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Dear Parents and Carers

News Update 6

Halloween Party Monday 31st October 5.00pm -6.30pm Memorial Hall

The preparations for the Halloween Party are well underway. Hannah Phillips and Kate Fernando have everything sorted out for the evening and we are very grateful to them both for doing this for the children. Please bring contributions for the food table along on the night. As well as the various competitions there are great games and traditional “Dooking” for apples. So come and join in the fun!

Modern Languages

All the children in the P4-7 class are going to start learning French using the Rosetta Stone language programme. The approach used is one of “emersion”, which means the children will follow a method similar to that of learning their mother tongue. This involves listening to and repeating words and phrases linked to pictures. Gradually the vocabulary is increased and grammar is developed. The words are also displayed on the screen so the children can see the connections between the spoken and written word. Initially we will start off together, and then the P6 and P7 children will work individually on a computer. They will progress through the levels learning about vocabulary, pronunciation, writing and grammar. I will be able to monitor their progress using the built in assessment programme.

There will be a mixture of group and individual work and lots of opportunities for talking in French. I can read and speak French well enough to teach the children and support their learning using Rosetta Stone. We also intend to learn about the French culture and customs. If anyone would like to see how it works then I’d be happy to arrange a workshop session later in the term.

Dalguise Photographs

Please complete the slip attached if you would like to buy a copy of the Dalguise CD. All proceeds will go towards school funds. Please send £1 back with your order.

School Photos

As well as taking individual and family photographs, Mr Andrews also took year group pictures, ie P1, P2 up to P7 and a whole school photograph. If you would like to order any copies please complete the order form and return to school.

After School Club

The after school club will resume on Thursday 3rd November. There are two more sessions after that, on the 10th and 17th November. Once the animation is complete copies will be sent home for you to view.

Rag Bag Collection Wednesday 9th November

This is a reminder that the next collection will be uplifted on the above day. Please drop off your bags by 9.00am. You may drop them off the day before and they will be kept in school overnight.

This year there is a new initiative to recycle books. Schools receive some money for the books too, 5p per kilo. These books are sold on to developing countries. Textbooks, paper backs, hardbacks are suitable for recycling. Please bag or box them separately from the textiles.

This company works in partnership with local authorities as part of their recycling initiative.

Tennis

Murray McBain, Active School Coordinator has organised a tennis taster session on Monday 14th November for the P1-3 and P4-7 classes. This will take place in the Memorial Hall. The P4-7s time is from 9.00am-10.30am. The P1-3s time is from 11.00am -12.00am.

Please make sure your children have their PE kit. Thank you.

Children's' Classic Concert Wednesday 16th November 1.45pm- 3.00pm

The whole school is going to this concert at the Rothes Hall, Glenrothes. They will be transported by coach and accompanied by myself, Miss Turner and Mrs Petriel. This event is funded by the Youth Music Initiative (YMI). The timing of this concert means we will return to school about 3.40pm so please make arrangements to pick up your children at this later time. If this poses any difficulties then let me know and we can make arrangements for the safe delivery of your children to their homes.

MAC Bus Thursday 17th November 9.00am- 12.00am 'A Cabinet of Curiosities'

Packed into MAC's tardis-like space will be every kind of museum object you can think of - and a few surprises too. It's all about collecting. From a whale's ear to a Zulu spear, these curious things tell stories about Fife's past - its landscape and the lives of its people - from the earliest times to today.

Inservice Day Friday 18th November

There is no school for pupils. Staff will be in school. We are doing training on new maths resources and formative assessment.

Dental Talk P1-3s Monday 21st November 9.00am- 9.30am

Susie Cook is coming to talk to the P1-3 children about dental hygiene.

Curling P7s Tuesday 22nd November 1.30pm

David Jones, Curling Development Officer, is coming to talk to the P7 children about curling in preparation to their visits to Kinross Curling Rink on Thursday 24th Nov from 11.30am to 12.30pm and Thursday 1st and Friday 9th December from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. The children need warm clothing and trainers. They will be transported by bus and accompanied by Mrs Petrie.

This is an excellent opportunity for the children to find out about Curling. Who knows, there might even be a future champion in our midst!!

Coffee Morning Saturday 3rd December 10.00am-12.00am Memorial Hall

The children have been asked to sing at the Community Association Coffee Morning.

We plan to sing some of the songs from our Christmas concert. The children will perform at 11.00am. I do hope as many as possible can come.

Donations for the Cake and Candy Table, raffle and tombola will be greatly appreciated.

Poppy Scotland

Poppies will be on sale, in school, next week. The children will learn about the Poppy Appeal and how the money goes to help service personnel in times of difficulty.

Mrs Donaldson organises the sale of the poppies and in past years the children have always been keen to put their pennies into the collection can. Please give generously to this good cause.

Severe Weather Arrangements

Please find enclosed. It is very important we have your email addresses. Please send any changes to the school. gatesideps.enquiries@fife.co.uk Thank you.

Christmas Concerts Primary School Musical Memorial Hall

The dates for the concerts are as follows:

Wednesday 14th December 2.00pm- 3.00pm

Thursday 15th December 6.30pm-7.30pm

Details to follow.

'Cinderella' Adam Smith Friday 16th December 7.00pm

If you would like to book tickets for the above please return the form sent before the Holidays to school ASAP as we have to confirm numbers by the end of next week.

Christmas Party Sunday 18th December 2.00pm-4.00pm Memorial Hall

Milk & TOFF

For those who prefer to pay these monies termly, this term's costs are Milk £7.48 and TOFF £13.20. Cheques for lunches and milk should be made payable to Fife Council and those for TOFF to Gateside Primary School. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Maureen Andrews
Headteacher

Year Group / Whole School Photographs

	Name	Small £1	Medium £2	Large £3
Year 1				
Year 2				
Year 3				
Year 4				
Year 5				
Year 6				
Year 7				
Whole School				

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