

Skene School News May 2013

What's Been Going On At Skene?

Pupil Council

Pupil Council Group 2 ran a successful Bring and Buy sale at the beginning of the month which all the pupils enjoyed.

The Pupil Council members set up the stalls and

were in charge throughout, doing all the selling themselves, and taking care of the money. Macy was the proud winner of the Guess The Teddy Bear's name competition! The Pupil Council raised just over £100 which will go towards new books for the library. We have also been successful in obtaining a donation of £300 from Westhill and Elrick Community Council which will go towards the new library system, Junior Librarian.



Pupil Council Group 3 have decided to help out with the organising of the Playground Tidy Up on Friday 31 May. Please join in by coming along on Friday at 6pm for a general tidy up of the playground and surrounding area, and a sand-down of the outdoor shelter. The Pupil Council have arranged to borrow litter pickers and other equipment from the Westhill Litter Picking Group and will be on hand to help the Parent Council for the evening, especially with their priority for the evening which was making sure there were plenty refreshments! Please bring along gloves, brushes, shovels, sandpaper and any other equipment you think might be useful.

Our Community

P1-3 have had some donations for their project from Foxlane Garden Centre, and Dobbies are in the process of donating some plants for round the school. Westhill Rotary Club are also about to do a planting session with the children. Between us all we should have the school looking bright and colourful for summer!

Dunecht Estates have very kindly allowed us to use the small piece of woodland along the Half Milie for Outdoor Learning. P1-3 were very glad of it to shelter from the sleet last week on Outdoor Thursday! Please make sure your P1-3 child has plenty of warm waterproof clothing and boots with them every Thursday, as one or two of the children are still complaining of the cold on these days.



Skene School Council continue to provide fantastic support for the school, and this term have already paid for the bus to allow the P4-7 class to go to see the Horrible Histories show at His Majesty's Theatre. They are also paying for the P1-3 bus to Easter Anguston Farm in June. Without the help of the School Council, the children would go without those little extras that make school memorable for them. Please show your support by coming along to their events, perhaps volunteering to help, or even joining the committee. An easy way to help is by supporting the next Bag2School collection on Wednesday 5th June – clear out your cupboards of unwanted goods AND raise money for your children's school! The next meeting of the Council is in the school staff room at 7pm on Tuesday 11 June – all welcome!

Achievements

Skene School this year managed to put forward 2 teams for the Westhill Take The Plunge swimming gala, thanks to Mrs Kay's organisational skills! Mrs Kay let us know about the event, wrote letters, kept parents informed, organised practise sessions during swimming lessons, and was there for the children on the day. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but I have been told that the children were AMAZING, tried incredibly hard, and did themselves proud despite being overwhelmed by the competition. A massive thank you and well done to all parents and children involved in helping or taking part on the day.

Skene School Netball Team had another great experience at their festival at Alford Academy on the 15th, playing against schools from all over Aberdeenshire.



Skene School chess champion Jonathon Foulkes was a semi-finalist in the Cluster Schools chess championships – he had some tough games but played exceptionally well.

Derri Barclay was the Skene winner in the Westhill and District Rotary Club Young Photographer competition, and was presented



with a voucher for WHSmith. The theme this year was "My Community". We would like to see even more Skene entrants to this competition next year, as Derri's photos looked brilliant on display.

Jude Shaw did incredibly well at the Active Schools P6 Cross Country event in Inch, earning herself a bronze



medal.

Well done to all these children for their achievements!



Dates For Your Diary

Thursday 30 May – Sports Day

Friday 31 May – Skene School Playground Tidy Up, 6pm

Monday 3 June – P1-3 Project Away Day – Going Green at Castle Fraser

Wednesday 5 June – Bag2School Collection

Monday 10 June – P1 Induction Day 1 and New P1 Parents Meeting, 10am

Tuesday 11 June – P4-7 Project Trip – Aberdeen University

Tuesday 11 June – School Council Meeting, Skene School staff room, 7pm

Friday 14 June – P1 Induction Day 2

Thursday 20 June – P1-3 Project Trip – Easter Anguston Farm

Friday 21 June – P1 Induction Day 3

Friday 21 June – Pupil reports sent home

Tuesday 25 June – P1 Induction Day 4

Tuesday 25 June – New Parents Information Evening, 6pm

Thursday 4 July – Church Service, 2pm

Friday 5 July – Last day summer term



We are still configuring classes for next session. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to Skene School after the summer holidays.

Any parents who have received a paper copy of this newsletter and would like to be added to the school e-mail list, please contact me on wendy.craig@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. The newsletter will soon also be available to view on our website – www.skene.aberdeenshire.sch.uk which is currently being updated.