



The Murton Memo

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Murton Trust for Education and the Environment

Prizes, awards and unpredictability at Forfar Academy



On Friday 1st July, the final day of term, Alison Elliott, Murton Trust's Manager, was the key note speaker for the Forfar Academy Annual Prize Giving 2016. She delivered a thought provoking speech about being unpredictable and making the most of all opportunities. Congratulations to all the prize winners, including to Murton Student Joe Sinclair for 100% attendance. Joe attended a course at Murton in 2015 and is currently undertaking a rural skills course. He continues to be a regular volunteer at the farm.

Save the date - Halloween at Murton 28th -29th October more details coming soon.

Ferret Sponsorships up for grabs!

Baby Ferrets are growing up fast and have been busy playing in the office and causing havoc but they still need names! Could you help us name the ferrets? There are 7 babies to be named. They are all polecat colouring; some have really light faces and others are much darker, all are really inquisitive and playful. There are 6 females and one male. If your name is chosen you will win a sponsorship of the ferret.

Send your name along with your suggestions to murtontrust@murtontrust.org.uk. Deadline for 26th August 2016.

Murton Maker's On Tour



On Saturday 16th July a team from Murton attended the Arbour Festival in Arbroath. This fish and farmers market held at Beacon Green celebrated the best of local produce on offer in the area. It was a great day, with a wide range of stalls and displays. Trying out the new parachute, Murton staff had a stall selling a range of wooden goods and ran Murton Maker's throughout the day.

Nature Watch

On the nature reserve wild berries are in full fruit including red currants, black currants, & wild raspberries.



Guinea Pigs

Two litters of guinea pigs have been born recently, to the delight of some farm visitors who witnessed the births as Willow and Flake decided unusually to give birth in the long grass under their bed boxes.

Ducks

The little fluffy ducks are growing up fast. They soon will be out from under the heat lamp and on the farm for visitors to see.



Murton Trust's - Wish List

We currently need timber for projects on the farm and nature reserve. If you have any spare that you would like to donate to Murton Trust, please get in touch. Items needed includes posts, rails and other prepared timber.

First Aid Courses now at the Steading

On Sunday 10th July parents from West Muir Tots came along to the classroom at the Steading to undertake an Emergency Paediatric First Aid Course. It covers emergency life saving procedures, bleeding and wound trauma, burns, poisons and electricity, medical emergencies and extremes of body temperatures. Murton Trust can provide a range of bespoke first aid courses to suit your needs. We can tailor provision for your group, organisation or business including for sports injury courses for local teams. Our standard courses include first aid at work, emergency first aid at work, paediatric first aid and emergency paediatric first aid. For further information or to book please contact the office by e-mail or call 01307 819491.



The summer months have been busy on the farm with many schools and playgroups attending Murton. It has been great to see the children learning about the animals and enjoying the play facilities. Classes from Newhill Primary School in Blairgowrie came for their end of year trip and we received some lovely thank you letters from them, a selection are on display in the tea room.



Photo Competition Results.

Congratulations to Marilyn Mackey and Julie Mortimer for winning the photography competition. The winning photographs have been transferred to canvas and are on display in the tea room.

What's on at Murton?

Name the Kits Competition

Help us name the 7 baby ferrets and win a ferret sponsorship.

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MURTON FARM OUTDOOR TOTS

Meet the animals and enjoy the great outdoors!

Each week come rain or shine!

Weekly activities include Wellie Boot Painting, Building Tepees, Mud Pie Making and so much more.

£3 per child under 1's free.

Come along and join the most exciting and adventurous outdoor tots group in Angus!

The group is suitable for pre-school children. (0-5)

Every Thursday During Term Time
Morning Session 10:00 - 12:00
Afternoon Session 13:00 - 15:00

For more information please contact 01307 819491, see www.murtontrust.org.uk, our facebook page or email murtontrust@murtontrust.org.uk

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