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WEEKLY BULLETIN Week Ending 12th January 2024

Kindness—Respect—Responsibility—Togetherness

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone. We have had a really good first week back catching up on everyone's news from their holiday.

Welcome!

We are glad to welcome two new PSAs this week. Mrs Dempster and Mrs Charles have joined our Westhill team this week. We look forward to working with them.

We have also been joined by Miss Fraser in P7A and Miss Scott in P6A with Miss Kessack returning to P4B.

Illness

There are lots of coughs and colds around at the moment which is normal at this time of year. We encourage good hand hygiene with the children and try to have windows open. Current guidance is that if children have a fever or are feeling unwell, they should not attend school. Please keep children at home if you are in doubt, we want to limit the spread of any bugs as much as we can.

Change of clothes and Indoor Shoes

The weather at this time of year is very changeable and already it has been very cold this week. Please send children to school with a jacket, hat and gloves. We do try to get everyone outside at break and lunches if we can. It is also very useful if children can keep spare clothes in their bag in case they fall and get wet or muddy outside. We do keep some spares here but they have been sent out already and we are not able to keep enough for the numbers of children who need them throughout the day.

At Westhill Primary, we also prefer that children have a pair of indoor shoes to wear. This helps to keep our floors and carpets clean and in good condition. We suggest trainers are ideal for this as the children can also wear them for PE in the gym hall.

Rotary Fun Quizzes

A reminder that team entry forms/photo permissions for the P4/5 and P6/7 Rotary Fun Quiz Nights should be handed into the school office by this coming Wednesday 17th January at the latest.

Thank you.

P6 and P7 pupils- try out for the National Youth Choir of Scotland

With so many of children enjoying school choir and Glee club, this could be an exciting opportunity for some of them:

We have received information from the Regional Choirs Producer for NYCOS (National Youth Choir of Scotland) as they currently run a Regional choir in the Aberdeen area and are keen to invite children in our school from Primary 6 and Primary 7 to come along for a tryout evening.

Singing in a choir is hugely beneficial for both physical and mental health and a great opportunity for children to work together and socialise, as well as improving attainment in literacy and numeracy. We normally only recruit children in P3 to join after the summer when they are in P4 however we recognise that with COVID, many children missed out and therefore we would love to welcome any children in P6 and P7 to join us for a try out session this month.

Parents/Carers can book on through the link (see attachment) and we will send a confirmation email with the date and time to come along however it is likely to be next week.

P7 Netball Fun5z Festival Dates:

Wednesday 25th January, Meldrum Academy, 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday 7th February, Kemnay Academy, 4pm - 6pm

Thursday 27th April, Westhill Academy, 4pm - 6pm

Monday 12th June, Inverurie Community Campus, 4:15pm - 6:15pm (Team to be confirmed)

Please can teams arrive **10 minutes** early and be **'Netball Ready'**

Mrs Paterson

Trophies

Well done to P2A who receive the Wonderful Walkers trophy this week. This is particularly special as it was suggested by another class who saw them walking past.

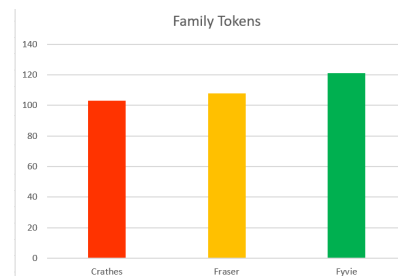


Well done to P1 for working hard learning their Phonics. Some of the children were working with Mrs Connell and she was so impressed with them that she said they could go straight to P3!!



Family Tokens

Our tokens have started at zero again this term and we will add together the totals of all 4 terms at the end of the session to see who has won the trophy this year. This week Fyvie are in the lead with 121 tokens, followed by Fraser with 108 and Crathes with 103 tokens.



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—UPDATED

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

- Monday 15th January- Friday 19th January P1 enrolment
- Monday 22nd January- Friday 2 February Nursery enrolment
- 8th February – 12th February School closed mid term holiday
- Tuesday 13th February and Wednesday 14th February In Service days 4 and 5
- Wednesday 28th February P1 and P7 Dental Inspections
- 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