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WEEKLY BULLETIN Week Ending 22nd December 2023

Kindness—Respect—Responsibility—Togetherness

This will be our last bulletin of 2023! Thank you to all our families for your support and commitment to our school. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you when School and Nursery open again on Monday 8th January 2024.

Student Teachers

After the holidays, Miss Kessack will return to work with P4B until Friday 26th January.
Miss Scott will be working with P6A until Wednesday 7th February.
Miss Fraser will be working with P7A until Wednesday 7th February.

Sumdog Competition

Classes have been participating in Sumdog's most recent competition which finished yesterday. Great news for Westhill Primary!

Total number of players – 49002

30th Place- Mohana P5A

36th Place – Aradhya P5/6

2863 Classes playing

P5/6 finished in 95th Place, with P3B and P6A close behind!

Well done to everyone who has taken part and thank you to the Parent Council who have paid for our subscription.

Fundraising Update

Thank you to everyone that helped and attended both the Christmas Fair and the Elf Shop in December. Your support is much appreciated and without it, events like these would not be possible.

We can announce that the Fair raised around £2500 and the Elf shop around £2000, which is amazing!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to 2024!

Thanks again,
Fundraising

PS- from Mrs Burns- Big thank you to Sarah for all her hard work in coordinating the events!

P1 Enrolment Week

Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 15th January to Friday 19th January 2024. As in previous years, applications should be made to children's catchment school via an online form which opens on Monday 15th January.

Aberdeenshire Youth Music Sessions (AYMS)

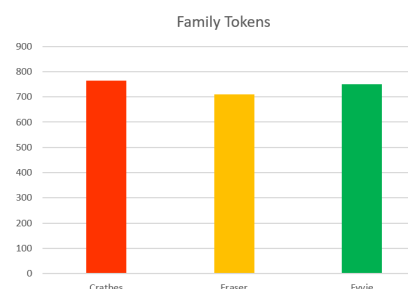
Please find letter attached regarding the upcoming Aberdeenshire Youth Music Sessions (AYMS).

This is not an offer of music lessons, this opportunity is for children who are currently learning to play an instrument. There may be pupils in your school that do not receive lessons with Aberdeenshire Instrumental Music Service and are interested in the Sessions. We would be grateful if you could raise awareness of this in your school.

Family Tokens

I think this has been the closest term I can remember for Family Tokens, well done everyone for all your hard work. Crathes finished in the lead with 764, closely followed by Fyvie with 751 and Fraser with 711.

Although we will keep a record of these totals for the final total at the end of the year, next term we will start again at 0.



Trophies

This week our P1 pupils have been awarded 'Wonderful Walkers' for their sensible smart walking when we had our fire alarm practice this week.



The dinner ladies received 'Togetherness' for the hard work they do all year, topped by our amazing Christmas lunch last week.



Some of our P7 pupils volunteered to scrub the indoor netballs, that were accidentally taken outside last week, so they received our 'Kindness' award.



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. This is the final leaflet in the series and is about children's wellbeing. I hope that over the holidays, some of the ideas and suggestions might be helpful to many of you.

[Wellbeing-Primary-school.pdf \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](https://www.glowscotland.org.uk/Wellbeing-Primary-school.pdf)

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

PE days—**UPDATED**

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| 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>

- 22nd December School and Nursery close for Christmas Holidays
- 8th January School and Nursery re-open
- Thursday 11 January P1 NHS screening
- 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