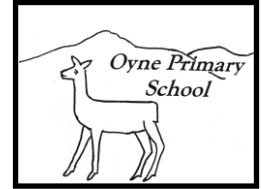




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**We value kindness...respect...tolerance...fairness...achievement...happiness...
being included...being listened to...**

**Our vision for Oyne School is for happy achieving children to be supported to do their very
best learning within a caring school and community.**

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy term ahead! I would have hoped that the icy winds and wintry weather would have disappeared and we would be well into enjoying our outdoor environment by now – but it hasn't happened yet. So thank you for continuing to ensure that your children have the right outdoor clothing – what ever the weather. We definitely have a 'healthy' look to the term for everyone. P1/2 and P6/7 have a curricular focus on health and food in their projects and we are all going to be looking at developing our own wellbeing and developing a healthy lifestyle at what ever stage we are at. There is bikeability, Living and Growing, playfield maintenance, planting and sowing – it will be a squeeze – but I am sure we will fit it all in we always do! We just need the sunshine....

Sharon Huxtable (HT)

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Learning and Teaching

P1/2 are learning about 'Our Healthy Body' this term
P3-5 are transporting themselves to the Caribbean for their geographical topic.

P6/7 are studying the body, fitness and food
If you have any areas of expertise in these areas and would be willing to share them please let us know.

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Pupil Voice Action Groups

The **Pupil Action Group** has been working on a School Charter to support pupils to show kindness and respect to all.

The **Eco Action Group** planned an Earth Day event when the whole school got together and created a banner for the Guinness Book of World Records using recycled materials and no electricity.

This term **Health Action Group** will be thinking about exercise and healthy snacks.



Bikeability

Bikeability training will be taking place over the next few weeks. This is a big task and involves lots of moving of bikes and pupils around. We've tried to keep the timetable as concentrated as possible and to be completed before P7 pupils start attending their transition activities at their different academies in June. Please bear with us!

We run Bikeability every 2 or 3 years and will ensure that every child will get this opportunity in their senior class. Developing a sense of Road Safety is of immense importance to our young people.



Living and Growing

Over the weeks beginning 25th May and 1st June classes will be learning the 'Relationships, sexual health and parenthood' part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum. The children will be learning in groups as appropriate to their stages. P1, P2/3, P4/5, P6/7. We will be following the Living and Growing resources. There will be a Health and Wellbeing parent meeting on Wednesday 20th May at 6.15pm where all parents are welcome to come and find out more about how we deliver this area of the curriculum at the different stages. You will have the opportunity to look at the resources and discuss the learning and teaching approaches. Please return the slip below if you are interested in attending. If you can't come but would still like to look at the resources or you have any concerns at all please let me know.

Broad Topics

P1 – Friendships

P2/3 - Differences

P4/5 – How did I get here? Growing Up.

P6/7 – Changes and Puberty, How Babies are Made, How Babies are Born.

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Self Evaluation

Thank you very much for completing the questionnaires on Parent Interview night the results are below

		Strongly Agree or Agree %
1	The school helps my child to be more confident.	100
2	My child enjoys learning at school.	97
3	My child's learning is progressing well.	100
4	My child is encouraged and stretched to work to the best of his/her ability.	94
5	The school keeps me well informed about my child's progress.	97
6	My child feels safe at school.	94
7	My child is treated fairly at school.	97
8	I feel staff really know my child as an individual and support him/her well.	94
9	My child benefits from school clubs and activities provided outside the classroom.	93
10	The school asks for my views.	97
11	The school takes my views into account.	94
12	The school is well led.	97
13	Overall, I am happy with the school.	97

Areas with a higher level of agreement from last year include questions 4 & 5 to do with pupil progress and this reflects the increased focus for our teachers and the pupils on this area throughout the year. Also more parents agree that their children are benefitting from the school clubs and activities – so thank very much to all our volunteers who keep our clubs going and particularly to the leader of the Junior Jogging team which is new this year. These views are all taking into account when the school prepares it's improvement focus areas for next year.

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Well done to the runners who are regularly representing the school at running competitions in the area. They always do well and we came home with lots of medals and stories of success from our recent race on Bennachie. We are particularly enjoying the success from our Junior Joggers who have joined the Seniors at these events.



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Well done to Ciaran and Peter who represented the school at the badminton national championships at Perth at the weekend. They did us proud.



Many thanks to our Badminton coaches Susie Miller and Trish West who have been leading badminton club at Oyne for many years. Due to work commitments they are planning to make a few changes to the day and perhaps the venue of the badminton sessions. If you have any thoughts about this or if you are interested in helping out or getting more involved please let me know.

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Parent Council

Parent Council will be meeting 7.00pm Wednesday 6th May this week. As usual all are very welcome. Topics for discussion this meeting are Facebook, Library, Road Safety plus the usual update from me and the PTA. There is a Parent Council Email list for anyone who wants a copy of the agenda or minutes direct to their inbox. Please contact Trish Barnett or Mike Whitcombe, or leave a message at the school to be added. The minutes and agenda are always filed in the Parent Council file at the front door of the school should you wish to catch up the old fashioned way.

PTA

We were able to run the Duck Race on the 23rd April when the weather was a lot more inviting than before the holidays. The races all ran smoothly and all the ducks were all cheered across the line. Thanks to all the adults and pupils who helped the event go smoothly with such a good atmosphere and thanks to the PTA for organising events that we can all enjoy together.



Events

Bingo – Postponed

Saturday 16th May 3pm Penguins of Madagascar – Village hall

Pudding and Pamper night – 7-9pm Thursday 11th June

Harvest Hoolie – Saturday 19th September – more details later

Reminders

- I'm afraid we are out of tissues again – the sniffles have returned with the cold weather. Many thanks for supplying these.
- A uniform order form will go out with this newsletter.
- Its still very wet and muddy outside so please continue to ensure children have cold weather clothing and lots of spare socks/trousers etc.
- PE and Football training will be taking place outside if the weather allows so please ensure that all pupils have suitable trainers for outside.



School Diary Dates

Wednesday 6 th May	7.00pm Parent Council Meeting. All Welcome,
Sunday 8 th May	2 – 4pm PTA Bingo at Victoria Jubilee Hall - POSTPONED
Wednesday 13 th May	9.15am & 6.15pm P1 transition workshop
Thursday 14 th May	P7s host other P7s from small schools in cluster
Saturday 16 th May	3pm Penguins of Madagascar – Movie afternoon at the Victoria Jubilee Hall
Friday 15 th May	Morning - Tempest Photographer (individual, siblings or whole school)
Friday 15 th May	Pupil Target Booklet comes home
Wednesday 20 th May	PM – What a Load of Rubbish – Hopscotch Theatre Group show for pupils with an ecological theme.
Wednesday 20 th May	6.15pm Health and Wellbeing meeting for parents
Friday 29 th May	PM – P7s to Chapel of Garioch for transition
Monday 1st June	Occasional Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd June	Induction Evening No2 for new P1 parents
Thursday 4 th June	PM – Sports Day
Thurs 11 th June	PTA Pamper Evening
16/17/18 th June	Inverurie Academy Transition Days
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Evening
Thursday 2 nd July	2.00pm Leavers Assembly
Friday 3 rd July	Last day of school year.

Health and Wellbeing Parent Meeting

I will attend the Parent Meeting at 6.15pm on Wednesday 20th May.

Name.....Contact Number.....

