

# Innellan & Toward Primary School Newsletter

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April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Last term was very busy and it looks like this term will be equally busy. This term we have a student at Innellan, Stuart Greenway, and I know you will all make him feel welcome. Stuart met pupils from both schools, this week, as part of Working Wednesdays and he will be teaching lessons to pupils from both schools on Wednesdays.

Cathleen Russell  
Head Teacher

## Working Wednesdays



The senior pupils enjoyed the Kodu lessons and were very articulate in explaining the various games they created, adapted and played to Councillors Breslin and Walsh. Thanks to Gary and Steven for all their hard work. The pupils as a result of this have requested that we try and establish a computer club will start on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and Steven is going to run one for a few weeks this term and depending on interest we will try and continue it next

session.

Scottish Opera are coming to do a couple of workshops with the senior pupils before they put on their own Opera 'Fever' in Strachur Village Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> May. Due to the available space we are only able to issue 1 ticket per pupil and we would appreciate it if you could let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to use your ticket so that we can give it to someone else on the waiting list.

The infant class completed their session of Beach Schools and they are now very aware of the amount of rubbish that is washed up on our beaches and the harm it can do our wildlife both in the sea and on shore.



## Wider Achievement

Congratulations to those pupils who achieved their certificates and especially those who achieved the Head Teacher certificate by completing almost all of the tasks. The pupils still have the opportunity to complete some of the tasks linked to Confident Individuals as well as beginning to do some of the tasks towards Successful Learners and Leadership.

## Transitions

P7 pupils attended the Jobs Fair at Dunoon Grammar School where they began to gain an understanding of the job possibilities that may be on offer in the future both locally and nationally. Throughout this term, as part of the transition programme, there will be activities for the P7 pupils to enable them to meet P7 pupils from other schools and gain a greater understanding of what is expected of them in secondary school.

Pre 5 pupils who are starting school in August have been invited to come into the class and join in some activities over the next few weeks. Parents are asked to stay with their child on the first visit to try and

make sure they settle. The second visit is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the school and to ask any questions they may have.

### Health and Wellbeing

As part of our health and well-being programme we have organised some lessons for the older pupils linked to body image as we are aware that many pupils, both boys and girls, are affected by what they see and hear regarding what is perceived to be the perfect person. These lessons are to try and help pupils realise that the images that they see are not perfect and that they have been enhanced and in many cases changed out of all recognition.

### Parent Council

At the last Parent Council meeting there was a discussion about linking the 2 schools parent council meetings a couple of times a year and it was decided that at the next parent council meeting we would trial a format. The meeting will be held in Innellan School with a half hour at either end to discuss any issues that are pertinent to the individual schools. Therefore the next meeting, on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016, will begin with a session for Innellan only at 6.15 – 6.45pm, Innellan & Toward for 6.45 – 7.45pm and Toward only from 7.45 – 8.15pm.

### Dates for your Diary

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| April 27 <sup>th</sup>                  | Scottish Opera Workshop ( Strachur Village Hall) P4-7 pupils<br>Parent Council Meeting (see paragraph above for proposed timings) |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | P1 induction afternoon (Pre 5 pupils to attend for the afternoon with their parents)<br>1.30 – 3pm                                |
| May 2 <sup>nd</sup>                     | Holiday   |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup>                     | Inservice – School closed for pupils  |
| May 4 <sup>th</sup>                     | Body Image Workshop<br>Dental Inspection P1 and P7 pupils only  |
| May 11 <sup>th</sup>                    | Wild About Scotland Bus – Workshops for P4-7 pupils about Scottish wildlife   |
| May 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Gaelic singers Ingrid and Anna  |
| May 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | P1 Induction afternoon, Parent workshop.  |
| May 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> | Health Week and South Cowal Festival – programme for week will be given to you when finalised                                     |
| May 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | Orienteering P7<br>P1 Induction afternoon   |
| June 3 <sup>rd</sup>                    | Police Sports P4-7  |
| June 6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> | P7 induction week at Dunoon Grammar School  |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup>                   | School closes 1pm for summer holidays.  |