

# DESHAR PRIMARY SCHOOL

## March/April 2019 Newsletter

As we reach the end of another busy term we have some more news to share. You will have received information regarding the HMIE visit to Deshar for a week's inspection beginning Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Please can we encourage parents to complete the surveys before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

### NUMERACY INFORMATION EVENING

Our numeracy assembly and evening were successful events with many parents in attendance. P1-3 children began with Abba's song, Money, Money, Money before demonstrating how numeracy and maths is used in real life situations. P4-7 pupils entertained us with a creative and amusing performance linking maths with their current topic and the story of The Wolf of Badenoch. Their confident performance was the result of a lot of hard work for which they deserve high praise. Well done.

Feedback from the information evening was very positive. Parents enjoyed looking at resources and learning about approaches to learning and teaching. Many commented on the Numeracy and Maths Booklets which provide useful information for helping your child at home.



Thanks to all parents for your support and on-going comments in our Pupil Profiles. We will be reviewing these with you next term.

### PUPIL COUNCIL

The Pupil Council recently reviewed our Positive Behaviour Policy. As discussions highlighted concerns about behaviour, we have agreed as a whole school to follow **Being Cool in School** next term. The programme aims to empower children to cope with situations they encounter in their daily lives in school, exploring a range of skills and strategies to equip them to manage themselves positively.

The children have moved forward with their plans for improving the playground. Rachel Avery from Roots and Shoots will be seeking our views and offering guidance to improve our outdoor space during a visit to the school in May. Thanks to the Parent Council for supporting the children with this request.

## **PARENT COUNCIL**

Thanks to all who attended our recent Parent Council meeting. It was a busy agenda with lots to discuss. It was agreed the Parent Council would support plans for improving the playground, for outdoor education and resources for science. Funds have already been allocated for ICT developments.



**Children using our new chrome books for maths**

Concern was expressed around Highland Council's proposed changes to the allocation model of ASN. It's not yet clear how this will impact on Deshar. More information will be shared following meetings in May.

School security was another concern and a visit from Logic took place this week to explore further improvements.

Minutes from the PC meeting will be distributed in due course.

## **ALL ABOARD FOR DESHAR NURSERY**

Following very successful drop-in sessions to view plans for the new Deshar Nursery building, the project has now been officially handed over to Highland Council. Officials visited the school last week in preparation for initial works beginning in the summer holidays. Safety will be paramount with the area being fenced off and alternative plans in place for accessing the site. Our thanks go to the All Aboard Team for their vision, hard work and supreme fundraising efforts and to the local community for supporting the project.

## **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Our World Book Day celebrations raised £41.00 for Book Aid International. There were lots of creative costumes and potato characters on display and the children were treated to a whole day of literacy activities.



## ACTIVE PLAY

Steve Holmes returns next term to deliver 10 more Active Outdoor Play sessions for both classes. The programme is a collaboration between Highland Council, CALA and Inspiring Scotland, delivering structured and free play with an emphasis on being active, fun and inclusive. The children thoroughly enjoyed last year's sessions and are already looking forward to Steve's return.

## BINGO

On a final positive note...many thanks to Muriel Weir and her team of helpers for organising the recent Bingo Night. It was a sociable event with a great turn out. Thanks to generous donations and support, the school funds have been boosted by an incredible £812.97. What a way to end the term!

Many thanks for your continuing support. Have a lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Last day of term:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
**First day of summer term:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

A full calendar of all Highland Council School Term Dates is available at [https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school term dates](https://www.highland.gov.uk/info/878/schools/32/school-term-dates)



**A taste of our Forest School Adventures this term**

