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Kindness—Respect—Responsibility—Togetherness

School Lunch- change to menu!

Update from Jayne: Monday's menu (27 November) will be on Tuesday (28 November) and Tuesday's will be on Monday.

Pupil Learner's Statements

As part of reporting to parents, all classes have been working on how they share their learning with parents. P4 classes trialled a sharing the learning event and the other classes in the school are trialling new software called Just2Easy. To see your child's work they need to login to Glow, and J2E, as detailed in the attached crib sheet and find their Learner's Statement in Pupil Files. Pupils have enjoyed exploring this new software and we will continue to develop their skills in using it to reflect on their learning.

Update from Inclusion Club

Inclusion Club have been busy making cards to welcome the asylum seekers to Westhill. They felt it was important to make them feel welcome to our community. All the residents were so happy to receive the cards.

Inclusion Club will be welcoming the assembly each week in some of the different languages that represent our school. Some of the languages we will hear are Thai, Tamil, Doric, Polish, Igbo, Chinese, Arabic, Irish, Lithuanian and Filipino. Well done Inclusion Club!

Sumdog Competition

Well done to all the children who were taking part in the Sumdog competition last week. This was open to all Aberdeenshire schools who have a subscription. In total there were 122 classes playing. P7A finished in 15th place overall, P5A finished in 26th place overall and P2B finished in 36th place overall.

The total number of players was 2024 and 4 children from Westhill Primary finished in the top 10.

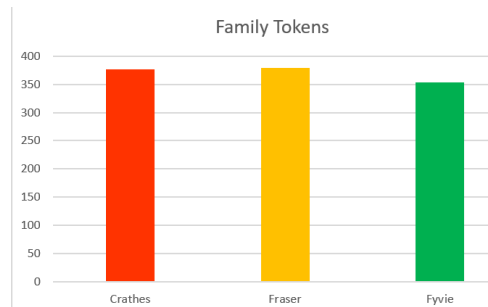
Well done to Mohana who took first place, Aradhya who was seventh, Beth who was eighth and Daniel who was ninth.

The good news is that there is another competition coming up in December for us to join in with!



Family Tokens

Fraser have overtaken Crathes and are now in the lead with 379 tokens, closely followed by Crathes with 376 and then Fyvie with 353 tokens. I don't think it has ever been so close



Trophies

Well done to P3 who are very busy working on their Nativity to be able to perform it on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December. They have been awarded the Responsibility Trophy. Congratulations and keep up the good work. We are all looking forward to seeing your performance with the P2 choir.



Thank you to our Rota Kids who shared some of the activities on offer from the Rotary with the rest of the school in assembly. There are lots of things to choose from including the Young Artist and Photographer competitions and the Rotary Quizzes to get involved with. They have been awarded the trophy for Togetherness! We've only had a few meetings but they are a very enthusiastic group!



P4 Leadership- Playground

In our previous bulletin, we shared the work the P4 classes have done on their leadership area to develop an agreed code of conduct for the playground. Reference was made to the poster they have created which we plan to put up for children to see around the playground. Unfortunately the photo was not included so it is now included here:



P7 Church Visit

Both P7 classes are studying Christianity and as part of their learning have visited Kingshill Parish Church (formerly Trinity Church). They found it very interesting to hear about the different artefacts and parts of the church from Reverend Stella.



Children in Need- Wednesday 15th November

We had a really fun day organised by P3. Thank you to everyone who joined in and had fun!
In total they raised £571.66, which is amazing!

The competition winners were:

Guess Pudsey's Birthday

8th January

Winner: Indi P4A

Guess How Many Lego Pieces in the Model

House: Robyn P5A

Boat: Lucca P4B

Plane: Liam P2A

Pudsey Colouring in Sheet

Winner: Amy P5A



Rotary Shoebox Appeal

Last week the Rotary Club of Westhill and District collected a total of 63 Shoeboxes from Westhill Primary School. Well done to our Rotakids for helping to load them up! The boxes were taken to Dyce Carriers for onward transport and distribution in eastern Europe, particularly in Ukraine.

Westhill and District Rotary would like to express its sincere thanks to all school families who participated in this appeal - it is greatly appreciated.

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!

[Thinking-Skills.pdf \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://glowscotland.org.uk/Thinking-Skills.pdf)

Christmas Choir Performance

The choir have been invited to sing at the School Christmas Fair on the 2nd December. Pupils who would like to take part should meet Miss Grant and Mrs Hamer in the school foyer at 11.20am. They will be singing for about 20 minutes. Pupils should wear their own choice of clothes but might also like to wear a touch of tinsel.

Fundraising

Christmas Fair—2nd December 10am—1pm

Local craft stalls, School Choir, professional photographs, games & crafts and a very special visitor!

Hope to see you all there!

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>

- 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

Christmas Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 2nd December Parent Council School Fair 10am -1pm
- Tuesday 12th December P2/3 Nativity Performance 2pm
- Wednesday 13th December P2/3 Nativity Performance 9.30am
- Thursday 14th December Elf on the Shelf
- Friday 15th December Elf on the Shelf; School Christmas lunch; wear your Christmas jumper to school
- Monday 18th December P1 and P2 party after break; P3 Party in the afternoon
- Tuesday 19th December P5 Party in the afternoon
- Wednesday 20th December P6 party in the afternoon
- Thursday 21st December P4 party in the morning; P7 party in the afternoon
- Friday 22nd December P4-P7 Church Service