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| Hello and welcome to our September newsletter. We have had a great start to the school year. Our new P1 pupils are enjoying being part of our school community and having lots of fun as they learn. School life remains as busy as always with much being achieved already.We hope you enjoy reading about what has been happening in and around the school over the last few weeks. Kind regards,Lindsey McBride |
| **Sharing our Learning:**We hope you have been enjoying our regular updates on SeeSaw – this is a fabulous way to share in your child’s learning journey. Our staff have shown great enthusiasm and are committed to using the App to share as much as we can. Thank you to all who are engaging with the App, leaving comments and talking to their children about what they have shared. Staff are happy to answer any questions you may have about how to use it and we would love to hear your feedback. |
| **Celebrating Success:**Well done to Astrid who won her race in the Huntly Roller Ski Championships. Astrid is a very skilled skier and has also won trophies in the Glenmore Rollerski Hill Climb and Cairngorm Biathelon Cross Country Ski Club race! Thank you for bringing in your trophies Astrid. We can’t wait to hear more about your achievements! |
| **Oyne Parent Council:**Our first OPC meeting was informative and productive. Please see the attached OPC update for more information about what was discussed and what they have planned in the coming weeks and months. |
| **Meet the Teacher Event:**Our recent ‘Meet the Teacher event was well very attended and we hope those who managed to make it along enjoyed the evening. Jennifer from the Aberdeenshire Library Service spoke to us about accessing the library catalogue using the ‘Libby’ and ‘Overdrive’ Apps and Mairi from Active Schools was on hand to discuss the exciting new clubs which we are able to offer this year thanks to a donation from Logie Country House. We hope you have all seen the video that Active Schools have produced showing snapshots of our visit to Logie Country House. The children had a great time learning about how the business is managed and discussing possible future employment opportunities!!  |
| **Pennies for Pencils:**We have been very busy collecting pennies for the pencils to go to Uganda next month. Some of the girls gave up their break last week to help sort the pencils into bundles of 20 so that they can be made into packs for the different schools they will be given to. So far we have raised just over half of the £66 needed to cover the cost of the box of 1500 pencils we are sending so we would be grateful to receive more pennies to help us reach our goal! All the children will write a letter to a child in Uganda which Mrs Smith will take with her when she goes next month and the children will all receive a letter back from the children in Uganda next term. Thank you for your support! |
| **Festival of Scarecrows:**We are delighted that our Roald Dahl themed scarecrows were awarded a Special Commendation at the Scarecrow festival last weekend. We had great fun designing and making the scarecrows and it was lovely to see so many people out on the streets of Insch looking for them. The school was lucky to receive a share of the proceeds from the event and we are very grateful for this. Thank you to all involved. We look forward to taking part next year! |
| **A Titanic Topic!**This term P5-7 are learning about the Titanic. We have started reading a book called The Titanic Detective Agency written by Lindsey Littleson. We also have learned about the different parts of the ship and made a mural on the wall of the ship and iceberg. In writing we wrote diary entries of famous people who were on the Titanic and their experience of being on the ship. This term we will be continuing with the topic and expanding our knowledge. By Tilly P6 |
| **End of Term Assembly:** We would like to invite you to come along to our end of term/Harvest assembly on Thursday 10th October at 9:30am. The children have been working with Miss Murray on various Egyptian themed songs - extending the topic work that is going on in P3/4. As this is traditionally the Harvest assembly, we will also be thinking about why this time of year is important. We will also be collecting items to donate to the Inverurie Food Bank Centre. If you are able to give anything, please send items in with your child or leave at the school office. All donations will be very gratefully received.  |
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| **Rules and Routine Reminders*** We have made a slight change in our uniform policy. Children with long hair can wear their hair down but we do encourage children to make sure hair can be kept out of their face and they have a hair tie to tie it back when necessary (e.g. for PE).
* Please do not bring footballs or other toys to school.
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| Dates for your Diary

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Times and arrangements** |
| **Wednesday 2nd October** | Oyne Community Association AGM | School Hall  |
| **30th September – 4th October** | Maths Week Scotland | Look out for information about activities and how to get involved |
| **Saturday 5th October** | Garden Tidy Event | 12:30pm – 3:30pm Are you free to grab a spade or a pair of loppers and head to the school field to help us tidy up our outdoor area? If so, please come along! |
| **Saturday 5th October** | OPC Fish & Chip Night in the School Hall | 6pm – see OPC newsletter for more details |
| **Thursday 10th October** | End of Term Assembly | 9:30am – 10:30am School Hall – all welcome! |
| **Friday 11th October** | In-Service Day | School Closed to pupils |
| **14th October – 25th October** | Holiday |  |
| **Tuesday 29th October** | Flu Vaccinations | Paperwork already issued |
| **Wednesday 6th November** | Road Safety Magic Show | P1-3 pm |
| **Thursday 7th November** | Outdoor Classroom Day | All classes |
| **Saturday 9th November** | OCA Firework events | Details TBC |
| **Wednesday 11th December** | Christmas Show | Afternoon |
| **Thursday 12th December** | Christmas Show | Evening |

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