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17<sup>th</sup> November 2010

Dear Parents and Carers

**News Update 7**

**Inservice Days**

This is a last minute reminder about the Inservice Days on Thursday and Friday of this week. The school is open for staff training but closed for the children, who are delighted to have an extra long weekend!

**Forest Schools for Fife.**

The filming went well last Wednesday morning and I hope you will all support this by voting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Go to the People's Millions website for information on how to vote. The telephone number will be available from 9.00 am until midnight on that day only. STV Central is broadcasting our project on the 6 o'clock news, so tune in if you can and spread the word to everyone you know and ask them to vote for Forest Schools for Fife.

If we win, the money will be spent on a mini bus which will transport our children and others to forest locations, pay for further training of forest leaders and more sessions of forest school opportunities. Gateside pupils have already enjoyed visits to the forest with Chris Childe from Scottish Native Woodlands and we would love to go again. Tell all your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues about the project and please ask them to vote! Thank you.

I have told Fife Council and hopefully everyone will show their support and make sure they vote for our project. It all started in Gateside!!!

I am doing two days First Aid Training (on Sundays!) for Forest Schools so I can take the children out and keep them safe. We take out door learning very seriously.

Chris Childe has spoken to Iain Smith, our MSP, who is backing the Forest School project to the hilt. Iain Smith is coming to Gateside on Friday morning at 11.00 am and a photographer from the Courier is coming to take a picture for the paper. As you know the children are not in school but I wondered if any children and their parents could come along to the park and have their picture taken with Iain and Chris to promote the Forest Schools for Fife, People's Millions, Big Lottery Fund. Unfortunately I will be in Dairsie Primary School on Friday so can't be here. It should only take about 15 or so minutes. I hope some of you will be able to take part and further publicise the project. Thanks.

**Board Maker**

Our school has been awarded the Silver Award. We are delighted and hope to achieve the Gold Award next time. Thanks must go to Mrs Donaldson, Mrs Petrie and Mrs Jackson for working so hard to make this happen.

### **Alice In Wonderland – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

The “Working Space Theatre” is performing Alice in Wonderland on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 1.45pm in the Memorial Hall.

This company has come to school for about ten years and we have always enjoyed the shows. Parents and carers are invited to come and join us.

The children will walk from school to the hall after lunch and doors will open at 1.30 pm. Three children have been selected to help with the performance.

Please make arrangements for your children to be collected from the hall after the show.

It is an important part of the children’s education and feedback from previous shows has been very positive, so come along and enjoy the fun with your children.

### **Parent Council Meeting**

Everyone is invited to the next meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 6.30 pm.

This is also a Social Evening so parents can meet up and chat. I know most people know each other but please come along and find out more about the Parent Council and how it supports the children and school.

### **School Photographs**

Please complete the enclosed order form and return to school on Monday.

### **Christmas Cards**

Please complete the order form below and return to school as soon as possible.

### **The Community Association Coffee Morning –Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am 12.00pm**

The children are going to sing at this event and I would be grateful if as many as possible can attend. I know it is a highlight of the morning and everyone looks forward to seeing the children on stage. The children do not need to wear school uniform. They are scheduled to go on stage at 11.00am and we intend to sing some of the songs we are rehearsing for this year’s Christmas musical.

Contributions for the raffle, tombola, cake and candy stall and craft stall will be gratefully received. These occasions are really important for the village so make a date in your calendar and come along.

### **Powerwise Electricity Talk.**

The children are going to have talks about energy on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. The P1-2 class time is from 9.30 am – 9.50 am and the P3-7 class slot is from 10.00am – 10.45 am.

If anyone wishes to joins us please feel free to do so.

Yours sincerely

Maureen Andrews  
Headteacher

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A class photograph has been printed on the inside cover. A pack of four costs only £1.00.

If you would like to order any please indicate the number you would require on the attached slip.

Any profit will go to the School Fund. Please send your orders back by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

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