

Blythswood Trust Christmas Shoeboxes

May I take this opportunity to remind you that the shoeboxes are going to be picked up by the Blythswood Trust on Wednesday morning, (3rd November). Thank you to those of you who have already handed in shoeboxes full of the requested essentials - a hat, a scarf, gloves, toothpaste and a toothbrush, as well as other goodies for Christmas. Last year we sent away over 60 boxes - it would be lovely to come close to this total again. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Instant Neighbour

Thank you also to all who have donated food etc to the Instant Neighbour scheme. This is always well supported and we are very appreciative of your generosity.

UNICEF's Emergency Appeal for the Children of Pakistan

As you already know, we have decided to support UNICEF in raising funds for the children of Pakistan. We have decided to call this the SWAP project -



Sanitised Water Aids Pakistan

Our Pupil Council has decided that we will all swap classrooms for part of the day and swap school uniform for 'come as you please' clothes. However there is a twist to this - the clothes have to be swapped around so that they are worn back to front! The pupils are asked to make a donation to UNICEF in lieu of wearing their clothes the right way round. Thank you. The date for this event is **Tuesday 9th November 2010.**

Poppy Appeal

As custodians of Remembrance, The Royal British Legion through the Poppy Appeal, provides ways for commemorating those who are no longer with us. Each year the nation expresses its unequivocal support for The Royal British Legion's charity work through this appeal. Their emphasis this year is the need to help the Afghan generation of the Armed Forces and their families - today and for the rest of their lives.



The Royal British Legion is aiming to raise £36 million nationwide. At Catterline School we would like to help meet this target and so are inviting the pupils to make a small donation towards this cause and to wear their poppies with pride. Poppies will be available from school from **Wednesday 3rd November until Thursday 11th November.** All pupils will also receive a free packet of red poppy seeds, kindly donated to the school by Poppy-Scotland's Education Project. Instructions for planting the seeds are on the packet!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

The **Christmas Post Box** will begin on **Monday 13th December** and finish on **Friday 17th December.** As in previous years, we should attempt to be environmentally friendly. Perhaps parents, (together with staff), could encourage children to send one card to their own class, or to their particular set of friends and one card to each class thereafter. As before, each member of staff will write one card to each child in their class and this shall be from all the staff at Catterline.



Christmas Concert

We are going to hold our concert on **Tuesday 14th December, 2010**. As in previous years, we are having a matinee and an evening performance. As we are limited for space in our Hall, we would appreciate it if you could be considerate of others and just attend one of the performances. We hope you will be able to make it and we look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Christmas Lunch

We are looking forward to our Christmas lunch on **Thursday 9th December**. We like to encourage every child to stay for lunch, so that we can all be together for this lovely occasion. Christmas lunch costs the usual amount of £1.80 and there will be one sitting at 12 Noon.

Christmas Parties

The **Primary 5/6/7** party will take place on **Thursday 16th December** in the afternoon. **Primary 1/2 and Primary 3/4** will have their party together, on the afternoon of **Friday 17th December**. If staying for a school dinner, the children will be able to get dressed into their party clothes, after lunch. The staff are always on hand to give the younger pupils a hand with this, should that be required. Please remember to label party clothes and shoes with your child's name. Thank you.

Christmas Service

This is planned for the last day of term, **Tuesday 21st December**, at 10.45 am. Family and friends are most welcome to join us at the school for the service. Mrs McKibben will lead our Christmas Service.

Enterprise is the Business

On **Thursday 28th October** our Primary 7 pupils, Carlene, Jessie, Rosie, Craig, Amelia, Katie and Ben, along with David, from Primary 6, attended this event at the Bettridge Centre in Newtonhill. Twenty-four teams took part in the day, and all engaged in setting up their own company, complete with a company name, a logo, a range of Scottish merchandise, advertising strategies and accurate accounts. Our team worked well together, allocating tasks according to their strengths, and designing and producing an interesting line in bookmarks, table decorations, birthday cards, gift boxes, ornamental castles and postcards! Needless to say everyone was quite exhausted in the car home! Our team made an impressive profit of £84:00. Congratulations to you all on your teamwork - the dragons from Dragons' Den would have been proud of you!

Cross-Country Competition - Mineralwell Park, Friday 8th October

At the time of writing the last newsletter, some of our pupils were about to take place in the event, organised for all the schools in the Stonehaven Network, at Mineralwell Park, Stonehaven. I am delighted to be able to tell you that everyone gave one hundred percent and ran very well. Indeed they all ran much better than I could have done - the course was really long and the hills were very steep! Each race was extremely competitive and had over fifteen starters in them. However this did not deter our very own Eoin Vaughan, who finished second in the Primary 5 Boys' Race. Well done Eoin!



Cross-Country Competition - Lathallan School - Friday 12th November

Our P 5/6/7 pupils have a further opportunity to compete in a cross-country event - this time at Lathallan School on the afternoon of Friday 12th November. Letters went out last week and I am delighted that we will be able to enter 8 individual entrants. This event has previously taken place in January or February but the organisers have wisely decided to bring it forward, having been plagued by poor weather postponements or cancellations over the last couple of years.

Cross-Country School Club

Our PE Teacher, Mrs. Gomez has very kindly offered to run a cross-country club for our pupils on a Friday lunchtime. Any pupil wishing to take part will need to have a packed lunch with them on that day. The club will start this Friday, 5th November.

Active Schools' Co-ordinator

I am delighted to be able to tell you that an Active Schools' Co-ordinator, Mr Ross Nicholson, has been appointed to the Stonehaven Network. Mr Nicholson is presently organising touch rugby trainer sessions and a tournament for our Primary 6 pupils to participate in. Please find below a letter of introduction from Mr Nicholson.

I am delighted to be joining the Active Schools team responsible for the Stonehaven cluster. Originally from Arbroath I have spent much of my career working overseas in the Middle East where I worked in several large sports and leisure facilities developing a number of sports programmes and events.

More recently I worked at High School of Dundee where I was Manager of Mayfield Sports Centre, coordinating all community sports bookings and introducing extra curricular and holiday programmes for primary and secondary pupils there.

I have now returned to Arbroath with my wife and two children.

An active sports person with a keen interest in volleyball, squash, tennis and golf, I am very much looking forward to working with you and your pupils.

Staff Information

Miss Meiklejohn (Additional Support for Learning Teacher) is in school all day on Wednesdays this term.

Mr McCormick (Additional Support for Learning Teacher) is in school on Tuesday afternoons this term.

Mr Cargill (Piano) is in school on Mondays from 10.45 am to 12.15 pm.

Mrs Campbell (Violin) is in school on Mondays from 12.45 to 1.45 pm.

Mrs Matthews (Cello) is in school on Thursdays from 11.00 to 12.00 Noon.

Ms Forsyth (ICT) and Mrs Phillips (Drama) are both in school on Monday afternoons this term.

Mrs Metelski (Core teacher) joins us on Thursday afternoons this term.

Mrs Gomez (PE) and Mrs Georgin (French) are both in school on Friday mornings this term.

Out of School Clubs

Our clubs are now all in full swing thanks to the wonderful support of our volunteers - parents and older siblings, who do such a super job running them. Thank you to you all for the commitment you make for our pupils. Here's some news about what's been happening.

Football

The Small Schools' League is presently being contested. Catkins enjoyed a superb 10 - 4 win on Saturday at Redmyre. Next Saturday we are playing on home soil against Glenbervie, so fingers crossed for another super win!



Badminton

This club meets at Bervie Leisure Centre from 7 to 8 pm, every Wednesday evening for pupils in P 4 to 7.

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club has very kindly purchased bird feeders for our playground. Now that Autumn has well and truly arrived, each class is looking forward to taking on feeding the birds. The club meets for the last time for the winter this Wednesday.



Netball

We currently don't have a Netball Club, but we would still like one! If you are interested in helping out with Netball, please do not hesitate to give me a call at the school. Now that we have an Active Schools' Co-ordinator, training of helpers can be arranged, so please don't let a lack of experience put you off volunteering!

Dates for your Diaries

Catterline School Parent Group Meeting	Tuesday 2 nd November, at 7 pm
Blythswood Shoebox Collection Day	Wednesday 3 rd November
Catterline School Poppy Appeal	Wednesday 3 rd to Thursday 11 th November
UNICEF SWAP / Dress As You Please Day	Tuesday 9 th November
Lathallan Cross Country Competition	Friday 12 th November, from 2.30 pm
In-Service Day 4	Monday 15 th November
In-Service Day 5	Tuesday 16 th November
Christmas Coffee	Saturday 27 th November - more details to follow
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 9 th December
Christmas Post Box Week	Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th December
Christmas Concert	Tuesday 14 th December, 1.45 pm and 7.00 pm
Primary 5/6/7 Christmas Party	Thursday 16 th December, 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm
Primary 1/2 & Primary 3/4 Christmas Party	Friday 17 th December, 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm
Christmas Service	Tuesday 21 st December, 10.45 am
Last Day of Term 2	Tuesday 21 st December 2010
First Day of Term 3	Wednesday 5 th January 2011.

Yours sincerely

Melanie Fowler
Head Teacher