**Hanover Street School**

**Newsletter**

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**Staffing Update**

We welcome Mrs Claire Mutch to Hanover Street; Claire has taken on the role of school administrator for 3 days a week (Tues/Wed/Thurs) while Mrs Wilson continues her secondment.

**Community Update**

Join in and make a difference!

**Hanover City Centre Community Association** support community projects. We are volunteers who organise various groups and projects in the Hanover/City Centre area, as well as helping other local, established groups organise activities and projects by providing funding, information, plus ongoing support and interaction.

We currently have 2 youth clubs, an arts group for pensioners and a parent support group. We are always looking to develop this work, start new groups and encourage new members to join us to share ideas and make our community a great place for us all.

If you have ever thought “I wish there was a group that did ……….”, “I would like to learn about…………”, or ”We need more………….in our community”, we may be the group for you!

Feel free to get in touch: **hanovercity@hotmail.co.uk**

**ASDA**

The school has been accepted to feature on Asda’s community board for the **green tokens**. The vote starts on the 1st of October and ends on the 31st of December. Please vote for us and help us to win £500 to spend on school resources. Thank you all in advance! A special mention to parent, Jill Bowie and Asda community champion Pamela for nominating us!

**Parent Council/PTA**

We would like to welcome **Abigail Davies** as the new Parent Council Chairperson. **Zoe Cox** will continue in her role as treasurer, **Saima Khan** as secretary and **Jocelyn Angus** will continue to lead the PTA supported by **Rhoda Jamieson** and **Jodie Paterson-Gray**. We thank you all for your continued dedication, help and support as we look forward to working with you all again throughout the year.

**Road Safety**

Please be careful and act responsibly crossing the roads. We do not have lollipop ladies at the moment and it is important that we are demonstrating road safety to all the children.

**Uniform**

We would like to see an improvement in the number of pupils wearing school uniform. Please note the school uniform can be purchased online at Tesco (F&F). Clothing grant application forms are available from the school office, city libraries and information services and on Aberdeen City Council’s website.

**School Dinner card Top-up**

Please note that information for topping up School Diner cards is available in the information section on the school website.

**Free School Meals**

A note to parents/carers of new Primary 4s, that they will no longer receive a free school meal. Please contact the school office if you are eligible to apply for a Free School Meal.

.**General reminders: Lateness**: Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time for a 9.00am start, being late on several occasions can seriously disrupt your child’s education. We thank for you co-operation in this matter.

**Clothing/Personal belongings**: Before the start of the next school year, could we ask that you label all children’s clothing and belongings please.

**Class Highlights**

Our classes have been very busy, as always! Below are some of their **Term highlights**. The school website has more detail and pictures about some of the things mentioned below.

**P1C** had a successful and enjoyable visit to the Science Centre. They also looked at different shapes and counted to 10. They love Zumba and learning about different animals for The Jungle!

**P1M** also enjoyed their visit to the Science Centre, They too, have been learning about shapes and their names. They’ve also started learning French. Two very busy P1 Classes

**P2** have been very busy with their new topic ‘Under the Sea’. They have looked at sea shells and stones from the beach, made fish, mermaids and treasure chests. They are learning numbers to 100 and bonds to 10 in numeracy.

**P2/3** have been investigating ice and finding out a little about temperature and thermometers. They are excited about making ice lollies as part of an ‘Enterprise’ topic with P3.

**P3** have been enjoying their class novel ‘Yours sincerely, Giraffe’. They even received a letter from the Giraffe. They looked for clues in the playground to work out how the letter was delivered. They hope to hear back from him soon.

**P4** have enjoyed their swimming sessions at Bridge of Don this term. They have been busy reading James and the Giant Peach and enjoy learning about and meeting new characters.

**P5** have been learning all about Respect and how to be a hero. They have been studying angles and using ‘Big Maths’ strategies for their number skills.

**P6** have been very busy running their own ‘Fairtrade Chocolate’ business to raise money for Mary’s Meals! So far they have raised £200!

**P7** have been learning about World War II. They have researched life during ‘The Blitz’ and how it affected children. They have also been learning the basics of computer programming with Scratch.

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| **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. | |
| **Tuesday 9 October**  **6.00pm – 8.30pm** | Parents’ Evening |
| **Wednesday 10 October**  **3.30 – 6.00** | Parents’ Evening |
| **Monday 15 October - Friday 26 October** | October Holiday |
| **Monday 29 October** | Term 2 starts |
| **Friday 16 November** | In-service day (School closed to pupils) |
| **Thursday 22 November** | Christmas Light Switch on @ Castlegate (followed by tea/coffee in Citadel) |
| **Monday 26 November** | Book Week Scotland (Book Fair in school this week) |
| **Monday 3 December** | Crib Blessing – St Nicholas Kirk (P4 & P5) |
| **Wednesday 12 December @10.00am** | P1-3 Nativity |
| **Thursday 13 December @ 10.00am** | P1-3 Nativity |
| **Friday 21December** | Christmas Service @ Citadel  Term Ends |