

NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2017

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT - Pupil Council/Pupil Improvement Group

Towards the end of last session, we reviewed the role of the Pupil Council and found that there was so much more we could be doing to support and encourage pupils to be involved in school improvement and have a voice in what was happening in the school. As a result, we have changed the format of the Pupil Council. We have set up a Pupil Improvement Group which will work with myself and with Mrs Bilsland, taking issues forward and feeding directly into decisions around improvement. The group, at least this year as we trial it, will be made up of P7 pupils. Class reps will then feed into this group the views of their class.

Recently all pupils in P3-7 completed a Well-being and Inclusion survey. The Pupil Improvement Group will begin by working through issues raised from this. They have already begun working on ideas and activities that will help children be more respectful towards each other and treat each other kindly.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

SSPCA



SCOTTISH SPCA
Scotland's Animal Welfare Charity



The SSPCA will visit the schools on Tuesday 5th September to run workshops for pupils in P3-7. P3-4 will look at Wild About Animals, P5-7 will take part in Animal 999 and pupils at Ferintosh will take part in the Pet Patrol workshop. These workshops are interactive and children will learn about food chains and the effect of changes in Scotland's landscape on animals' habitat and food sources. They will also learn about animal protection and the dangers of touching an animal, especially if it's a wild animal, as well as the importance of hygiene around animals including pets.

One of the aims of all workshops is to get pupils to identify who the Scottish SPCA are and how they can help communities. It also highlights the jobs that are available if that pupil has an interest in working with animals. A full plan linking experiences and outcomes for this visit is available from the school office on request.

Science/Technology - STEM

The STEM team from the University of the Highlands and Islands will visit the schools on Monday September 25th. Linking in with work currently ongoing in the classrooms, pupils in P5-7 at Mulbuie will take part in a workshop around renewable energies conducting science experiments using wind turbine kits and exploring another type of renewable energy using interactive models.

Pupils in Ferintosh will have a hands-on experience conducting an experiment extracting some real DNA from fruit and then take part in some interactive activities learning about hereditary traits and why we are all different.

More information on the work of STEM and the STEM Hub will soon be available on the website of the UHI – www.uhi.ac.uk

SCHOOL SHOW

Many thanks to all parents who returned the slip giving their views on holding a school performance. Of the 25 responses, a massive 96% were in favour of having a show. School staff will now take this forward and more information will follow.

INTERNET SAFETY

Please make sure that all Internet Safety agreements are signed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Dates for the Diary

September

- 5th SSPCA workshops
- 12th P2-4 football club starts
- 13th and 14th – Nursery Stay and Play
- 18th and 19th – INSET days
- 25th STEM workshops
- 25th and 26th – Parents Evenings

October

- 3rd – Safe Highlanders P7
- 6th – School closes for October break

After School Activities

The following after school activities are open to children from Mulbuie and Ferintosh Primaries.

| Activity | Age group | Day and Time | Venue | Contact |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Feis Rois Guitar and Accordion | | Monday | Tarradale Primary | Alison Watson – www.feisross.org.uk |
| Football | P2-4 | Tuesday 3 – 4pm | Mulbuie Primary | Mulbuie Primary 01349 861289 |
| Kempo Martial Arts | 4-7 yrs 8-15yrs | Tuesday – 6-6:45pm Tuesday – 7-8 pm | Tarradale Primary | Schoolofself-defence@outlook.com or phone 07946872606 |
| OJ sports | P1-3 P4-7 | Tuesday 3-4pm Tuesday 4-5pm | Tarradale Primary | OJ sports memberzone – www.ojsports.co.uk |
| Basketball | P5-7 | Thursday 4- 5 pm | Dingwall Academy | Rory Cross - 07825522451 |
| Football | 8 yrs and up | Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm | Ben Wyvis Primary | Kenny More - 07810 870523 |
| Football | 8 yrs and up | Friday 4.30pm | Tarradale Primary | Muir of Ord Rovers – Facebook page |

Please contact the clubs directly for more information regarding costs, availability and term dates. We are always keen to support anyone interested in running or organising after-school activities for the children. Any parent or friend of Mulbuie or Ferintosh Primary who is interested in supporting the school and community by running an after school club, please get in touch through the school office.

PUPIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected to the following roles:

Mulbuie Head Boy – Blair Hudson

Mulbuie Head Girl – Katie Forth

Mulbuie House Captains

Red Kites

Captain: Holly Vice-Captain: Amy

Blue Osprey

Captain: Katie Vice-Captain: Leon

Yellow Buzzards

Captain: Scott Vice-Captain: Blair

Improvement Group Leaders:

Holly, Tristan, Blair, Katie (Mulbuie)

Maddie, Grace (Ferintosh)

Class Reps: Cara, Hector and Brodie



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