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Dear Parents and Carers

News Update 5

Fife Flower Show

Our entry for the Fife Flower Show was awarded second prize. We were all delighted with our success and the prize money of £75, which will go into our School Fund and be used to buy garden equipment.

Matthew, Darren and Nicholas won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the dahlias. The school put in a lovely display of dahlias.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed and helped out.

After School Care

There has been a very positive response to the initial enquiry about setting up a breakfast club and after school care.

Marcus has contacted Fife Childcare and Early Year Services and there are sufficient numbers for them to carry out a survey of parents childcare needs. The responses are then analysed and if the scheme is financially viable, premises will be arranged and then this has to be register with the Care Commission.

You will be kept informed as the process proceeds.

P1 Parents

Thank s to all the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening. I hope it was useful and informative. Please remember if you have any queries about anything to do with school, contact the office or a member of staff to arrange a suitable time to speak.

Rugby

The rugby sessions are going well and the children seem very enthusiastic. It is wonderful to see them active and learning new skills.

Loch Leven

This is a reminder about the P3-7 visit to Loch Leven Castle on Wednesday 6th October.

A bus has been booked to pick us up at 9.30am and return us to school for 2.30pm

The children will need the following: their backpacks, packed lunch, snack, waterproof jacket, trousers or waterproof trousers (optional), fleece type top, sturdy footwear and a hat/gloves.

Obviously the weather determines what is required on the day but we try to cover most eventualities and like to be prepared. The staff at Loch Leven will carry out a weather risk assessment on the day. If conditions are not suitable for the boats the journey will not go ahead.

There is a short boat trip to the island and the children will be reminded about safety. Life jackets are available on the boat. The children will be closely supervised at all times by school staff.

Our children have an excellent reputation when out on school visits and they are complimented on their good manners and behaviour.

“Forth Pilgrim” will lead the day with historical talks about the castle and it’s most famous resident, Mary Queen of Scots. There will be drama activities which involve the children and bring history to life.

This is a wonderful chance for the children to learn more about Scottish history in their locality and we are really looking forward to our visit.

Puppet Show

Kit McGrath, a pupil from Dunbog Primary School, and his father have produced a puppet show called the Silver Sword and are putting on the show in some of the local primary schools. There is a small charge of £20, which will be funded from our school fund money. The proceeds will go to Dunbog’s link school in Malwi –Doroba Primary. If anyone would like to send in a donation towards this worthwhile cause please feel free to send it in on Thursday 7th October. I have booked the show for Thursday 7th at 9.30am.

The show is suitable for the P3-7 pupils and will be shown in school.

Harvest Reminder

Our Harvest Festival is arranged for Thursday 14th October from 2.00pm until 3.00pm in the Memorial Hall.

Celebrating Fife at Gateside Mills

I received the following invitation from Nicola Burnett and agreed to take part in the exhibition. The P3-7 children have already made spiders and next week the P1-2 will make theirs. On Friday 8th October we hope to walk down to the Mill and have our photograph taken by the Courier photographer.

This sounds as if it will be good opportunity to be creative in our village and it would be lovely if families could be involved.

“I, Nicola Burnett, run a glass and ceramic studio at Gateside Mills and we are organising an art exhibition as part of Celebrating Fife 2010. We would like to invite both Gateside Primary and Strathmiglo Primary and Nursery to make a sculpture for the exhibition.

The exhibition will take the form of a sculpture trail which will wind its way around the mill and along the old railway. We have 12 nationally and internationally renowned artists who are making and exhibiting sculptures and installations. The exhibition will run for two weeks and will be launched on the 9th October 2010. During the launch day there will be glassblowing, lampworking, raku kiln firing, metalwork and paint your own pottery as well as a makers market.

The children's sculpture will be a giant colourful spider's web strung between some trees on the walkway. We would like to invite the children in both schools and the nursery to make us a spider to be hung from the giant web!”

Dental Talk

Susie Cook, from the Child Smile Project is coming to talk to the p1-2s about looking after their teeth on Tuesday 5th October at 9.00am.

We are very pleased with the way our children take part in the tooth brushing routine every morning and hope it makes a difference and reduces dental decay.

Digital Projector

Edenshead Friends 2007 have kindly donated £349.00 to the school which has been used to purchase a digital projector, which will be ceiling mounted and used in conjunction with a laptop to either access information from the internet or our school's intranet system.

This will be an invaluable addition to our resources. Arrangements are already in place for the work to take place during the October holiday.

I am sure you would also like to thanks George Gall, and Edenshead Friends for their generosity and contribution to the school.

Halloween Party

This year Halloween falls on the last Sunday of the October Holiday so arrangements have been made to hold the party on the Sunday from 4.00pm to 5.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

There will be fun and games for the children of Gateside. Kate Fernando has agreed to host the party and organise the event.

We need a group of adults to help set up the hall in the afternoon, organise the food table, wash up and clean up the hall.

Please indicate on the slip if you can spare some time set up or are able to help during the party.

It is important to have a group of volunteers to make things work, and it's great fun too!!

There will be the usual competitions for Fancy Dress and Lanterns. Children should be encouraged to perform a little party piece in the good old Scottish tradition.

Please bring some small contribution for the food table, sweet or savoury.

If you intend to come please complete the slip to let us know how many adults and children will be coming. Because of the increase in the school roll it will be necessary to restrict numbers to pupils and children of Gateside.

This party is one of the highlights of the Gateside calendar so make sure you let us know early if you want to be included.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Andrews

Headteacher

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We intend to go to the Halloween Party on Sunday 31st October.

Names.....(children)

Names.....(adults)

We will be unable to attend the Halloween Party

I can help set up the Hall / help with the food table / wash up / clean up the Hall

Signed.....

Date.....

After School Care – Breakfast Club & After School Club

I am interested in the above and would like to receive more information.

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P1 Parent's Evening – Tuesday 28th September

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