

## School Garden/YOU CAN COOK



Our Gardening Club members have been busy bees this term but need your help! We are looking for a few adult helpers who could trim the garden on a regular basis - full training would be given. If interested please contact **Alex Wilson** from **YOU CAN COOK** on 07722808830/[alex@youcancook.org.uk](mailto:alex@youcancook.org.uk). **YOU CAN COOK** is working in

the community to offer support for growing fruit and vegetables. Please get in touch if you are interested in setting up at home or just want some advice. As part of reducing food waste **YOU CAN COOK** is also running **FREE** cookery classes in Walkerburn. This is a great opportunity to learn to cook with your family and get good tips to save money and budget your food bill. Please get in touch with **Alex** to book a space. All welcome - **Walkerburn Village Hall, June 17, 24 and July 1, 10am - 12pm.**



### School Decoration

We were very pleased to have been able to get the Nursery and Early Years Classroom painted during the April Holidays. We will be continuing with our re-decoration work over the summer by freshening up more areas of the School. We will also be having new eco-friendly lighting installed. We will invite everyone in early next session to see how it looks!

### Fundraising



### Last chance to hand in any Sainsbury's vouchers.

The latest collection of our textile recycling point generated **£81.60.**

Thank you to everyone who has donated!



to Festival Lass 2017, Martha Bremner, and Essay Winner 2017, Rosie Callaghan, we all hope you have a fantastic Festival Week!



# Walkerburn Primary School



### Dates for your Diary - June



Thurs 1 Jun  
Fri 2 Jun

'Making the Leap' - P7 @ PHS  
Nursery @ St Ronan's Nursery (every Fri until end of term)

Tues 6 Jun  
Thurs 8 Jun  
Mon 12 Jun  
Tues 13 Jun  
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Weds 14 - Thurs 15 Jun  
Thurs 15 Jun  
Thurs 15 Jun  
Sun 18 Jun

P4-7 trip to Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art  
'Making the Leap' - P7 @ PHS  
P7 Parents' Open Evening @ PHS - 7pm (6.30pm tour)  
SSPCA to visit  
**Final Tuesday Club of this session** (resumes 22 Aug)  
P7 Induction visits to PHS  
Mobile Library to visit (final visit before end of term)  
New P1s + parents invited to try school lunches  
'Making the Leap' dress rehearsal (P7) - 10am-1pm @ PHS - **snack needed**

Weds 21 Jun  
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Thurs 22 Jun  
Thurs 22 Jun  
Sun 25 Jun - Sun 2 Jun  
Sun 25 Jun  
Mon 26 Jun  
Mon 26 Jun

'Making the Leap' final performance (P7) @ PHS  
**Final Gardening Club of this session** (resumes 23 Aug)  
Leavers' Assembly - 11am

Tues 27 Jun  
Weds 28 Jun  
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Mon 14 Aug  
Tues 15 Aug

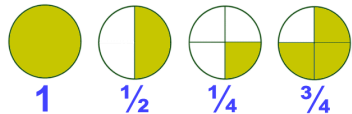
**Final Sticky Fingers of this session** (resumes 24 Aug)  
**WALKERBURN SUMMER FESTIVAL WEEK**  
Festival Kirkin' - Village Hall @ 10.30am  
Leavers' Lunch  
Festival Concert - Village Hall @ 7pm (meet at school at 6.15pm, procession leaves at 6.30pm)  
Best of the Borders themed lunch  
Festival/School Sports - 1.30pm  
**LAST DAY OF TERM**  
**INSET - School closed to pupils**  
**ALL RESUME**

Don't forget:

- ✓ **No hot food to order Fri 2 June - school packed lunches only**
- ✓ **Sun cream and sun hats!**

## News from the Early Years Classroom

Having had our classroom painted over the Easter holidays, we are enjoying a fresh and inviting new space to learn in. This means that all our displayed work is looking even better! We have had the great opportunity to learn about **Castles** and we have been working on writing imaginative stories using Castles as our setting and exploring characters that might be found in stories with them in, such as knights, dragons and princesses! In our topic work, an exciting part has definitely been the trip we had to **Neidpath Castle** in Peebles. We got to explore the rooms of the castle that's over seven hundred years old and even saw the spooky dungeon which had a trap door from the guard's room! The children were very well behaved during their visit and staff at Neidpath Castle were most impressed! For Numeracy, we are now working on our number work as well as beginning fractions. You could help us at home by using key



words such as whole, half, quarters and share when cooking. We have had a few visitors recently to our classroom such as the **NSPCC** to help us understand what to do if we are ever down or worried. Two of our learners, **Abbie** and **Alice**, took part in the **County**

**Sports** and did very well! We are very proud of their efforts! As the year draws to a close, we are looking forward to lots of great things such as learning medieval dances, a class banquet to end our topic as well as some exciting outdoor learning, if the weather permits! Let's make it a great month!

## News from P4-7

The summer term is a busy one in the upper school with the **P7** children getting ready to '**Make the Leap**' to Peebles High School. Everyone else has been busy too. The **P5** class attended the **Countryside Day** in Kelso last week and had a wonderful time finding out about rural life in the Borders region. The class has also been



busy entering several different competitions. As a result of entering the **Tesco Bank Art Competition for Schools 2017**, we have won a specialist-led workshop in the **Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Modern One in Edinburgh**. We travel to Edinburgh next week to enjoy the prize. In school we have started a new



topic on **The Human Body** and are busy learning how to look after ourselves, and others.

## Collection at the End of the Day



We love welcoming parents and carers into our school. In the **Early Years Class**, **Miss Newbold** and **Mrs Lyon** would really welcome the opportunity to catch-up with any parents who collect their children at the end of the school day. If you do collect your child, please come across to the front door each time and the Teacher will hand over your child and take the opportunity to catch-up with you. Thank you.

## Welcome to the World Wide Web Walkerburn!



Would you like to help tell the world what a great school Walkerburn is? We are building a website (<http://walkerburnschool.org.uk/>) for the school and would like to hear from parents, pupils and members of the community about what they would like to see on the site! If you are interested in being involved, please let **Miss Shepherd** know and we will arrange a meeting of everyone who is interested. No experience necessary, just willing to share your ideas and get involved in promoting our school!

## Mobile Library



The Mobile Library Van's final visit this session will be **Thursday 15 June**. Please ensure that if your child has borrowed a book that it is returned to the Van on that day. **Library membership forms are still available from Miss Shepherd** if your child is not already a member of their local library.



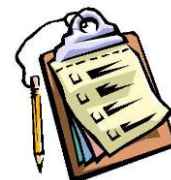
## Duck Race

A huge thank you to Friday's **Duck Race**

Thank you to everyone who those families, friends and venues around Walkerburn that sold ducks (HB Club, George Hotel, Caberston Café, Post Office). Thank you also to the Co-op in Innerleithen for allowing us to sell ducks in their store. We had a super turnout to watch the ducks as they meandered down the Tweed and the weather was absolutely glorious! Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who gave up their time to sort the ducks and help at the waterside and in the river catching and collecting them. **738** ducks were sold in total raising lots of money for school funds!!



everyone who made last such a great success! bought ducks and to all



## Community Newsletter and Questionnaire

We will be issuing all homes within the village a **special newsletter** about the School over the next few weeks. The purpose of this is to let everyone in the Village know a bit more about the school and to invite them to drop in for a look around.