



Primary 6G Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back from the summer holidays and in to Primary 6. If you should have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me:
Mrs F Graham

Numeracy

We are currently focusing on extending understanding of Place Value. Pupils will experience activities to count, order, write forward and backward number sequences, partition whole numbers and place non-consecutive numbers in order of size up to 1 00 000 or greater. Pupils will learn more about working with decimals and fractions. Solving multiplication and division problems relies on a solid foundation in knowing the times tables so please help your child to practise these at home as speedy and accurate recall is important. Mental maths precedes maths lessons using games, interactive whiteboard work and "show me" answers written on individual whiteboards. The focus is on developing skills and supporting one another when working together with partners. Pupils are grouped after doing pre-topic assessments. The groups are fluid and pupils may move between them depending on their understanding as we progress through each topic.

Context for Learning

During the first weeks P6 pupils are increasing their knowledge and understanding about the UNCRC Articles. We created a Superhero themed Class Charter which can be seen on Twitter. Superheroes understand that all children have rights and allow others' their rights. We have done activities around the values in our School Vision.



Our Caring World

As we approach Harvest Festival P6 will research the reasons for and supports in place for people who find themselves in Food Poverty in this country. Pupils will develop enterprise skills to support the local Community Food Initiatives North East "CFINE". We will compare food poverty in Aberdeen with food poverty in Malawi, including researching the Scotland based Mary's Meals Charity.

Literacy

Pupils are enjoying listening to the novel My Gym Teacher is an Alien Overlord by David Solomons. They are encouraged to actively listen when another pupil or adult is talking to the class. Our class novel is Why The Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo. Reading strategies are taught in follow-up activities. Writing is taught in different genres and pupils are currently engaged in developing different characters and settings for written narratives.



Health and Wellbeing

PE is on a Tuesday and Wednesday and it is important to dress appropriately for health and safety reasons. Can you please provide your child with a suitable PE kit which will be kept in school. Pupils are enjoying attending Albury Outdoor Centre for weekly tennis sessions on Thursdays until the October holidays. This is a brilliant facility and we are very lucky to be able to develop tennis and fitness skills there.



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We will focus on the discussion and practice of strategies to support a Growth Mindset. P6 pupils are supported to build resilience. We will

learn about mental health and promoting positive attitudes – ask about our Bucket of Kindness! We are linking with an Old Peoples Home and pupils will write cards to the residents to demonstrate kindness by communicating with the elderly.

P6 pupils have the opportunity to become involved in some fabulous free activities. Places are given on a “first come first served basis” so if your child is interested in getting active at school please look for information and apply on the website address opposite.

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SEPTEMBER -
DECEMBER

Jogging P4-7* Tuesday 8-8.45am
Dance P1-3 Wednesday 3-4pm
Dance P4-7 Wednesday 4-4.45pm
Hockey P4-7 Thursday 8-8.45am
Netball P5-6* Thursday Luntime
Yoga P1-7* Friday 8-8.45am

*Free of charge
Please visit our website to book:
<https://www.sportaberdeen.co.uk/Pages/Events/Category/ferryhill-primary>

Any questions please contact:
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Pupils are encouraged to bring a healthy snack. Any kind of fruit or vegetable such as carrots, peppers, cucumber and celery sticks would be brilliant. This will count towards the recommended “5 A-Day” rainbow diet which we are learning about in class.

Please bring a water bottle to school daily. This should be brought home, cleaned and refilled with fresh water. The children can have a drink throughout the day which helps them to feel hydrated. Drinking water promotes concentration and good health. All medical records are stored in the office and it is important to notify us of any changes.



P6 are going on an exciting school trip to Aberdeen Science Centre on the morning of September 26th 2019. **We will need parent volunteers to come with us to support this excellent experience so please check if you are free on that date!**

Lego Mindstorms
Rescue Challenge

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60 minutes

The International Space Station has been hit by a meteorite. Pupils will work in groups to plan a mission to rescue the stranded astronauts by programming Lego Mindstorms robots and then take on ASC's moon buggy challenge.

TCH 2-14a, 2-15a, 3-14a, 3-15a

Can you please regularly ask your child if they have any letters and/or information which has been sent home? If any forms need to be signed and returned please do so promptly as a lot of time is spent on checking returns. Many thanks for your support.

Several pupils have already been sneezing and coughing with a cold. It would be helpful if each pupil could bring a box of tissues for the class to use when needed.