

## Brackens Primary School

The Eco Committee were out and about to the Eco fair held by St. Fergus. The children were able to choose activities and plant seeds. The committee also attended the Ardler in Bloom launch and received sunflower seeds for planting.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April was the beginning Walk to School Week. It was hoped that parents would break the habit of dropping their children off right at the school door and use the designated drop off points to give the youngsters a bit of daily exercise in the fresh air.

The Middle school children have been taking part in the Rotary Games tasting sessions. The older P.7 pupils have been rugby training and the girls' football team did very well in their tournament by taking third place.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> April Brackens Primary School took part in the nationwide "Great Big Party for Little People" to raise funds for The Baby Lifeline charity, which supports work done in Ninewells Hospital.

Brackens, joined forces with the Early Years classes in Macalpine, raised £420 in one day for the charity and held the biggest children's party in the U.K.

## Ardler Primary



The school is very proud of the efforts of the netball team. This is the first time we have entered local tournaments for a number of years. The team won the P6 trophy for Dundee schools. Very well done to them and a huge thanks to their coaches, Miss Murray and Mrs. Anderson. Thanks are also due to the PTA for funding new kit for the team and to parents who helped out with transport. Another group went to Baldragon Academy to represent the school in an Enterprise Challenge. They also came home with the trophy. Well done

.Classes will be out on excursions to Crombie Park where they have a full day of activities.

The P7 group have already started meeting staff from their secondary schools and visits there will be taking place over the next few weeks.

The new P1's are also starting their visits and we look forward to meeting them all, with their parents shortly.

## News from St Fergus

### *Eco Saviours*

We will be receiving visits from assessors from Eco Schools and Health Promoting Schools this term and are hoping to attain our first Green Flag and Gold status respectively.

### *Blooming*

Garden Group members helped launch this year's Ardler in Bloom and all the children are growing sunflower seeds at home. Visitors from Dundee in Bloom have also been shown around the garden, which is looking great. With the SUDS leaflet which has now been given out to all householders, Mrs Malkowska's team has been very busy.

### *Spring Garden Show/Easter Arts*

Led by Mrs Dryden, St Fergus had the most entries of any school in Dundee this year, and congratulations go to the many prizewinners from the school.

Congratulations, too, to the entrants and prizewinners in the Ardler Easter Arts event, held in Ardler Primary, which was a big success again - thanks to Mrs Love and her team for hosting.

Well done everyone!



### *Kinnordy Estate*

P5 had a tremendous time visiting the Kinnordy Estate in Angus where they learned lots about the countryside and the animals which live there.

Trips to the Sikh temple, St Leonard's Church and the Rotary Games have also kept P5 busy learning this term.

### *Arbroath Visit*

P4 had a great visit to Arbroath Abbey linked to their studies of Wallace and Bruce.

### *Busy P7*

Our P7s have a very busy June ahead, with visits to Lawside Academy, a retreat day at the Pastoral Centre, a Choices for Life day in Edinburgh Residential trip to Glenshee and a fond farewell at Prizegiving on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### *School Review*

Our visit from Education Department officials went very well. The team was very impressed, with lots of positive comments about how well the St Fergus community is doing.

### *Eco Café*

Mrs McDonagh and her P7 team have been running a Cafe on Friday afternoons for the other classes selling Fair Trade products

## Sports Development

### *Tasty Tuesdays*

This sports drop-in runs in Lawside Academy every Tuesday lunchtime. Around 20-25 S1-S3 pupils take part in different sports each week and are also able to gain access to the Youth Information Service within the session.

### *Ardler Primary Dance*

This dance class takes place in Ardler Primary School every Monday lunchtime. 15 P6 and P7 pupils take part in this class which will lead to a presentation to the school at the end of the year.

### *St Fergus Primary Basketball*

This basketball class takes place every Friday after school. P6 and P7 pupils take part promoting learning and an opportunity to play in citywide basketball festivals.

### *Scotland v Georgia Trip*

On March 24<sup>th</sup> The project took 19 children from our football programmes to the European Qualifier at Hampden Park. Five children chosen to attend through dedication and behaviour were from Ardler. The project provided transport, lunch and the ticket to the game. The day was a huge success.

### *Easter Youth Provision*

During the Easter school holidays, the project worked in partnership with the youth work team to provide a sports drop in at Ardler Complex. Each session had different sports and games involved and the 11 - 16 year olds who attended thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. A similar provision is planned for the summer.

## Summer In The Library

Looking for things to do with the children during the summer holidays?

Why not take part in the Big Wild Read, or join our Toy Library that caters for the U5's. We have free Internet access, DVD's to hire, & BOOKS GALORE! We are sure that you will find something for all ages.

We are situated in the Community Centre, and our opening hours are:

**Monday 9.30-1.00 2.00-7.00**

**Tuesday 1.00-7.00**

**Wednesday 10.00-1.00 2.00-7.00**

**Thursday 9.30-1.00**

**Friday 9.30-1.00 2.00-5.00**

**Saturday 9.30-1.00**

