in school.
Thank you to all the staff and parents/carers who helped the children learn their poems!



Congratulations to Georgia and Carly!

- **Hamewith Concert** – Well done to our four pupils who gave excellent performances in front of a large audience at the Doric Festival in Alford on Thursday night. Carly, Georgia, Caelan and Finn were fantastic, we are very proud of them!
- **Hungry Haggis Café** – IT'S BACK!!! On Tuesday 4th October, our school would like to invite you to our Hungry Haggis Café for soup and a 'fine piece'. Come and join us from 1.30 – 3.00pm. We will have some of our pupils recite their Doric poems and our 'Save the Animals' group will be having a stall to sell their homebakes. Entrance by donation. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!
- **Parents' Evenings** – Our first Parents' Evenings of the session take place on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th October. Slips have been issued so please ensure you return yours with your preferred choice of date.
- **Hallowe'en** – Hallowe'en, as you know, falls on the first day back to school after the holidays. We will have a day of fun activities and the pupils (and staff!) are invited to come to school in fancy dress that day. Please note – no scary masks or 'weapons' should be brought. Face paints are fine.
- **First Class Photograph** – Look out for the First Class photo of our P1 children in the Press & Journal / Evening Express sometime soon! We will let you know the date it will appear as soon as we hear.

- **A request...** Finn, Rupert and Zac (some of our P1 pupils) have asked if I could put this photo into the newsletter so that EVERYONE can see the Lego house, boat and car they have made – they are so proud of their teamwork!



- **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 3 rd October 2022	Next instalment due for P6,7 residential visit
Tuesday 4 th October 2022	Hungry Haggis Café – details to follow
Tuesday 11 th October 2022	Parent/Teacher meetings 3:20 – 5:50pm
Thursday 13 th October 2022	Parent/Teacher meetings 5:00 – 7:30pm
Friday 14th October 2022	School closes
Monday 31st October 2022	School opens
Monday 31 st October 2022	Hallowe'en Dress-up Day
Friday 4 th November 2022	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 16 th November 2022	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 16 th November 2022	Movie Night P1-7 (details to follow)
Thursday 17th November 2022	In-Service Day 2
Friday 18th November 2022	In-Service Day 3
Friday 25 th November 2022	Tempest Photography – details to follow
Friday 9 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 th December 2022	Next instalment due for P6,7 residential visit
Week beginning Monday 12 th December 2022	Christmas Show – details to follow
Week beginning Monday 19 th December 2022	Christmas parties – details to follow
Friday 23rd December 2022	School closes
Monday 9th January 2023	School opens
Friday 27 th January 2023	Hungry Haggis Café
Monday 13th February 2023	Holiday
Tuesday 14th February 2023	In-Service Day 4
Wednesday 15th February 2023	In-Service Day 5
Monday 20 th February 2023	Final instalment due for P6,7 residential visit
Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Tempest Photography – whole school vista photo
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day/Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Friday 17 th March 2023	Comic Relief
Friday 31st March 2023	School closes
Monday 17th April 2023	School opens
Monday 17 th – Wednesday 19 th April 2023	P6,7 Residential Trip
Monday 1st May	Holiday
Friday 7th July 2023	School closes

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Jill Moir
Head Teacher