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WEEKLY BULLETIN
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Kindness—Respect—Responsibility—Togetherness

Parent Interviews

We are sending information separately about the parent interviews which are taking place on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th October. These meetings will take place in person in the school gym hall. The classrooms will be open for you to have a look at your children's work.

The purpose of the meeting is to talk about your child's progress. It is your choice if you wish your child to attend with you. We recognise that there are times when parents prefer to speak to the teacher without their child being present.

At Westhill Primary, we use an online booking system to make the appointments. Instructions are included in the email we are sending, please follow the instructions carefully.

Sumdog Competition

Well done to all our pupils in P3-P7 taking part in the Sumdog competition this week. There were 35000 children playing in total and Mohana in P5 finished in 50th place! What an amazing achievement, we are really proud of you Mohana! We are also extremely proud of our P5/6 class who finished as the top class in the competition on Monday 25th September. Overall, in our school, the top 3 classes were P5A, P3B and P3A. Thank you to our Parent Council for funding our Sumdog subscription, it is a really motivating resource for the teachers and the children.

P1 Maths Meeting

P1 Parents please come along and join us for an information session on how to help your child with Maths. The meeting will take place in the gym hall at 5.30pm on Wednesday 4th October. We look forward to seeing you there.

Rota Kids Shoeboxes

We are working with our P7 Leadership Community Team to support the Rotary with their annual shoebox appeal. We would be grateful if you could complete the Microsoft Form using the link below if you would like your child to bring a box home for you to fill. Please complete this Form by Wednesday 4th October.



https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKC05fTTUEMa1HIQAwzSEYy2RUQUROSFINME1JUEdKRzNLODdKVjA5WDIxVi4u

School Photographs

Tempest Photography are in school on **10th November** for individual and family photographs.

Tesco Tokens for Nursery Garden Project

Last year, whilst we were planning our new garden, we applied to Tesco for money to support the project. As they are so busy with requests, we have waited very patiently for our turn.

From Monday the 2nd of October Westhill Nursery Garden Project will be featured and tokens can be popped in our box. All three causes will get some money, it just depends who gets the highest number of tokens; the most tokens get £1500, the next gets £1000 and the least gets £500.

Please pop as many tokens in our box as you can and ask all your friends and family to support us too. Our boxes will be in three different Tesco's, the one in Westhill, the one on the Lang Stracht and the main road in Dyce, so please keep a look out for us and get those tokens in our box! We will feature in the stores from next week to mid January so please keep those tokens coming!

We plan to use the money we get to revamp our sandpit and messy area up the back of the nursery garden as the children have come up with some ideas for this area...

Additional Support Needs Review Recommendations - Public Consultation

Aberdeenshire Council are looking to consult with as many stakeholders as possible on the recommendations from the ASN Review. There will be an opportunity to join an online session. Please see attached letter and summary paper.

Educational Psychology Service Family Nurture Leaflets

Our Educational Psychology Service developed a series of leaflets for families to access with helpful advice on a range of topics. For your interest and awareness, I have included the link below. Others to follow!

[Developing-Self-Regulation.pdf \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.glowscotland.org.uk/developing-self-regulation.pdf)

SSPCA

As part of our #FireworkSafety campaign in partnership with the Scottish Government, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, NHS Scotland and many others, we are asking schools to get involved with our national Firework Safety competition!

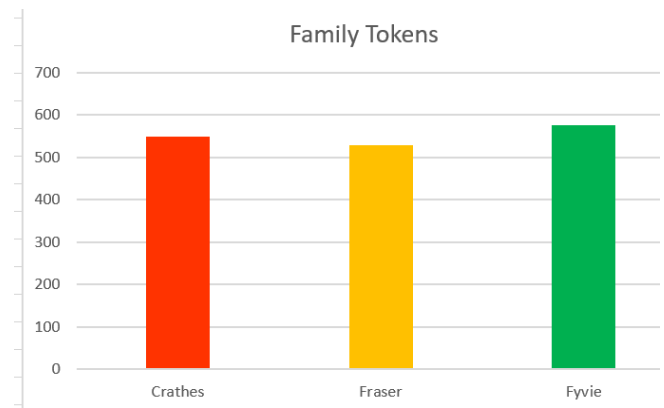
We're asking children and young people to think of creative ways to raise awareness of the dangers fireworks and bonfires can pose to both people and animals, and encourage their peers and others in the community to #BeSafeBeKindBeSmart.

Entries can be from individuals, small groups, classes or whole schools and must be submitted by Friday 13th October for the chance to win a visit from an animal rescue officer or a visit to one of our centres for their class or school. Pupils can submit poems, videos, newspaper articles, posters or anything they think would help get the message across!

More information on how to enter can be found in the attached competition packs. The junior pack will be suitable for younger children (approx. P1-4) and the senior is aimed at older pupils (approx. P5-S6) but you are of course welcome to use whichever suits the age or stage of those taking part.

Family Tokens

Fyvie continue to be in the lead with 576 tokens but the other two families are close behind with Crathes at 549 and Fraser at 528 tokens.



Trophies

Although this week has a bit different with online learning, we still have two trophy winners!

Firstly, a huge well done to P5/6 who were the top class in the Sumdog competition on Monday! They have been awarded the trophy for Responsibility.



The award for Togetherness is going to P7A as they have been amazing online learners! Well done and keep it up now we are back in school!



Christmas Card Fundraising

Your child will arrive home with a large order form for submitting their artwork and for ordering this year's fundraising Christmas cards and gifts. This is a new company we are trying out, please follow the instructions on the form, taking care with the materials used.

Place an order online using the codes, complete the form and **return them back to the class teacher by the 11th of October** with your children's artwork either A4 or A5 GLUED onto the blank page within the box. *Please note: The nursery will complete their artwork in nursery. Please just order, complete the form and return to the nursery if you wish to take part.*

If you need a spare the school office can provide this, please get in touch to arrange. Please find attached further information, any questions please contact either Nicola Jamieson or Sarah McKechnie.

Thank you!
Fundraising Team :)

How to discuss any concerns:

If you have a concern about your child, please request a phone call from their class teacher in the first instance. Staff will return the call as soon as possible. Should the matter require further discussion, please contact the relevant member of the senior management team. This year Mrs Borthwick will be the point of contact for children in Nursery, Mrs Burns will be point contact of for P1, Mrs Dahl will be the point of contact for children in P2- P4 and Ms Symington will be the point of contact for children in P5-7.

PE days

1A	Monday and Friday	5A	Wednesday and Friday
1B	Monday and Friday	5/6A	Tuesday and Thursday
2A	Monday and Thursday	6A	Wednesday and Thursday
2B	Monday and Thursday	7A	Wednesday and Friday
3A	Tuesday and Thursday	7B	Wednesday and Friday
3B	Tuesday and Friday		
4A	Monday and Tuesday		
4B	Monday and Thursday		

Dates for your Diary

Please find below link that will allow you to download the school calendar to your phone:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/27286/2022-2023-school-holidays.ics>

- 4th October P1 Numeracy Parents Meeting 5.30pm
- Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October Parent Interviews
- 13th October School closes for October holidays
- 30th October School re-opens
- Thursday 16th November and Friday 17th November In Service days 2 and 3
- 22nd December School and Nursery close for Christmas Holidays
- 8th January School and Nursery re-open
- 8th February – 12th February School closed mid term holiday
- Tuesday 13th February and Wednesday 14th February In Service days 4 and 5
- 28th March School Closes for Easter holidays
- 29th March Good Friday Public Holiday
- 15th April School re-opens
- Tuesday 23rd April and Thursday 25th April Parent Interviews
- 6th May Public Holiday
- 5th July School closes for summer holidays