
HANOVER STREET SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Where has January gone?

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved with the school for my very warm welcome back to Hanover Street. I am delighted to be back and look forward to working with you all in the months ahead!

We already have lots of ideas and plans and we will keep you updated on school life through Groupcall, School website and Newsletters.

As always, if there is anything you would like to discuss please do not hesitate to contact on 01224-569880 or email the school at hanover@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

All the best for year ahead,

Alan Markey

Head Teacher (Acting)

Staffing Update

Miss Gutsche is on placement at Tullos School until Mid-February and we wish her well as she continues on her journey to becoming a teacher. We welcome Miss Donochie who will stand in for Miss Gutsche.

School Janitor, Mr. Mike Williamson, shall return by the end of February following an operation. We wish Mike well in his recovery.

Health and Safety

Please note that parking in the car park at the front and rear of the school is prohibited. It is important that the rear car park is not blocked as this needs to remain clear for emergency and service vehicles.

Ceilidh

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Ceilidh extravaganza on Thursday 26th January. The event was a huge success; it was great to see so many people in the school recognising the hard work and effort put in by the boys and girls.

Don't forget to check out the school website for photos from the Ceilidh.

Rights Respecting Schools

UNCRC stands for the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. It's a list of rights that children have. The rights are all the things that children and young people need to make sure that they are happy, healthy and safe.

At present, Hanover Street School has a Recognition of Commitment (ROC) to Right Respecting Schools Award. We have recently begun our journey working towards Level 1. Each week at Assembly, there will be a focus on Right or Articles as they are known.

So far we have focussed on:

Article 12: Every child has the right to say what they think in all matters affecting them and to have their views taken seriously.

Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

School Vision

Alongside the Rights, we are also focussing on our school vision and values. Our vision spells, **Hanover St** and each letter describes part of our school vision. So far we have focussed on **O** for Our community and **T** for Teamwork.

Class News

Our classes have been very busy over the past month, check out what's been happening below.

P1M enjoyed Chinese New Year, especially our fortune cookies! We have started to learn about time and are starting on our topic on 'Pirates'. So get ready for an adventure, learning about famous pirates, compass points and buried treasure.

P1P have loved going swimming the past few weeks. We enjoyed learning about Robert Burns and Scottish culture and are soon starting our new topic 'Under the Sea'. We are getting better at sounding out our words and we are learning about time.

P2 have gained lots of skills and confidence from our swimming lessons. We enjoyed designing our own tartan patterns for the Ceilidh and we created a field of thistles when learning about Scotland's National flower. We enjoy reading Katie Morag stories to compliment our Scottish studies.

P2/3 have been learning why bees are important to us, why they are in danger and how we can help them. Watch out for our 'Bee Hotels'. We are also looking after the birds and will be taking part in Big School Birdwatch.

P3 enjoyed preparing for our Scottish Ceilidh and had fun dancing, singing and saying the poem "A dug, a dug". We are now going to find out about the Vikings and what it was like to live then.

P4 have been really busy with our topic of Scotland. We have been weaving paper to create tartan designs and painting thistles. In maths we have been learning how to tell time with 5 minute intervals and reading digital clocks.

P5 have been studying the Jacobites! We now know who they were, when battles happened and what they wore. We've also learned about the Redcoats and why they fought the Jacobites. We have learned the features of diary writing and imagined we were a soldier writing home. We work hard on our Big Maths, currently learning all about decimals.

P6 have been researching information about the Victorians, learning about Queen Victoria, inventions and child labour. We are taking part in SPECTRA this year and have made geometrical lanterns. Keep an eye out for our designs across various locations throughout the city including Union Terrace Gardens and Seventeen on Belmont Street.

P7 are very proud of their class business 'Bairns, Bows and Bowties'. We set up a production line in our class making almost 200 bows and bowties and earning £99.88 in the process. Thank you to everyone who supported our enterprise. We are continuing to enjoy learning French, test us on our colours and days of the week at home!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

* PLEASE NOTE THAT MORE EVENTS MAY APPEAR AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES AND MAY NOT BE NOTED HERE. YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF SUCH EVENTS.

Monday 13th February 2017	Mid-Term Holiday
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th 2017	In-Service Days – School closed to pupils
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Friday 24th March	Red-Nose Day
Friday 31st March	End of Term
Tuesday 18th April	Start of Term 4 – School re-opens
Friday 21st April	Pupil Progress reports out
Wednesday 26th April	Parents' evening
Thursday 27th April	Parents' evening
Monday 1st May	May Day Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	In-service Day – School closed to pupils
Tuesday 20th – Thursday 22nd June	Primary 7 Transition days at Harlaw Academy

