



NEWSLETTER **March 2017**



AND NURSERY

School Improvement

During our recent INSET day, we looked at:

- Modern Languages and the 1 + 2 initiative
- Equality and Diversity practice into policy
- Raising Attainment for All - Reading
- Understanding additional support needs – ME TOO training for PSAs.

Our Equality and Diversity Policy is now finalised and available from the school office on request.

In reading, we looked at the structure of our lessons and shared strategies to develop children's independent thinking and engagement.

We have arranged for the Literacy Officer to visit the nursery on Tuesday 28th March to work with the Early Years Practitioners sharing examples of pre-reading literacy activities. There will also be opportunity in the afternoon for parents of children in the nursery to come along with their children to the nursery to hear about early reading strategies and how to help your child develop reading-readiness. This will be at 2pm.

Mulbuie and Ferintosh Cluster

Thanks to all who attended the meeting last week about the future of the cluster schools. It was acknowledged that while Ferintosh has a very low roll, Mulbuie is bursting at the seams. Finding a solution to both issues was discussed and ideas laid on the table. Possible solutions were suggested:

1. **Mothballing Ferintosh, with view to reopening if role increases, with pupils currently in Ferintosh going to Mulbuie.**
2. **Moving the nursery to Ferintosh and forming an early years class, with P2-7 at Mulbuie**
3. **Moving the nursery to Ferintosh, with a single class remaining at Ferintosh and a P1-7 at Mulbuie**
4. **Moving the P4-7 or P5-7 children from both schools to Ferintosh and the Nursery and P1-3 or P1-4 to Mulbuie – having one school on a split campus**
5. **Using part of the space as a base for early years staff**
6. **Realigning catchment areas to adjust roles across the local schools**

Number 4 was the most popular idea among the attendees at the meeting.

Another meeting will be held on Friday 10th March at 2pm in the end room at Ferintosh to take the discussion further, and hear from Mr Martin any statutory implications which may arise from suggested actions. There will be opportunity to come in at 1.45 to have a look around the school.

Rugby Tasters

Ross Sutherland Rugby Club will be visiting the school for the next four Wednesdays to work with P5-7. Pupils should bring outdoor PE kit and trainers.

School Hours

We ask that all pupils are at school ready for learning at 9am. Starting the day late means that children may miss important information or teaching, and start the day on the wrong foot.

All pupils should be collected promptly at 3pm. There is no supervision after this time.

Rotary Quiz



Well done to the Mulbuie Quiz Team who were winners of their heat, scoring full marks in maths, spelling and general knowledge. The next round of the quiz will take place in Avoch Primary on 27th March at 7pm. Our team will compete against Munloch, Culbokie and Avoch at this club final.

Dates for the Diary

March

2 nd	World Book Day
3 rd	Cross Country – Alness
6 th	Music Festival in Inverness
7 th	Alltnachriche meeting – 3.30pm
10 th	Meeting at Ferintosh – 1.45 for 2pm
13 th and 14 th	Garden Attack!
14 th	P5-7 Bridge Tournament
27 th	Rotary Quiz – at Avoch Primary
28 th	Nursery Parents Meeting – pre reading strategies – 2pm in nursery
	P5-7 activity day at Ferintosh

April

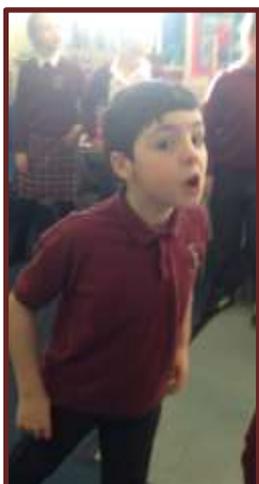
4 th	Decorated Easter Egg competition
5 th	School closes for Easter break.

PICTURE GALLERY

NURSERY TRANSITION INTO PRIMARY ONE



PREPARING FOR THE MUSIC FESTIVAL



I wish our classes all the best for Monday where I am sure they will do well and enjoy the experience of being on the big stage.