



# Old Rayne School News

**Working Together and doing our best for success!**

**Session 2016/17**

**January 2016**

## Happy New Year 2017!

I hope you all had an excellent Christmas and New Year. I'm quite certain that I've eaten a little more (a lot) than was really necessary!

On behalf of all the staff I'd like to say a big thank you for all our wonderful gifts, all our staff were amazed by your generosity and it certainly contributed towards our having a very Merry Christmas indeed!

So here we are in term 3. We're busy lining up an exciting term with lots of exciting learning experiences for the children. There will be a lot of hard work and fun ahead!

Mr Ferguson

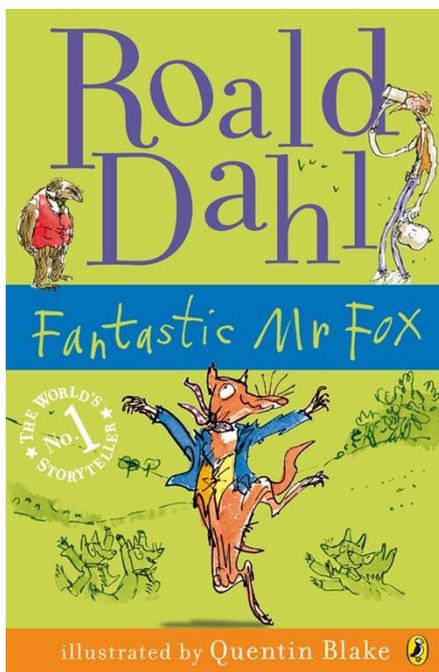


## Christmas Show

Our Christmas show was a big success and a terrific experience for all the children. It gave everyone a chance to showcase their talents, practise a range of new skills and take part in an experience which will stay with them for years to come.

Fantastic Mr Fox gave our P4-7 class their chance to shine with the help of P1-3. Next year it will be P1-3s chance to take centre stage and P4-7 will be backing them up. I'm already looking forward to see what that brings.

The Christmas show was a big success in other ways too, thanks again to your kind generosity and the work of our Parent Council, we managed to raise a fantastic £555 from tickets, Hot Chocolate Reindeers, Photos and DVDs! Fundraising is never the main aim of our show but it has been extremely successful in helping us get closer to obtaining all the new computers and iPads we need for the school. Thank you again!



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## **An Apology!**

Last month, as you know, we had the P4-7 class write the articles for our newsletter. They did a terrific job and feedback from that was so good that I intend to do that again as often as our other planned academic work allows for it.

Due entirely to last minute editing by Mr Ferguson, (who should know better!) Ashlyn's article about homework was missed from the newsletter entirely! I can assure you, a formal investigation has been set up to prevent any future repetition of this mistake! Our journalistic integrity is very important to us! 😊

I will ensure that next time we have the children take over the newsletter, Ashlyn is given the opportunity to have lots of extra input.



## **P1 Enrollment at Old Rayne**

From today, parents of prospective P1s are invited to come along to the school and pick up an enrolment pack.

Once you've returned all the information to the school we will be in touch regarding our programme of events and parent information evenings.

## **P7 Parents information Evening**

Meldrum Academy will be hosting a parent's information evening on Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> Jan) from 6 - 7:30pm. For parents of P7s.

There will be a presentation, a tour and a chance to ask any questions you may have regarding the transition.

If you're unable to go, or if you do go but you have questions that remain unanswered, please ask us at the school and we'll do our best to find out anything you'd like to know.



## **Robert Burns Day**

The 25<sup>th</sup> of January is, as you know, a great day for celebrating the life and work of Robert Burns. It is also a great time for us to look more closely at our national and local culture through literature, food and dress.

On the day, we will be having a 'Burns supper' style lunch where one of the pupils will address the haggis. We will be having some Scottish poetry recitals and perhaps a little competition!

It's entirely optional but if your children have some and would like to, I'd invite staff and children to wear something tartan, (I'll wear my kilt) Scottish, or otherwise celebrating their culture. It will help to make the day more memorable.

## **Rag Bag**

Once again I was amazed by the response to our Rag Bag appeal. We raised another £125.60! We can't thank you enough.

Our next date for a collection will be the 21<sup>st</sup> of February.



## **Judo**

Today sees the first of 4 weekly sessions in Judo. The whole school will get the chance to learn a new sport as part of their P.E.



## **Student Teacher**

We welcome back Miss Barr from the University. She will be with us for the next 4 weeks for her final placement.

During these weeks she will be in our p4-7 class and with the help of Mrs Thomas and myself, will be delivering a range of lessons across the curriculum. She has some exciting work planned already.

## **Parent council**

Our parent council will be having their next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January at 7pm. Anyone who is interested is more than welcome and even if you are just curious as to what happens in our parent council we would love to see you.

## **Upcoming Dates**

- P7 Parents Information Evening – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan at Meldrum Academy
- Burns Day – 25<sup>th</sup> January
- Mid Term Break – Last day is 9<sup>th</sup> February and back in school on the 16<sup>th</sup> February
- Rag Bag Collection – 21<sup>st</sup> February