

Methlick School FUNd Run

Methlick pupils are taking part in a block of after school running sessions in preparation for the Methlick FUNd run on April 9th 2010.

Active Schools Coordinator, Erica Jones teamed up with school staff and local parents in the community to plan the project, led by the School's Administrator, Kate Bloomfield. Kate is a keen runner herself and her enthusiasm shines through. She has inspired colleagues and parents to help with the club and now there are over 40 members, which is almost half of the school.

The after schools sessions will culminate in a charity "FUNd run". Pupils, staff and community are raising money for a Charity known as "New Life Homes Trust" which provides a series of rescue homes for abandoned babies in Kenya, plus orphanages for those who are not adopted.

The reason that this charity is so important to the local residents is because two Kenyan boys, adopted by a local family, attended Methlick school from 2006-2009. In 2009, the boys Levi and Gerro returned to Kenya with their adopted parents, Guy and Suzanne Bastable, who are now working full time for the Charity. The school pupils are running the "FUNd run" to support their former classmates and the money raised will go towards practical items for the Rescue Homes – such as baby formula and medication.

From an Active Schools Coordinator's perspective, it is clear to see the effect of having full backing of the school behind the project. "Almost half of the school have joined the club! Many are interested in running but some have joined the club just to raise the money for charity which shows great determination. The backing of the school and the work that has gone in to this club has been wonderful! It has been a pleasure to work with such enthusiasm."

If you would like to enter the Methlick 10k run or the children's 1 mile run on the 9th April 2011, please contact Stuart Kennedy on 01651 806 783 for more details. If you would like more information on this project or other activities in your area please email Erica.jones@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or text/phone 07917 267222.



Methlick P4-7 club with leader Kate Bloomfield (pictured right) and Erica Jones from Active Schools (left)