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WEEKLY BULLETIN Week Ending 3rd November 2023

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Kindness—Respect—Responsibility—Togetherness

Welcome back to the start of another busy term! Remember that this the time of year is when we see a big change in weather and temperature. Please make sure children bring coats (with a hood) and appropriate footwear to school. We would also really appreciate it if you could include a change of clothes in children's bags just in case they get wet during the school day. We have already used up our short supply of clothes this week!

We have noticed this week that a large number of children do not have indoor shoes to change into for the classroom and PE. Please support us by providing a pair of indoor shoes for your child as this keeps our school clean and gives the children a much nicer environment to learn in. No-one wants to come into a gym hall which is covered in mud left by the previous class.

Tissue Appeal

Also connected to the season- we often see an increase in sniffles and runny noses! If you could send in a box of tissues with your child for the class, that would be very much appreciated!

Primary 4- Learner's Afternoon

P4 parents and carers are invited to join their child in their P4 classroom on Tuesday 14th November.

The classrooms will be open from 3.20 till 5pm so you are welcome to come at a time that suits you.

Although the teachers will be there, the event will be led by the children. Your child will give you a tour of the classroom and talk you through their learning.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Hamer and Miss Michie

Ashdale Hall

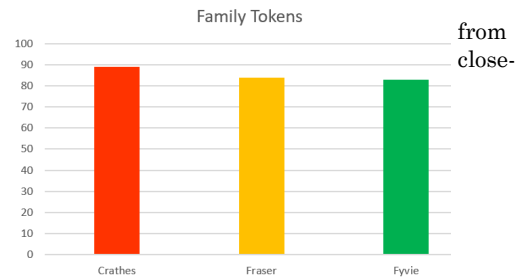
The Ashdale Hall have advised that on Thursday 9th November, there will be a blood transfusion event therefore parking will be unavailable all afternoon.

Tempest Photography

Tempest will be in school on Friday 10th November to take individual photos of children and class photos (vista style) of P1 and P7. We will also organise for sibling groups to have a family photo. If there is a sibling in Nursery, this family group photo will be taken on Monday 13th November when Tempest are back to take Nursery individual photos.

Family Tokens

We have kept a note of the totals from last term but have started the total score zero for this new term. Crathes have begun the term in the lead with 89 tokens, followed by Fraser with 84 and Fyvie with 83.



Trophies

Well done to P5/6 who have won the trophy for Responsibility this week. They have been working hard to make their handwriting neat and to use rulers to help the presentation of their jotter work.



P4B have been awarded the Golden Boot as this week's Wonderful Walkers. They have been walking smartly and quietly through the school and as they are at the back of the school, they do have a long way to walk! Well Done!



Our Nursery children and staff have been given the Togetherness award as they have had a very unusual week in Nursery. They have had all the children and staff from Crombie Nursery with them as there has been a leak at Crombie. The children and the staff have been very welcoming to their visitors and have shown them how well they demonstrate all our school values.

Congratulations!



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!

[Guide-to-Emotion-coaching.pdf \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://glowscotland.org.uk/Guide-to-Emotion-coaching.pdf)

School Disco

Wednesday 15th November. Full details on the attached, book now to secure your child's space.

Garioch Community Kitchen

We have arranged a Fundraiser Quiz night at the Ashvale Inverurie, on Tuesday 14th November with tickets priced at £16 which includes your supper.

Tickets are available by contacting gariochcommunitykitchen@gmail.com - Please see attached for more details.

We would also be grateful of any raffle prize donations which can be handed in to the kitchen this Friday 3rd November between 10am - 11.30am or by prior arrangement.

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>

- 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

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