



LET'S TALK GLAITNESS!

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Staff News



Congratulations to Ingrid, Magnus, Katie and Harvey Rendall on the birth of baby Angus on Monday 11th Feb. Angus weighed in at a very healthy 7lb 5oz. Mother and baby are doing well! We look forward to seeing Angus at school soon.



We are pleased to welcome Fiona Scott back from her maternity leave, she returned to resume her post on Thursday 7th February. Pauline Duncan who was covering her post has since left, many thanks to her for all her hard work and we wish her all the best for the future.

We currently have 2 part time temporary posts, and one part time permanent post being advertised to replace Mrs Currie's timetable and the job share for Mrs Recep and Mrs Bunning's classes. The interviews for these posts will be held this month and we will inform all parents who has been appointed as soon as possible. Supply staff currently covering these posts will remain in place until the new staff members are able to take up their posts.



JRSO's - The JRSO's are back! We are Rhiann, Ross, Evie, Owen and Marelle from classes P7M and P7D. Our job is to help everyone to learn about road safety. So far we have created a notice board display, held an assembly and started a competition for everyone in the school. There are different competition sheets for each age group. Please help your child complete their competition picture or puzzle and return it to the school by Monday 18th February. We have lots of prizes to be won! Good luck to everybody and remember - to stop, look and listen when crossing the road!

Fundraising



www.buy.at/glaitness

Use the web link above for a great way to get some fantastic online bargains, find cheaper gas and electricity services and even book a holiday. Remember, anything you buy through our webshop will help towards our fundraising targets.



The new Yellow Moon catalogue accompanies this newsletter. The source code is attached on the back of the catalogue for you to quote when placing your order.

Nethybridge Fundraising

The bingo night on Tuesday raised a magnificent £641.51. After deductions for the treasure map prizes, the figure banked was £541.51. Well done to the parents who organized this very successful event and thank you to everyone who supported them.



Sport Relief 14th March - Rise to the Challenge!



P7 will be organising an assembly to share fundraising ideas for sport relief. There will be sport relief socks (£2 pair) for sale and a sponsored sport relief 'mile'. P7 will be swimming some sport relief 'miles' when they are at the pool that afternoon (possibly wearing their sport relief socks!). Sponsor forms will be going out next week.

Extra-Curricular News



Netball



Well Done Panthers!

Congratulations to the Glaitness Panthers netball team who have won the Herston League for the second year in a row! Stephanie Fulton is pictured being presented with the trophy by Joanna Sinclair from the Wood Group.

The rest of the team are, back row from left; Chloe Barclay, Anna Mackay, Megan Ward, Rhiann Campbell and Evie Peace, front row; Marelle Jeffrey, Maggie Nicolson and Ellen Mackay.

Remaining Session Dates

Training dates for P6/P7 are, 27th February, 5th, 12th, 19th March (P5 can join in with the training sessions on 5th, 12th, 19th March)

Netball Coaching

We are still urgently seeking volunteers who would be interested in coaching the netball teams after the summer.

The Active Schools Co-ordinator would help to support the new coaches.

Please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can get you started and you could work alongside Karen for the remaining session dates term.

Octopush	Football	Badminton
 <p>Remaining Session Dates 29th February 7th, 14th, 21st March</p>	 <p>Remaining Session Dates 26th February, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March</p>	 <p>Remaining Session Dates 15th, 29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March. Please note that the sessions on 21st and 28th March are on from 5-6pm instead of the usual time.</p>

Picky Maintenance

Please remember that there will be no football, netball or badminton sessions next week due to maintenance work being carried out in the Main Arena at Picky.

Eco News



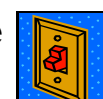
To add to our fortnightly paper collection we have introduced litter crews to help keep our play areas clear and remind pupils to place their rubbish in the bins.



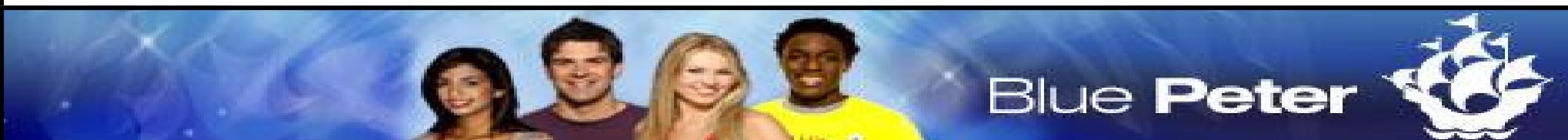
We have also set up light monitors who check that lights are switched off when rooms are empty.



We also go into classes to remind people to switch off lights and Smartboard projectors when they are not in use.



This will help the school save energy and hopefully save money. Each room which achieves its energy saving target will be able to proudly display our Save Energy poster.



Blue Peter Appeal—The Eco Explorers Committee are still supporting Blue Peter's Disc-Drive appeal. Please send in any unwanted CD's, DVD's or computer games (in saleable condition). These will be passed on to Barnardo's who will sell them in their shops to raise much needed funds for young carers in the UK.



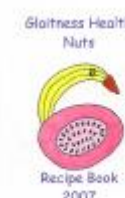
By recycling old mobile phones through Fones4Schools the leading UK mobile phone recycling campaign, you will be helping to raised funds for our school and your child will gain prizes for the phones they collect, at the same time as helping the environment. The phones collected can be of any age and condition. Ask family, friends and work colleagues if they have any old phones they can give you. There are prizes for every participant and the school gains £300 for every 200 mobile phones collected. The more phones you donate, the bigger the prize you can choose. Don't forget to complete and include the form in the collection bag when you hand in your collection bag to the school office! That way we know who donated and what prize you want. If you have lost the bag and list please contact the school office and they will provide you with a replacement.

More News



Health Nuts

We are pleased with the new products on sale, and the children are certainly enjoying the greater range of products. The Health Nuts have presented an assembly to all of the school explaining our new set up and organisation of the Tuck Shop. We still have copies of the Recipe Book for sale, they are available from the school office, priced at £5 per copy.

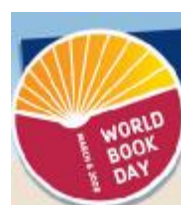


SCPO

A survey undertaken by the Education Department indicated that there are so few pupils requiring a crossing on Pickaquoy Road that it has been decided to cease the School Crossing Patrol Officer post there after Easter.

Parents Evening

Appointments can now be made through the school office for the parents evenings on Tues 11th and Thurs 13th March.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on 6th March, 2008. A £1.00 book token accompanies this newsletter which is valid from 3rd - 30th March inclusive and is valid in any participating book-shops. There are also nine specially published books that can be purchased for £1.00 only which cater for a wide age group from early years to teenagers.

Catering Newsletter/Competition Winner!

With this bulletin you will be receiving the new newsletter from the catering department. We are delighted that one of our pupils Ross MacPherson - P1 was the winner of the latest competition to name the leaflet. Congratulations Ross, we are very proud of you! Please take time to look at the newsletter and help your child to enter a menu.



The Nestle Box Tops Scheme offers free educational books from Dorling Kindersley in exchange for tokens found on Nestlé cereal box tops and cereal bar packs. Remember to keep collecting and post into the box located in the foyer!

Dates for your Diary!

Spring 2008	Summer 2008 Start Monday 14 April	Newsletter 9 Friday 6th June
Nethybridge Parents' Meeting 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th Feb	Make a Difference Day 3 (MADD3) Wed 23rd Apr	P7 Leavers' Service Wed 11th June (Picky Centre)
Director visits and joins us for lunch on Thurs 6th March	P7 Nethybridge Trip Mon 28th April	P7 KGS Transition Visit Days Thurs/Fri 12th/13th June
Newsletter 7 Friday 7th Mar	Mid-term break Monday 5 May	End Summer Term Friday 27 June 2008
Parents Evenings 6-8pm Tues 11th and Thurs 13th Mar	Newsletter 8 Friday 16th May	Autumn Term 2008
Sport Relief Friday 14th Mar	P7 Transition Sports will take place either on Friday 16th or Wed 21st May (to be confirmed by Department)	Start (Staff) Mon 18 Aug 08
Mid-term break Easter Monday 24 Mar	Norwegian Constitution Day Saturday 17th May	(Pupils) Tues 19 Aug
Easter Service Wed 26th Mar (to be held at St Magnus Cathedral)	P6 Hoy Trip Mon & Tues 26th/27th May	End Fri 10 Oct
End Spring Term Friday 28 Mar	Sports Day Tuesday 3rd June	

School Closure Procedures

Information about school closures will be available from 7.30am every morning by phoning the Council's main switchboard number on 873535	If school is closed during the day, <u>only</u> school staff will call parents to advise of arrangements for getting pupils home.	(Extra-curricular activities, ie badminton, netball, football and octopush are automatically cancelled if school is closed).
You can also listen to Radio Orkney at 7.30 am and 12.55pm for school closure info.	<u>Please don't call each other or the school unless absolutely necessary</u> to ensure that home and school telephone lines are kept clear.	Have you notified us of any changes to your Emergency Contact Details?

And Finally...

It is so good to see the light returning at the beginning and end of the day, however at this time of year folk are still recovering from winter and energy levels can be still quite low so remember to get lots of sleep and keep taking the vitamin tablets. Sadly a few members of staff have succumbed to the 'new flu bug' and we have experienced some difficulty with obtaining supply teachers. We do where possible try to place familiar supply teachers with the children to avoid upset, and sometimes the best laid plans can be changed at the last moment. Please bear with us during this challenging time. Just to confirm, we are interviewing next week for our vacant posts and hope to confirm our new staff team very soon.

Valerie Blackley