



# Crudie School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

It's good to see everyone back and raring to go. I hope you all had a great summer and are looking forward to the Autumn term.

## Welcome

We would like to extend a big welcome to our 6 new primary one pupils. They are settling in well and getting used to the school routine. P1s are currently attending for half days but will start full days as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Izabela Barska to our team. She is undertaking her probation teaching year and is teaching P4-7. I will be sharing P4-7 and will be in class teaching part of Thursday and all day Friday.

We welcome back Mrs Alison Elphinstone and Mrs Lynne Cruickshank. Mrs Elphinstone is our SfL teacher and will be with us on Wednesday mornings. Mrs Cruickshank is back to deliver PE on Tuesday afternoons.

## Techfest

Thank you for the prompt return of the annual trip permission forms. Our first trip of the session is to Techfest in Aberdeen this Thursday. Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch with them unless they have already ordered one through the online form that was emailed home last Monday. The closing date for online orders was last Friday.

P1-3 will have workshops on dinosaurs, weather, and maths. P4-7 will have workshops on powering the future, geology, and the chemistry of cooking. Please note, although P1 pupils are in half days this week, this Thursday they will finish at 3pm because of the trip.

## Parent Council

The Parent Council AGM will be held on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September at 2pm. All are welcome.

## Topics

Our topics this term will last up to Christmas.

P1-3 are learning all about Inventions.

P4-7 are carrying out an Enterprise topic and will be running their own business.

P4-7 will also be doing a mini science topic on Fridays all about Inheritance and Evolution. **Please could P4-7 pupils bring in a photo of each of their parents for Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September to support our learning.** We will be looking at what features we have inherited from our parents. Photos can be emailed in or a picture taken with the iPad if this is more convenient. Thank you.

## Community Cafe

P1-3 will be hosting the first Community Cafe of the session on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October from 1:30pm-2:45pm. We will issue further details closer to the time.

## PE

This term PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Jack Smith, coach for Active Schools, will be teaching a block of rugby to P4-7 on Fridays for part of this term.

Please ensure that PE kits are in school on PE days. Pupils are asked not to wear football strips. Earrings either need to be removed or taped up for health and safety. Pupils need to bring their own tape for earrings as the school does not provide this, otherwise they will be asked to remove them.

## School groups

All pupils in P3-7 take part in school groups every second Thursday. Ask your child if they are a member of the Waste Warriors, Safety Soldiers, Nature Nurturers, or Community Crusaders and find out what they are up to.

During school groups, pupils undertake activities related to key Experiences and Outcomes linked to their group. They often plan activities that get the whole school involved in what they are learning about. An

example of this was when the Safety Soldiers got the fire service in to speak to everyone about fire safety at home.

Nature Nurturers will spend some of their time outdoors in the Eco-garden and up on the pitch. If your child is in the Nature Nurturers please check their diary to see when they need wellies/old shoes and outdoor clothes.

### **Homework**

Following the inspection in April, feedback from pupils was all positive except when it came to the dreaded homework! We want to gather your views about homework and this term we will be putting home a survey to get your ideas on frequency, types of homework, subject areas, etc. Within the survey we will also ask what sort of things you would like to see in the Learning Together packs that were mentioned in the June newsletter. Please take the time to fill out the survey - it is important that everyone gets their say.

In the meantime we will send home spelling homework for P2-7 and P1 phonics homework.

### **STEM club**

Mrs Barska will be hosting an afterschool STEM club for P4-7. This will take place on Tuesdays from 3-4pm starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. The club will be developing their own team rollercoaster using K'Nex in order to take part in a cluster challenge that is being run by Siemens. The club will run up until the 26<sup>th</sup> November after which there will be the final competition. Please note, there will be no club on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November due to parent meetings and the 19<sup>th</sup> November due to the in-service. Team numbers for the cluster challenge are limited and so the club will have a maximum of 6 pupils. With this in mind your child will need to commit to all of the afterschool sessions. Please sign up to the club using the tear off slip at the back of the newsletter.

### **Pounds for Primaries**

The Evening Express has set up Pounds for Primaries.

They have **£10,000** of cash prizes to give away and our school could win a share of the cash!

All we have to do is work together to collect as many of the special tokens that will appear in the Evening Express between Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

The schools that enter will be split into three categories depending on the number of pupils, and the top three schools with the most tokens in each category will win cash prizes!

### **Harvest Assembly and Share the Learning session**

Please come along to our Harvest Assembly on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. We will start off in the hall at 9:20am with the assembly and then you are invited to join us in both classes to share what we are learning.

### **School Diary Dates**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Council AGM
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	STEM Club begins 3-4pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Community Cafe 1.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Assembly and Share the Learning 9.20am
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	End of term
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	In service Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 2 begins
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Inservice days
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Trip to HMT Panto
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Term 3 begins
14 <sup>th</sup> and 17 February	Mid term break
18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> February	In-Service Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of term 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 4 begins
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
29 <sup>th</sup> May and 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Closed - Occasional days
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	End of term 4

## Trip details - Techfest

Name of Party Leader: Mrs S Parker

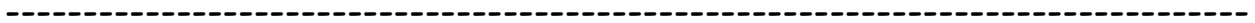
Destination(s): Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen

Numbers Participating: 28 children (Primary 1 - Primary 7)

Time and Date of Departure: Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> August at 9am

Expected Time of Return: 2.45 pm

Insurance: *AIG*



### **P4-7 STEM CLUB**

My child would like to attend the STEM Club. (You will be notified by email if your child has been successful in securing a place on the STEM Club)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_