



Gowrie Gazette



Gowriehill Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Given the amount of pirates in school, I feel I should begin this note with an Aarr!! The pupils have really enjoyed finding out about pirates and the school is looking particularly bright with treasure in abundance from written work on walls, pictures, scary pirate models and lots of gold and jewels in chests in classrooms.



Sadly we had to postpone our Open Afternoon, but we would like to invite you to come on the afternoon of **Wednesday 14th March, 1.30pm – 2.30pm**. There will also be a presentation at 2.45pm in the assembly hall for all who can stay, regarding Dundee Travel Active, an initiative which is being rolled out across the City.

Our annual **Standards & Quality Report 2010-2011** is now available – you can obtain a copy from the school office or it is on our website.

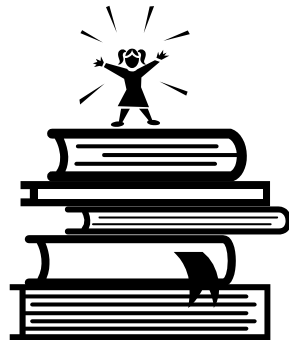
Just a reminder if you are collecting or returning pupils to school please make sure you report to the school office in the first instance as arrivals and departures need to be recorded.

B Smith
Head Teacher

Book Week

We had a really busy week of events, all classes have been busy with their Readathon and sponsor money should be brought to school as soon as possible. We had a super day on Friday with all pupils really making an effort to dress as pirates and we had a mixture of funny and fierce looking characters - quite a motley crew.

We had a visit from The Courier reporter who came to collect a mountain of books we have been collecting for the Dundee Born and Read campaign, thank you for your efforts and support. There will be a photograph in the Telegraph this week.



We had a Pirate Parade and the following were judged the winners:

- P1 Kaydee Jeffrey, Ethan Davie,
- P2 Blake Higgins, Kyle Mitchell,
- P2/3 Aden Downie, Cerys Reid
- P3/4 Casey Thomson, Brogan Towns
- P4/5 Rebecca Cruickshanks, Nathan Thomson
- P6 Emma Milligan, Jay Thomson
- P7 Niamh McLaren, Connor Todd

We are grateful to Waterstones Bookshop for providing us with books to sell or exchange for our £1 tokens and all pupils had the opportunity to obtain a book.

School Production

The rehearsals for Pirates of the Curry Bean are beginning in earnest and our committees are busy preparing posters, costumes, props etc., in readiness for the production. We shall have two performances:

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

Tuesday 27th March at 2pm
Thursday 29th March at 7pm

Tickets will be priced at **£4 for adults** and £1 for young adults (13-18). Primary aged children will be free (but will still need a ticket for health and safety reasons) Requests for tickets will be dealt with nearer the time.

Representing School

Four pupils represented the school in the Euroquiz where they were placed 5th. Thanks to Jade Unwin, Calum Urquhart, Matthew Smith and Joshua Honeyman.



Diary Dates:

Open Afternoon

Wednesday 14th March, 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Thursday 8th March Photographer (individual or family photo's) – school uniform please and bring sports clothes for the afternoon.

Thursday 15th March P7 Photographs (National Entitlement Card)

Monday 26th March Easter Service at Church 9.45am

Friday 30th March Term Ends

Sports, Clubs and Activities

At Gowriehill we try to provide a wide variety of sports and activities for our pupils in partnership with Active Schools, Dundee FC and other sporting agencies. This Term we have taken part in –

Fun in Athletics – Where we came third in Dundee (Bronze Place) and even had some Dundee champions in the Triple Jump –

Caitlin Mitchell P7

Steven McKellican P7

Basketball

The basketball team showed great sportsmanship and determination in their festival last week. Younger pupils may be invited to join after the Easter break when a coach will be available to help with the team.

Table Tennis

The table tennis has proven very popular with the P6 and 7 pupils involved.



Fit Club

The pupils in P2/3 and P3/4 are learning about health, exercise and nutrition through Fit Club with parents showing support at home.

Girls Football Festivals/League

Gowriehill Girls won the football festival held at soccer world in February and we wish good luck to the younger team who have a festival this week.

Boys Football League

The boys won their latest match against Hillside Primary school 3-1 in a fabulous display of skill.



Cross Country Run

P4-7 have been training for the cross country run at Baxter Park. The results of their run at Gowriehill were as follows:

2nd Place –

Chloe Falconer
Emily White
Abbie Harris
Chloe Johnson
Bethany Kiddie
Caroline Smith
Nathan Ford
Stephen Duncan
Leon Fairley
Loughlan Wilson
Steven McKellican

1st Place –

Rebecca Cruickshanks
Emma McIntosh
Hayley Bell
Louize Whitelaw
Nathan Thomson
Harry O'Rourke
Declan Jackson
Cameron Cruickshanks
Liam Hornby

3rd Place –

Megan Millar
Chloe Campbell
Hannah Scott
Carla Piscini
Courtney Carter
Niamh McLaren
Lennon Bruce
Scott Anderson
Jay Thomson
Blair Petrie
Connor Todd
Dylan Marshall

THE GIVING GARDEN



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Living the Olympic
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Community Project

As mentioned previously all pupils in school were invited to enter a competition to give the Project a name and a logo which will be made into a sign for display outside the Church. We had a large number of entries of a very high standard. The committee running the project met to judge the entries and found it to be very difficult. They could not decide on one winner so have chosen a winning name and a winning design.

The project will be called **The Giving Garden** which was Cameron Cruickshank's idea and the winning design was by Abbie Harris. There are also to be three runners up whose designs will be painted on murals around the garden. The runners up were Rachel Menzies, Louize Whitelaw and Niamh McLaren. Well done to all the winners they and their families will be invited to the Grand Opening later in the month.

The beautiful design can be viewed in colour on our website.

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