



MOUNT PLEASANT PRESS

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PARENT FORUM – FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

We are looking for interested parents who would like to take part in a focus group to discuss recent developments in the school. This is to help raise awareness of the changes that have come about with the introduction of A Curriculum for Excellence. On Wednesday, 20 March at 6.30 pm we will have an informal discussion based around assessment and will give parents the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions. If you are interested in taking part please contact the school office.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

As from 1 April the price of a school meal will increase by 4% to £1.87!

BUTCHER MEAT REASSURANCE

I realise that it has been stated in the national press that all councils source their meat from Brakes. Can I reassure you that Highland Council does not! Highland Council sources its meat from John Munro of Dingwall.

All our fresh beef, lamb and pork is sourced, slaughtered and prepared in the Highlands. The council as a whole is contracted with Munro the butcher (Dingwall) with individual specifications and traceability included in the conditions of contract.

In house monitoring, supplier audits by external organisations ensure compliance, and our local Environmental Health Officers carry out food standards inspections in all our locations. We have that reassurance of where our produce originates is prepared, packaged and delivered. This includes our fresh burgers, sausages and haggis included in our menus.

All schools in highland source their butcher meat from the same supplier. Munro also provides British chicken and venison from 2 of the Highlands leading game dealers in Bonar Bridge and Newtonmore.

All meals are cooked freshly with fresh ingredients, and the council is proud to source as much produce locally as possible and has been awarded the Soil Associations Food for Life Bronze Award.

A NOTE FROM THE ECO COMMITTEE - WACKY WOOLY WEDNESDAY

On 6th March 2013 it is Wacky Wooly Wednesday. We would like to encourage everyone to wear their most funny jumper to school on this day instead of their school jumper!

As part of Climate Week we are going to help raise awareness of carbon reduction. What we are going to do on Wacky Wooly Wednesday is reduce the temperature in our school by one degree and we want to make sure that everyone still stays warm in their funny jumpers.

Please help us take part in Climate Week by joining in with this fun activity.



PARENTS' EVENING

You should have had the slips for booking a parents' evening appointment. If you have not received one, please contact the school office. Appointments will be issued on Wednesday 6 March.

RED NOSE DAY

Primary 7 pupils will be selling Red Noses from Monday, 4 March at break time for £1. Red Nose Day is on Friday, 15 March. We are asking if children could wear glasses and moustaches and bring a donation.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Pupils were issued with World Book Day tokens earlier this week. World Book Day is on Thursday, 7 March. To celebrate this day we will be having a Library Opening Day. The school has recently purchased an electronic library system which allows children to scan out their own books. This will be officially launched on 7 March.

SCIENCE FESTIVAL

We are delighted to be hosting the Caithness Science Festival again this year during week commencing Monday, 18 March. Children will gain a great insight into various aspects of science by attending various workshops. Every class from P1-7 will get a chance to participate in at least 1 workshop. Please note the following arrangements:

- **Tuesday, 19 March** - **Primary 3** should take a packed lunch or book a school lunch as their workshop runs into lunchtime.
- **Thursday, 21 March** - **Primary 3** should take a packed lunch or book a school lunch as they will be travelling to Pennyland half way through the lunch break.
- **Friday, 22 March** - **Primary 6 and 7** should take a packed lunch or book a school lunch as their workshop starts at 1.15 pm.

HELPING HANDS

Miss Gulloch nominated parents for a helping hand who had come in and read a story to Primary 1 as part of National Storytelling Week. They were Sara Herrick, Stuart McIntosh, Wilma Norquay, Alex McDonald. Lesley Baker also had a helping hand for helping out with the Primary 3's trip to Caithness Horizons.

DATES FOR DIARY

Wednesday, 6 March	Wacky Woolly Wednesday
Thursday, 7 March	Official Library Opening
Saturday, 9 March	Parent Council Family Bingo
Tuesday, 12 March	Parents' Evening
Friday, 15 March	Red Nose Day
w/c Monday, 18 March	Caithness Science Festival Week
Saturday, 23 March	Mount Pleasant Groundforce Day
Thursday, 9 May	Primary 6 School Trip - Culloden/Fort George
w/c Monday, 20 May	P7 Fairburn trip
Monday, 28 May	Sports Day
Tuesday, 29 May	Football/Netball Tournament Day
w/c Monday, 10 June	Caithness Music Festival Week

HOLIDAY AND IN-SERVICE DATES

School Closes (at the end of the school day on)

Thursday, 28 March 2013
Friday, 3 May 2013
Friday, 28 June 2013
Friday, 4 October 2013
Friday, 20 December 2013
Friday, 14 February 2014
Friday, 4 April 2014
Thursday, 3 July 2014

School Opens (9.00 am on)

Monday, 15 April 2013
Tuesday, 7 May 2013
Tuesday, 20 August 2013
Tuesday, 22 October 2013
Monday, 6 January 2014
Monday, 24 February 2014
Tuesday, 22 April 2014