

# School Newsletter

## Nurturing Fruit, Friendships & Fun

As the days lengthen and the daffodils and cherry blossoms put on their magnificent display, it is hard not to stand in awe of our wonderful Creator. Every day brings with it visual reminders of His abundant love for us and His boundless mercy. It is no wonder that spring fills one with hope and enthusiasm for what is to come.

This sense of happy anticipation is true too of the term which lies ahead. We started our final stretch of the academic year by welcoming a new family to the school. They have settled well and add to the richness of friendships already present in the classroom. The children are preparing eagerly for their poetry and pudding evening to be held next week and are also excited about our class trip to TechFest later this month.

In Character Development lessons, we are learning about the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and are using this as the foundation for developing our own bespoke Melville-Knox Aberdeen Behaviour Policy, incorporating the children's ideas and inputs. As part of our lessons, to help us learn that we cannot cultivate these 'fruits' alone but need the guidance of our loving 'gardener' in the form of the Holy Spirit, we are nurturing our own class tomato plant and eagerly await its bearing fruit!

We have also been most encouraged by the generosity of our visitors from the 'Friends of Christian Education Scotland Foundation' in the Netherlands, who have kindly offered to fund some playground and PE equipment for the school. We look forward to sharing pictures of the children enjoying the use of this equipment in the near future. We are so thankful to them and to God for His provision.

Bronwyn Gers  
Classroom Teacher

Here's what we have been up to recently:



Our P1 and P2s have been working a lot with shapes recently, exploring how you can make all kind of things out of basic geometric shapes!



Our Science focus this term is on the layers of the earth, including different types of rocks. All pupils made their own play-dough models of our planet.



In Social Science we've been looking at the life of Elijah. As part of the lessons the pupils made maps of divided Israel out of salt dough!

In our German lessons we have been learning about numbers 1-10 while talking about Birthdays and practicing to sing 'Zum Geburtstag viel Glück' (Happy Birthday).



We've been enjoying taking care of our tomato plant Toby, who has grown out of its first pot already!

Outside of school hours our pupils have been up to many fun things too! Abigail has been learning to play the piano and also how to make chapati herself!

Some of our boys ran the RunBalmoral Primary School 1.5K in very good time and had loads of fun!



## Donation Appeal

Our school continues to be in need of financial support. Please consider giving to Melville-Knox Christian School Aberdeen if you can. Even little donations can go a long way in providing resources for our pupils, covering heating and maintenance costs as well as paying for our staff salaries. If you are eligible for Gift-Aid we receive an additional £0.25 for every £1 you donate!

Please get in touch with our office and see the details on the last page to donate!



## How you can support us:

### Prayer:

- Please pray that more individuals and churches would partner with our school prayerfully and financially.
- Our School Board is undergoing some changes. We would appreciate prayer for wisdom in the appointment of new members.
- Pray for Melville-Knox Inverness as they are hoping to start in the summer and Melville-Knox Glasgow as they prepare to celebrate their ten year anniversary
- We also pray for one of our families who will be moving to Inverness in the course of this term.

### Volunteering:

- We are looking for Aberdeen locals who would be happy to help clean the schools on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- You can join the Parents and Friends Association to find other ways to get practically involved.

### Financial Support:

Our school depends greatly on donations so we can keep tuition fees as low as possible. If you want to support us financially you can do so via bank transfer to the following account, please contact our office for further information or with questions.

Melville-Knox Christian School  
Grace Reformed Church, Long Walk Road, AB16 5QQ  
Reliance Bank,  
Sort-code: 60 – 01 – 73  
Account Number: 00220139

**If you want more information about the school, enrolling your children or how you can support us, do not hesitate to contact our school office:**

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