

Tarves Primary School Newsletter



Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

A word from Mrs Conn

All of our boys and girls really impressed their teachers with their performances of their Scottish poems. I know it took some of them outside their comfort zone and I'm so proud of their resilience! I would like to say another huge well done to our Scottish Poetry Day winners:

Primary 1 – Jack

Primary 2 - Amerah

Primary 3 – Danru

Primary 4 – Beibhinn

Primary 5 – Maisy

Primary 6 – Freya

Primary 7 – Lola



The 11th February was **Safer Internet Day**. We discussed how technology is changing and ways that we can keep ourselves and others safe online. The upper Primary stages talked about their 'Digital Footprint' and explored what this means. In increasingly digital world, it is crucial that we, as educators and parents, are talking about and monitoring our children's device usage. In school, we apply strict filters and talk about what appropriate online etiquette looks like. More information and advice on how to talk to your child about online safety is available for parents on the following websites:

- **Think U Know** - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
- **NSPCC** - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **CEOP** - <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/How-can-CEOP-help-me-YP/>

Attached are details of an Online Safety event, held at Methlick Primary School, in partnership with Ellon Family Learning. Please see the leaflet for further information.

Home-School Communication

Our two in-service days this term focused on ways to improve our home-school communication. In Term 4, we will be trialling the use of a termly parent overview grid for each class which will provide you with information on what your son/daughter will be learning about in school. It will also include any class-specific dates and information regarding homework, PE days etc. We hope you will find this useful. More information to follow!

Curriculum – Living and Growing

As per the normal school curriculum, in Term 4, the children will be looking at the topic of 'Living and Growing'. All material covered is age and stage appropriate as suggested by the Scottish Government and the Curriculum for Excellence. Our teachers know our children well and do differentiate the content, as appropriate. I have attached the Curriculum for Excellence outcomes

for Early Level (Primary 1), First Level (Primary 2 to 4) and Second Level (Primary 5 to 7) for your information. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything further.

Progress Reports

Your son/daughter's Progress Report will be issued on **Friday 20th March** before Parents' Evening on **Thursday 26th March**. The report format has changed this year to include more detail regarding your child's learning experience at Tarves and will hopefully be self-explanatory. We have decided to issue reports electronically as PDFs. As this is a new system, for this year, should you wish a paper copy of your child's report, please email tarves.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk. Going forward, please note that all reports will be issued electronically from academic year 20-21. In light of this, please ensure the email address and contact details we hold for you are up-to-date.



Primary 6 and Primary 7 – Dalguise and Edinburgh/Glasgow Trip Payments

A quick reminder that we will be accepting payments until the week before each trip when the amount must be paid in full in order for your son/daughter to attend. Please contact the office should you wish to know how much is left to be paid. Thank you for your patience regarding the process of payment for Edinburgh/Glasgow and Dalguise trips from our Admin cover team in Nicki's absence, it is much appreciated.

Mrs Lara K Conn

Attached:

Events Calendar (February – July dates)
Online Safety Event Poster
Curriculum for Excellence Outcomes