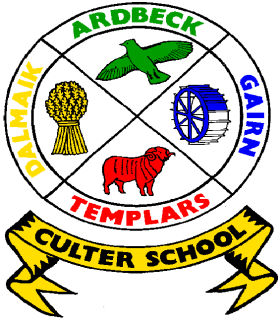


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Diary Dates

- ◆ **School Closed**
21st April
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- ◆ **Pupil Reports**
7th May
- ◆ **Interviews**
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- ◆ **Summer Holiday**
4th July

Headteacher's News

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to all our families. Summer term is always very busy in school with lots of activities to look forward to. I hope to provide parents with as much information as possible about events taking place over the next few weeks.

HMle

The report on Culter School will be sent home with children on Tuesday 22nd April. Many thanks to all staff, parents and pupils for their contributions to what is a very positive report on our school. Action plans have been prepared to address the two recommendations for the school and we will work on these through our School Improvement Plan over the next year.

Dates

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on Monday 21st April. Staff will take part in work related to the Rights Respecting Schools Award on this date. School will be closed to staff and pupils on Monday 5th May for the May holiday and on Friday 16th May for an Aberdeen City Council led INSET day. Summer term ends on Friday 4th July 2008 at 3pm for all pupils. Pupil reports will be issued on Wednesday 7th May. Following this, parents who wish to have an interview with class teachers will be offered appointments on 19th and 20th May.

Achievements

Well done to Becky Russell from 7C who won the Culter Academy poetry competition for P7 pupils. Congratulations to Samira N'Dow and Laura McMahon whose poems were highly commended by the judges. The girls were invited to Culter Academy to be presented with certificates by Anna Muirhead, Head Teacher at Culter. Well done!

School website www.culter.aberdeen.sch.uk

School blogsite www.culter-school-aberdeen.edublogs.org

Depute Head Teacher

Interviews were held in school this week for the post of Depute Head Teacher following Mrs. Wyer's retiral. Ms Jill Roberts, who is currently Acting Depute Head at Newhills Primary School, was appointed. We look forward to welcoming her to the team at Culter in early June.

On her retiral, Aberdeen City Council gave Mrs. Wyer a long service award. She has very kindly donated the money she received to Culter School to buy something to benefit the children. We are all very grateful to her for her kindness and generosity. Staff are currently considering the best way to use this donation and we will let you know when we have decided how it should be spent.

Parent Council

A huge thanks to all parents and friends who contributed to the organisation of the Spring Fair on 15th March. The day was very well attended and the children seemed to enjoy the activities on offer in the Infant Hall. The Fair raised £2,372.91, which will be used to benefit the children of Culter. Thanks also to everyone who came along on the day to support us.

Health Week

Our annual Health Week will take place during the week beginning 28th April 2008. We have a range of activities planned for the children with many visitors and speakers coming to Culter to work with the pupils.

The focus of the week is to raise the profile of healthy lifestyles and this year also to work on Anti Bullying strategies. Through the work carried out, we aim to review Culter's Anti Bullying policy. There will be an opportunity for parents to be involved in the work through homework set during Health Week.

On Monday evening 28th April, parents are invited to attend a Drugs Information presentation by Grampian Police. Our school's liaison officer and local community policeman will attend. The presentation will take place at 7.00pm in the school hall. Each morning during Health Week, breakfast will be available for pupils in the canteen at 8.15am. Each class has been allocated a day on which they may attend. To enable food to be ordered, please complete the attached slip and return to school if your child wishes to attend. Many thanks to Mrs. Fiddes and Mrs. Robinson for organising the event. There will be no charge for breakfast. I also attach a brief summary of events for the week for your information. Many thanks to Mr. Grant who has coordinated and planned the events for us.

Chess News

Our Chess Champion for 2007-2008 is Carl Milton, P6C for the 3rd time running. Carl played the most games and was undefeated throughout the whole tournament. In 2nd place we have Duncan Craig, 3rd place Rory Macgregor and 4th place Zack Griffiths. Congratulations to all these boys. Awards will be given out at the end of term Assembly. I would also like to say WELL DONE to all the boys and girls who have attended chess this term. They have behaved extremely well and enjoyed competition with each other. A huge thank you to Sean Milton, our Chess Coach for his commitment and excellent rapport with the children and also Mrs Polson for running Chess Club.

ICT

We have received 15 new computers from Aberdeen City Council to upgrade the provision in our computer suite. These will be installed over the next month. Computers currently in use in the suite will be relocated in classrooms to replace old and out of date machines. This should make a huge difference to the delivery of ICT to all pupils.

Nursery/P1

Parents who have made requests for Nursery places will receive letters in early May with information regarding places in Culter Nursery. Entrants to P1 will receive induction information towards the end of May. This year we intend to hold a meeting to give out general information about starting school, information on classes and a chance to buy uniform in early June with a further meeting to give parents information on the curriculum and on helping their child with learning to be held in September. Indications at this point are that we will have two P1 classes of around 25 pupils. Children will of course meet with their teachers and visit classrooms as part of the induction process. We look forward to meeting them in June.

Aberdeen Endowments Trust Secondary School Bursaries for Boys & Girls commencing session 2008/2009

The Trustees are prepared to consider applications for these bursaries from parents who are in such financial circumstances as to require aid in maintaining and educating their children. The bursaries are to be offered to pupils entering upon the first year of secondary course and are tenable for not more than 4 years. They are available to boys and girls, as may be determined by the Trustees, who are to attend local authority or independent schools in the area formerly known as Grampian Region. In awarding the bursaries, the Trustees will take into account the diligence, attainment and promise of the candidates. If you think your child may qualify for a bursary, please let the school office know and we can arrange application forms and notes to be sent to you.



Yellow Woods Challenge 2008

We are taking part in the Yellow Woods Challenge...

...the environmental competition run by Yellow Pages, working with the Woodland Trust and our local council. To take part, all we need to do is collect the front covers of old Yellow Pages directories. The aim is to recycle the highest number of old Yellow Pages per pupil and win cash prizes for the school. For every pound Yellow Pages awards to schools, they give a matching pound to the Woodland Trust. The challenge is due to run from 9th May to 27th June, but we need to start collecting now. Please ask family members and friends to give you their front covers whilst recycling the remainder of the book in your recycling box or local recycling point. We will compete with other schools in Aberdeen for the prizes, so please help us be a winning school.

And Finally...

Due to financial restraints place upon us, this will be the last paper copy newsletter sent home. As previously indicated, all information relating to school, including newsletters, will be posted on our blog site. You can receive alerts by e-mail when new items are posted. To subscribe by e-mail, log onto www.culterschoolaberdeen.edublogs.org and type your e-mail address in the subscription box (example below). You will then receive e-mails letting you know the items posted. To receive office information you need to subscribe to www.culterschooloffice.edublogs.org, following the same procedure. Paper copies will still be available for those with no Internet access only. You need to inform the office if this is the case. Thank you for your cooperation.

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CULTER SCHOOL HEALTH WEEK 2008

MONDAY 28TH APRIL	Police Liaison Officer in classes Nursery - P5 All Day
	Drugs Awareness Presentation 7pm School Hall
TUESDAY 29TH APRIL	Dental Health Nursery
WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL	Livewire Theatre Company Anti Bullying Workshops P1, P2, P3, P4
	Sportshall Athletics Nursery am, P4, P4/5, P5, P6, P7
	Dental Health 2R
THURSDAY 1ST MAY	Livewire Theatre Company Anti Bullying Workshops P4/5, P5, P6, P7
	Sportshall Athletics Nursery pm, P1, P2, P3
	Road Safety All Classes
	Dental Health
FRIDAY 2ND MAY	Fire Safety P6
	Achievement Assemblies 9.30am, 11.00 am
	Dental Health 2W

Would you like to have breakfast at school with your friends during Health Week? Check which day your class is invited and come along at 8.15 that morning.

Monday 28 th April	1M	Nursery 1 am	7C
Tuesday 29 th April	1N	Nursery 2 am	7H
Wednesday 30 th April	2R & 2W	Nursery 2 pm	6B
Thursday 1 st May	3G	3 S/C	6C
Friday 2 nd May	4L	4/5I	5W

Please complete this slip and return it to your class teacher by Tuesday 22nd April.

NAME _____ CLASS _____

Will be having breakfast at school.

Parent/Guardian signature _____