**Greenbrae School**

2 April 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Another school term has now come to an end and once again it has been a busy and exciting time for everyone with lots going on, in and around school. Our School Blog has updated you with some of these recent events, notably Red Nose Day and Bee Week 2. As a reminder, our School Blog can be located on [www.greenbrae.aberdeen.sch.uk](http://www.greenbrae.aberdeen.sch.uk). All our events, successes and achievements will appear on the Blog and you have direct access to it.

Bridges to School Week

Another important event took place at Greenbrae in the form of 'Bridges to School Week' starting on 16 March. Our school was chosen to host this event which saw city schools coming to Greenbrae to work with engineers from Subsea 7 in the construction of a bridge. This was part of Science and Technology Week and it was an interesting and informative time for the pupils.

Parent Survey

I should like to thank all those parents who took the time to complete our recent School Audit. Your views are important to us and will be taken on board as we formulate next year's Improvement Plan. Thank you for your responses.

ASG Health & Wellbeing Event

An important forward date to note for your diaries is Tuesday 2 June. This is an ASG (Associated Schools Group) meeting to raise awareness of Health and Wellbeing. There will be three workshops and a stall where parents can gain first-hand information on Health and Wellbeing. More details will be issued nearer to the time.

Interactive Learning Diaries (ILD)

This term saw a meeting for parents of the Afternoon Nursery pupils to launch the new Interactive Learning Diaries. This is an online portfolio resource which parents/carers can access from home to read about and see photographs of their child's progress at nursery. It is updated by Mrs Ross on a regular basis and parents/carers have the opportunity to add their comments and even add an observation from home. The early feedback has been very positive and we hope to roll out the ILD further next session.

New Library Resource

The new Junior Librarian system is now up and running in both the Junior and Senior Libraries. This has been a huge undertaking, involving the cataloguing and scanning of every book. Thanks to the PSAs for all their hard work in doing this! The pupils are now able to take out books and we hope to train our Library Helpers in the new term to use the system. Each pupil will also be issued with a username and password to allow them to access the Junior Librarian website from home where they can see which books they have been issued with, search the library for books, see which books are popular and contribute a book review. We also hope to purchase some new books for the library. The Pupil Council have surveyed the classes to find out which authors and genre of book the pupils would like to see in our library. Thanks to the PTA, who funded the purchase of the Junior Librarian System and have agreed to help us buy some new books. One of its many functions is that the children, through accessing an app on their mobile devices, can check what books are in our school library, especially useful when it can save the expense of buying a particular book when we have it in school.

Farewell to Mr Crichton

It is with regret that we have had to say goodbye to Mr Ali Crichton, our janitor who has been transferred to Oldmachar Academy. Ali gave many years of service to Greenbrae School and was a valued member of staff. We wish him well in the future. William Baird has been appointed as our new janitor and will take up position after the holidays. In the meantime his post is being covered by Jason McIntyre.

School Reports

The children will be given their school reports during the first week back at school after the Easter holidays.

In the meantime, I wish you all a happy Easter holiday.

As always, I thank you for your continued support. It really is appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Anna Royle

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