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WEEKLY BULLETIN Week Ending 15th December 2023

Kindness—Respect—Responsibility—Togetherness

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

We had a delicious Christmas lunch today, thank you to Jayne and her team for all their hard work today and throughout the year. Thank you also to our parent helpers for their assistance to make sure everything went smoothly and also for the keyrings for the pupils. It was lovely to see so many people in their Christmas jumpers, what a colourful school we were today!



Elf Shop

Thank you to the Parent Council who have run the Elf on the Shelf shop for us over the last couple of days. The children have really enjoyed their shopping experience! We are so fortunate to have such a supportive parent community.

Christmas Parties next week

We have our Christmas parties to look forward to next week, see dates for your diary at the end of the bulletin. If children have a party in the morning, they should come to school in their party clothes with their uniform in a named bag to change into for the afternoon. If children have a party in the afternoon, they should bring their party clothes in a named bag and they will be able to change in school after lunch. Some children may choose to have a home lunch on this day.

Table Tennis

Oliver Watt, a former pupil, joined Mrs Paterson this week to deliver a super session learning how to play table tennis, for P5 and P6 pupils.

Dogs in playground

A polite reminder that Aberdeenshire Council has a policy that dogs should not be brought onto school grounds. If you are bringing your dog while collecting your child, please arrange a meeting point which is not in the school playground or pitch. Thank you for your support with this.

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. This week's leaflet is on the development of the brain and it has a section at the end about how to support emotional outbursts. As we are approaching a time of year when children can experience big feelings and emotions, I hope that this might be helpful for families.

[Childrens-Brain.pdf \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)

Rotakids

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new Rotakids. We got our badges today.

Hi, I'm Nicha and I'm the the president of Rotakids, I'm 11 and want to make big changes to the school.

Hi, I'm Layla and I'm the vice-president and I'm 11 years old and I hope to make progress and changes to the school.

Hello, I'm Imogen and I'm the new secretary for rotakids and I'm 11 years old and I'm looking forward to making a difference.

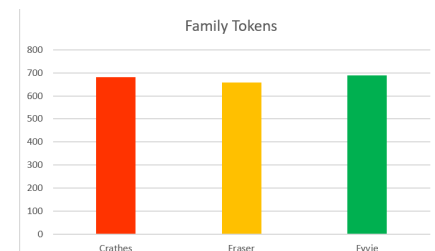
Hi, my name is Emily and I'm the treasurer of Rotakids and I will look after the money. I share the position with my friend Marnie.

Hi, I'm Hollie and I'm the media person. I will take pictures and will write things for the school bulletin. Keep an eye on our noticeboard outside Mrs Burns' office for more information on the Rotakids.



Family Tokens

Fyvie are still in the lead with 690 tokens followed by Crathes with 681 and Fraser with 659. It is very close and will be interesting to see next week who comes out on top for this term!



Trophies

Our P2,3 pupils were awarded our 'Togetherness' trophy for their amazing hard work putting together and performing their Nativity this week.



P4A received our 'Golden Broom' for their lovely tidy organised class.



World War II Talk

Liz (a member of the local community), visited P5-7 pupils this week to talk to them about WWII. Her father was a prisoner of war and she had some fascinating stories and facts to share with the classes. She also shared her father's diary from when he was in the prison camp and his school reports and other information about his life.

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

- 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