



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2017

Book Week 2017

As part of the drive to raise attainment across Scotland, the First Minister has again set schools a reading challenge. This year, we will be celebrating Book Week during the week of 27th November.

Paired Reading

Paired Reading is a technique that parents can use to help their own child with reading practice. Every child can benefit from using Paired Reading. It is not just for children with learning difficulties.

Parents who have undertaken training in Paired Reading report that not only does the child's reading improve, but that the child's self-esteem also improves and generally the child is more co-operative at home also. This can be attributed to the quality parent - child relationship that develops as they spend more time together.

Paired reading training for parents will take place on Thursday 30th November in the canteen at Mulbuie at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. This training will be delivered by the Highland Literacy Development Officer.



Proposed Ferintosh Outdoor Early Years Centre

A meeting will be held for those interested in finding out more about this proposed provision on Monday 13th November at 2pm, and again at 6pm at Ferintosh Primary School. All are welcome to attend.

For more information please contact Jackie Ross, Family Resource Coordinator at Jackie.ross2@highland.gov.uk.

Nurturing Approaches – Can you help?

We are still looking for any dress ups, a toy kitchen, "house" toys or such like that you no longer use. We hope to set up a new supervised role-play area for children over the lunchbreak.

After School Clubs

Mr Kenny More is keen to hand over the running of the P4-7 football club to someone who has children in the school. If you would like to take this role, please get in touch with me through the school office or with Mr More directly. Without the support of parents, this club will not be able to keep running.

I would like to express our thanks to Mr More for running this club for the last year and a half.

Home-School Communication

As we only have a part-time clerical assistant in each school, this means there will be times when there is no-one available to answer the phone in one school or the other. Teachers are discouraged from answering the phone as their time is best spent in planning and preparation for learning.

We encourage parents to use the home-school diaries as a primary method of communicating with the school and class teacher.

If phoning to register a child as absent, Mrs Waters' can be contacted at the following times at Mulbuie and at Ferintosh. She can then make sure that the message gets to the appropriate person in either school.

Mulbuie:	Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am	861289
Ferintosh:	Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30am	861827

If you wish to make an appointment to speak with a member of staff, please phone either school office as above and Mrs Waters will be happy to arrange this for you. You can also email Mrs Waters at

mulbuie.primary@highland.gov.uk

Bag packing cancelled

Our Bag Packing fundraiser planned for the 1st December has been cancelled. We hope to arrange this again later in the session.

Christmas Show – Plea for Help

Are there any secret lighting or sound gurus out there who could help us with that side of our Christmas show? If so, please get in touch. The Academy has a sound and lighting system but we are not at all knowledgeable in how to use it!

Harvesting



We harvested our potatoes, apples and herbs and made wedges, dip, soup and apple crumble to share.



Making a car in technology

