



Crowned queen for her final day, depute head teacher Maureen Harvie with, from left, Aaron Ewan, Rory Shanks, Libby Gordon and Lauren Crighton-Moyes.

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# Maureen retires with top marks

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THE end of term marked the retirement of a woman whose entire teaching career was spent at Gordon Primary School.

Staff and pupils gave depute head teacher Maureen Harvie a rousing farewell with a special assembly last Friday and at lunchtime colleagues formed a flash mob

with a Freddie Mercury "I want to break free" tribute to the popular teacher.

Mrs Harvie, who graduated from Aberdeen University in 1979 and later went on to complete her post-graduate teaching qualification, had her final teacher-training placement in the early stages at Gordon Primary in June 1990 and in the August, returned to take up her first teaching post as a class 5 teacher.

Mrs Harvie, who has been in a promoted post for almost 20 years, and recently shared the role of acting head teacher said that she would miss the buzz of school life.

She said: "I will miss working with great folk, teachers, pupils and all the others who make up a great team at Gordon Primary and the buzz of always being really busy. I have very much enjoyed the

wider aspects of the job working with partner agencies such as the family centre and speech and language service. It has also been really satisfying to work on developing schemes such as the junior tour guides and the inter-generational project where pupils work with the elderly in care homes."

Mrs Harvie, who taught German to primary school classes, hopes to have

time in her retirement to take up French and to have more time to indulge in her hobby of gardening as well as spending time with her grandchildren.

Colleagues are planning an official send-off for Mrs Harvie later in the session and have been tracking down all the teachers and support staff with whom she has worked in her 26 years at Gordon Primary School.