



Pitmedden School News!

May 2021

Vision & Values

Our **Vision** at Pitmedden is to provide the **highest quality** education that ensures our Pitmedden family **'Work together to do our best.'**

Our overarching values to achieve our vision are that every child is:

Included

Respected

Healthy

Responsible

Honest

I can't quite believe we are in term 4, with only 6 weeks left until the end of the term. Our children have settled back and are enjoying the many different things in school including Kodaly, tennis sessions, forest classrooms and visiting the school allotment. We also welcomed back our shielding members of staff this term and are delighted they are back in the building with us. Four new children have started at Pitmedden this term, we hope they are enjoying their new classes and school.

Sports Day – Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, Sports Day will look different this year. We will be unable to invite parents and as children are required to stay in their bubbles we will not be doing a whole school event. Each class will have a 'Sports Afternoon', where they will earn points for their house. All nursery/class scores will be added and contribute to an overall winning house for Sports Day.



P7 Transitions – We are working closely with Meldrum Academy for our P7 transition. Any information around transition will be shared with parents/carers as soon as we have it. As you can imagine, due to restrictions, this is more challenging than any other year. We are working collaboratively to ensure our P7s get the best transition to secondary possible.



Nursery to P1 Transitions – We are in the process of beginning our Nursery to P1 transition. Parents of new P1 pupils, please look out for the information via Groupcall.

General Transition – Once we have our staffing for the next year confirmed, we will put in place transition opportunities for our children to meet their new teacher(s) and spend some time with them. We will ensure parents/carers are informed when this is due to happen.

P7 Leavers Assembly – Primary 7 are in the midst of working with their class teachers to develop and create their leavers assembly. This will likely be a virtual event due to the ongoing restrictions, which I appreciate will be disappointing for families who would love to attend this in person. Please be assured we are working to give our P7 children the best send-off possible.

House Points – The children voted on a token machine to collect House Points, this arrived at the end of last term. We also discussed with our children how they could earn a House Point so there was a shared understanding. The children have been thrilled with the machine, earning house points and the weekly reward for the winning house. We also issued a House Design challenge for all children, this was to design house logos for each of our houses. Design submissions should be back in school by Friday 21st May.



Golden Tickets – After discussions with classes, it was agreed to make some changes to the Golden Table. Starting this term, each class & nursery will have a weekly value/skill that they will be focusing on. We felt it important that children know what we are looking for when trying to gain the new 'Golden Ticket'. At our virtual assembly on Friday, the weekly Golden Ticket winners will be announced. These children will get to come and spend time with myself and have some hot chocolate, a juice and a biscuit. They will also earn one of our GOLDEN TOKENS which have a higher value than all our other tokens. Last week was fantastic and I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with the children and seeing how proud they were achieving the Golden Ticket.



Reporting – Our teaching staff are in the process of writing a short report for parents/carers this term. This report will focus on where your child(ren) are working within in literacy, numeracy and health & wellbeing. We would hope these reports will be out early to middle of June. In the meantime, if there is anything parents/carers wish to discuss, please do not hesitate in contacting the school. We will be more than happy to arrange a time to chat.

PTM Plant Hire - We are in the beginning stages of transforming our nursery outdoor space, to ensure it provides rich opportunities for learning. Due to the incredible kindness of PTM Plant Hire, we were able to have the garden area at the front of the school cleared, allowing us to begin the transformation. We cannot thank them enough for their continued support of our nursery and school.



Pitmedden Co-op – A massive thank you to Pitmedden Co-op who donated £200 pounds towards our nursery outdoor project. We can't wait to put this money to use for our outdoor learning space.



Shorts & Shades Day - For a bit of fun and to celebrate the end of term we are asking children and staff to come to school in 'Shorts & Shades' on Thursday 24th June. We have also booked an ice cream van for this day. If your child has any allergies we will have alternatives available for them. Fingers crossed for lovely weather.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school if you have questions.