

# Kincardine O'Neil School Newsletter

## EASTER 2022



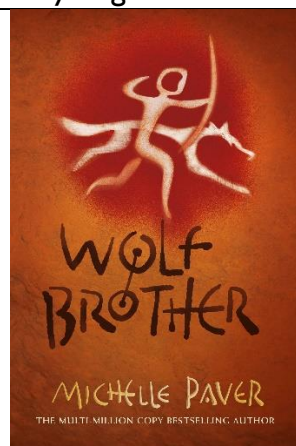
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I can hardly believe that we are already at the Easter holidays. It may have felt slightly disrupted due to more storms and snow arriving, however it has been a busy term and our pupils have really settled down to work and have been making great progress with their learning. We hope you find this newsletter informative and enjoy a relaxing break.

### Primary 1-3 Class News

Pupils in the P1-3 class have taken part in the Queen's Green Canopy Project. They worked co-operatively in groups to plant three oak trees as part of the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Pupils enjoyed learning that acorns had been collected, kept in a fridge then planted in pots, and allowed to grow for two years, before being transplanted into the ground. There was also some discussion about other tree species, how long the trees might take to grow, how tall they might be and how Storm Frank had affected trees in the area.



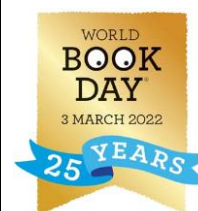
### Primary 4-7 Class News

P4-7 went back to Mesolithic times during our 'People from the Past' topic this term. We have been reading *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver which follows a Mesolithic boy called Torak. As we read the book in class, we learned all about life in Mesolithic times including: what they ate, how they dressed, how they tracked and hunted animals and much more! By comparing our lifestyle with theirs, we were able to gain an understanding of how much life has changed in Scotland.

We created our own clans and have been taking part in lots of activities linked to the story too!

### World Book Day

Pupils at Kincardine O'Neil School celebrated World Book Day in style by taking part in numerous activities in class relating to books and reading. Every time a child completed an activity they received a stamp on their passport! A big thank you to Rose & Claire who volunteered to read stories to our P1-3 pupils in our gazebo – this was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



### Covid-19 Update

We have had a number of covid cases in our school community this term and we appreciate the on-going communication you have all had with us to keep us updated. Updated guidance for schools has not been issued to us at the time this has been sent out, however I will make you aware of any changes at the start of next term. We are ever hopeful that we are allowed parents back in our school next term, however it may take time and ongoing review of cases before all restrictions in schools are lifted.

## School Improvement News

As part of our School Recovery Improvement Plan, we have purchased the “Emotion Works” programme for our school. Emotion Works is a tool that allows students to develop their emotional literacy and gives them a set of tools that they can use to make them aware of how they are feeling, what happens to their body, the triggers that cause emotions, the actions that can come from emotions and regulation strategies that can be put in place to make children feel more emotionally secure. Over the term Staff have received online training on the Component Cog Model and pupils have explored each cog in class. We hope to be able to share some of what we have learned with you next term.



## Scots Poetry Competition

Well done to everyone who took part in our Whole School Burns Poetry Competition in February. It was great to see the effort put in by pupils to rehearse and recite Scots poetry. Congratulations to all our Merit Certificate winners: Ethan P1, Emily P2, Arthur B P4, Angus P4, Lukas P4, Codie P5, Isabella P5 and Grace P7. Well done!

## Resource to Support Anxious Children

NHS Grampian have asked us to make parents aware of a free computerised program that is now available. SilverCloud is for parents and carers who may need to support children who are dealing with worries and anxiety. There are two different modules that can be completed by clicking on the following link:

<https://cypgrampian.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>

No referral is needed and parents can work through these modules at your own pace. The Access Code for this resource is **Grampian**.



## Change of Public Holiday

In recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, the May Day holiday will be moved from Monday 2nd May to Thursday 2nd June 2022 while Friday 3rd June 2022 will be designated as an additional public holiday.

## Dates for Term 4

We really hope that we are able to hold some events in Term 4 that parents and carers can attend. To this end, the dates below are provisional based on restrictions being lifted. They may change at short notice. We will send out more information on each event nearer the time.

## Future dates for your diary at a glance

### **APRIL**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Term 3
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Easter holidays
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	School Re-opens to Pupils and Staff

### **MAY**

Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Link Day to Aboyne Academy
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	P7 Link Day to Aboyne Academy

### **JUNE**

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Platinum Jubilee Celebration with pupils
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Public Holiday – School Closed to everyone
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Public Holiday School Closed to everyone
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Occasional Day – School Closed to everyone
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Parent Workshop: Updated Relationship, Sexual Health and Parenthood Curriculum
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Induction Days at Aboyne Academy
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term Celebration Assembly

### **JULY**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Term 4
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