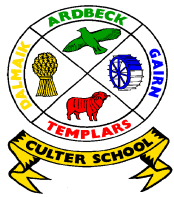


# Culter School Newsletter January 2008

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## Diary Dates

- ◆ **SCOTTISH WEEK**  
21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January
- ◆ **TOP TABLE DATES**  
25<sup>th</sup> January  
15<sup>th</sup> February  
29<sup>th</sup> February  
14<sup>th</sup> March
- ◆ **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
31<sup>ST</sup> January -  
5<sup>th</sup> February
- ◆ **MID TERM HOLIDAY**  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> February
- ◆ **INSET DAY**  
19<sup>th</sup> February

## Headteacher's News

### DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new year at Culter School.

I do hope all our families enjoyed a restful holiday. The children have all settled back into school this week and we are looking forward to an exciting and busy year at Culter.

### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

As you may be aware, Culter is working towards Level 1 of UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award. The work we undertake to achieve the award will help us to look at how we deal with behaviour in school and will take account of how we respect and treat each other in school. It will also ensure the children learn about Global Citizenship and other aspects of becoming responsible citizens in the future. To get the process underway, Bruce Wilkinson, UNICEF's Education Officer visited school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January to work with pupils, staff, teaching and non-teaching, some parents and was joined by Maureen Watt, Minister for Education, who is interested in the process. I am sure she was impressed with our children! We will let parents know how our work towards the award is progressing.

### SCOTTISH WEEK

Culter Scottish Week takes place in the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January. You will receive full details of the timetable later in the week. We would really appreciate your support in making the week a success. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> all pupils will bring home a Scots poem which we have asked them to learn. This should be a fun activity and we do not wish the children to become anxious about it. Please let us know if your child is having difficulty with this. The poems will be chosen to suit the age

and stage of the children and younger pupils will only have to learn a few lines.

I would also stress that on our Tartan Day, we do not wish parents to buy outfits or tartan items just for the day. A scarf or ribbon will be fine but we will have some spare items in school if you don't have anything tartan at home. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries.

### PARENT COUNCIL

The Parent Council will meet on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm in the Staffroom. All welcome.

### HMIe

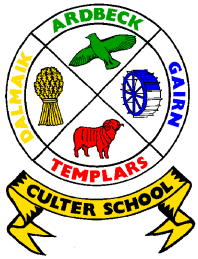
The inspection of Culter School takes place in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> January. The report will be issued to all parents later this year.

### LUNCHTIME ARRANGEMENTS

Following discussion with the Pupil Council, we have introduced a new system for all pupils who wish to come into school to toilets, cloakrooms and for other reasons. Pupils will now come in through the main front entrance instead of through the door at the Senior Cloakrooms. Many pupils felt some children were coming in and running around in the toilet areas when they should be outside. Access to toilets is not restricted in any way, we are merely ensuring that pupils are safe and secure when they use the toilets. The children will feed back on how the new system is working at the next Pupil Council Meeting at the end of January.

Pupil Council Minutes are available to read at our Blog site:

<http://culterschoolaberdeen.edublogs.org/pupil-council-minutes/>



## BOOK FAIR

### THURSDAY 31 JANUARY - TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

It doesn't seem a year since the last Book Fair! Once again our pupils will get the chance to purchase books from our Scholastic Book Fair. Pupils will be able to browse on Thursday and Friday and buy books on Monday and Tuesday. Please feel free to visit the Fair to view the selection of books on display.

We receive 60% commission on sales that can be used to bolster our School Library resources. Please support this Fundraiser. Thank you.

## SPORTING NEWS

### Badminton

The following pupils are representing Culter School at the Aberdeenshire Primary School Badminton Quaiach on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January held at Portlethen Academy.

Gemma Stein 6B	Adam Fisher 6B
Emily Thomson 7P	Mark Nicholson 6B
Roslyn Fordyce 7C	Callum Buchan 6B
Kirsty Middleton 7C	Elliot Wood 6B

The winners of the Tournament will represent the North East of Scotland at Grangemouth in February.

We wish them all the best for Saturday.

### Basketball

Basketball starts again next Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The new basketball stands have been delivered and will be out next week. The festivals are starting this term and I'm sure we will do well.

### Digital Signage System

We have recently installed a School Information Management System in the school canteen. Its purpose is to display important information to pupils and staff in an eye-catching way. It will show everything from lunch menus, pupils' work, video clips, after school clubs, pictures, and pupils' achievement - the list is endless.

It seems to be a success with the children and we hope to eventually purchase a smaller screen for the reception area that will display information for parents.

### Blogging

Classes have been busy blogging on our online journal. Parents are encouraged to read the blogs and write a comment on what they have seen. The pupils love it when comments are received as it shows their hard work is valued. Please log onto: <http://culterschoolaberdeen.edublogs.org/> where you will find a 'general blog' and also blogs from P1, P4, P6 and P7. Items are added daily.

### And finally.....

#### Nursery Enrolment

Parents of 3 and 4 year old children who have either 1 or 2 years before starting primary school and who wish a place at Culter Nursery from August 2008 should apply for places between 21<sup>st</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2008. Forms are available from the School Office.

## BINGO NIGHT



The Parent Council, formerly known as the PTA, have organized a **Bingo Night on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7.15pm.** They would be grateful if groceries, raffle prizes and unwanted gifts could be donated for this event? If you have any such items, please hand them into the school office.

Thank you.

