



# Alehousewells School Newsletter 14

End of session 2021



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## Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Diary Dates:

Tues 17 Aug – Back to school for P2-7 pupils.

Wed 18 Aug – Group A P1 9.15-12.45

Thur 19 Aug – Group B P1 9.15-12.45

Fri 20 Aug – All P1 9-12.45

Mon 30 Aug – P1 in all day from now, 9-3.15

Fri 15 Oct – Last day of term

Mon 1 Nov – First day back after October holidays

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week brings us to the end of this term and the end of what has been a very challenging year for everyone. Little did we all expect as we started the academic year back in August 2020 that we would see so many changes to school life and another period of lockdown.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the pupils, staff, and yourselves as Parents/Carers for the efforts that have been shown throughout the year to ensure we have continued to maintain a safe working environment within Alehousewells school for all. Everyone's due diligence has ensured that we have had minimal disruption over the course of the year due to positive cases and self-isolation.

## **School closes today, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, for the summer holiday and reopens to pupils on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.**

When we reopen in August, the current Scottish Government Covid guidelines are to remain in place with all pupils/staff required to

- Use hand sanitiser/wash hands when entering the building and frequently throughout the day.
- Follow the one-way system

If there are any changes to these guidelines I will be in touch with all parents and carers during the last week of the holidays.

## **End of term Awards**

At our Assembly today, the following awards were made.

- The Venator Generous Cup was awarded to Samantha Thorburn, P4.
- The Caring Cup was awarded to Freya Williams, P5.
- The Jean Esson Quaich was awarded to Lily Shewan, P6.
- The Citizenship Shield was awarded to Logan Masson, P5. This was decided by staff and families who nominated suitable candidates. Logan received the most votes.
- The #ACE (Attitude, Commitment & Endeavour) cups went to Katie McCann in P3 and Nicolas Srodon in P7.
- The House shield was presented to Bennachie for achieving the most House points throughout the year.
- The Sports shield was also presented to Bennachie for achieving the most points at our Class Sports days. It was very close with only 7 points between first and second place.

We also recently presented the Mavis Wainman Shield for contribution to school life to Layton Gavin, P7.

Very well done to all the recipients. You should be rightly proud of your achievements.

The Assembly was recorded. Sometimes technology gets in the way of us doing the things that we want to, but we should manage to share the link, if not today then early next week.

## **P7s**

Good luck to the 16 P7 pupils who are leaving to go to Kemnay Academy:

Jake Dunbar, Ayrleighs Fraser, Bethany Gill, Jordan Gray, Ayden Jones, Mhairi Kinghorn, Freddi Laing, Kirsty McGhee, Mike Nicol, Payton Sangster, Jayden Shek, Stevie Skene, Nicolas Srodon, Owen Stuart, Keelin Whyte and Calum Wood.

Also good luck to Layton Gavin who will be attending Inverurie Academy and Derren Wilson who is going to Meldrum Academy.

They leave today with some gifts: a pendrive and powerpack from the Parent Council and a scientific calculator from the school, which we hope will come in useful.

This week, P7 climbed Bennachie on Tuesday, took part in a climbing wall, body zorbs and a bike track on Wednesday morning, half of which was paid for by the Parent Council, and enjoyed a chilling fun day on Thursday wearing comfy clothes and with movies, games and some tasty treats!

This has been a challenging year for them, and it is a pity that we were not allowed to book the usual trips. However, we hope they enjoyed what we have managed to arrange and progress up to the Academy with great memories of their last year at Alehousewells.

## **School values awards**

At Assembly this week, the latest round of children received our CARES school values badges. It was a lovely celebration even though it was done virtually, with the children shocked, surprised, delighted and proud to receive a badge. Our pupils are showing in many different ways how they demonstrate our school values eg showing a growth mindset, emptying the recycling bins weekly, helping their classmates when they are stuck or hurt and excelling in their learning.

### **P1**

Caring-	Lottie Craven
Achieving-	Alfie Andrews
Responsible	Alexander Herning
Encouraging	Abii Beaton
Supporting	Linda Rakovska

### **P2**

Caring-	Jessica Lace
Achieving-	Lilly-Ann Lindsay
Responsible	Willow Findlay
Encouraging	Lexi Larsen
Supporting	Philip Soper

### **P3**

Caring-	Maisy Blair
Achieving-	Libby Buxton
Responsible	Jaydon Cameron
Encouraging	Joan McLennan
Supporting	Evan Williams

### **P4**

Caring-	Harmony Sim
Achieving-	Tyler Barron
Responsible	Orla Massie
Encouraging	Lauren Blair
Supporting	Samantha Thorburn

### **P5**

Caring-	Freya Williams
Achieving-	Kady Gibbs
Responsible	Brooke Cameron
Encouraging	Robert Beaton
Supporting	Scott McLeod

## **P6**

Caring-	Layla Sangster
Achieving-	Dylan Nieto Aguilar
Responsible	Katie Torrance
Encouraging	Sophie Lamont
Supporting	Ramsay McGee

## **P7**

Caring-	Ayrleighs Fraser
Achieving-	Mhairi Kinghorn
Responsible	Derren Wilson
Encouraging	Jordan Gray
Supporting	Kirsty McGhee

## **Eco group**

A huge well done to the Eco group, Jordan Gray P7, Katharine Thorburn P6, Morven Low P5, Samantha Thorburn P4, Evan Williams P3, Morgan Gavin P2, Mrs Binfield and Mrs Lindsay, who have worked so hard this year to complete each step in the process to obtain our Green Flag award for Alehousewells Primary School. They have completed all the actions on their action plan and evidenced this in many different ways. These have included videos, posters, measuring and evaluating the information, displays and working with pupils and staff. This is not the end of the journey, though. We need to keep working as a school to maintain our award. The new Eco Group will update us all on this next school year.

## **Run4Fun**

Three of our pupils signed up and participated in the Active schools Run4Fun series between February and May. This replaced the normal Cross country series due to lockdown and continued event restrictions. The following pupils were presented with their certificates and medals today:

Jasmine Thomson P3

Philip Soper P2

Lewis Mackland P5.

## **Staffing**

Well done to our Pupil and Family support worker, Mrs Suzanne Hendrick, who has just successfully completed a Counselling skills course, making her a Counselling skills practitioner. Your hard work has paid off and our pupils and families will benefit from your new skills at Alehousewells school.

## **CLAN Light the North trail**

Our little lighthouse sculpture will be joining the Light the North trail from August at the Garioch Heritage Centre. Sticker books will be available to buy to mark off which sculptures you have seen. They will be available from July online at a cost of £5. I will share the link on our return.

## **Finally**

For those pupils and staff who are leaving us to start the next stage in their journey, we wish you all the very best and look forward to hearing how you get on in the future.

I cannot finish this update without thanking the school staff for all they have done over the year to ensure we have continued to deliver learning and teaching during some very challenging times.

As parents / carers your support over the year has been greatly valued and I thank you for all you have done both during the period of lockdown and since our return to school this past term.

I hope every one of you has a great summer break and I look forward to working with you all in the new school year.



Yours Sincerely

*Carol Hughes.*

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**HEAD TEACHER**

You are invited to comment on the return pro-forma on any aspect of school whether as a comment/ suggestion, compliment or concern. These are responded to as and when necessary.

Comment/Suggestion, Compliment or Concern, End of session 2021

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My name \_\_\_\_\_

My child's name and class \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information Update**

Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition:  
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**Newsletter Via E-mail**

At Alehousewells Primary we like to save paper and the environment as much as possible. If you do not receive newsletters by e-mail at the moment, please provide us with an e-mail address so we can add you to our mailing list.

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