



Crathes School Newsletter

21st April 2021

We hope you all had a relaxing holiday and welcome to our first Sway newsletter!

Visiting Specialist Teachers

The following table shows our allocation of specialist teachers this term.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM		Brass Mr Wood	Learning Support Mrs Storer Mindfulness/ Drama (fortnightly) Mrs Jardine		PE Mrs Shearer
PM	Mindfulness/ Drama Mrs Jardine French Mrs Shearer		Violin Mrs Webster		French/Art Mrs Shearer

Thank you



We would like to thank the Foster family, in particular Rollo, for their very kind donation towards a whole school theatre trip – fingers crossed that we don't have to wait too long before we are able to organise this. We wish Rollo every success in his new school.

School Meals



A new **online** resource has been launched by Aberdeenshire Council's School Meals Service, which will help with making healthy meal choices displaying allergen and nutritional content of primary school meals

The portal is linked to a nutritional analysis programme which ensures meals meet statutory nutritional standards, meaning they are nutritious as well as delicious. It is particularly helpful for pupils with special dietary needs including allergies and Type -1 Diabetes.

To use the portal please visit <http://ourshiremenus.mysaffronportal.com/>

Young people and parent consultation on holiday programmes

Please see links below to two surveys, from the Community Learning and Development team, for young people and parents to complete to help inform the school holiday programmes.

The views of young people and parents are critical in ensuring that programmes are created to meet the social and wellbeing needs of children, young people and families during the school holidays. In

recognition of programmes being developed on a cluster basis, it is important that views from young people and parents from all 17 clusters are sought.

[Young People Survey Holiday Activities – Engage Aberdeenshire](#)

[Parent Survey Holiday Activities – Engage Aberdeenshire](#)

Please note the closing date of the survey is Sunday 25th April.

Thank you for your support.

NORTHERN ALLIANCE – Learning from Lockdown sessions 28th April 2021

Northern Alliance - Learning from Lockdown sessions for education practitioners and parents/carers 28th April either 1.30 – 2.30pm, 4.30 – 5.30pm or 6.00 – 7.00pm.

These interactive sessions will provide opportunities for education practitioners and parents / carers to share their experiences of learning during lockdown, and reflect on the challenges and the successes. Participants will then consider how we learn from this, and plan next steps to improve outcomes for learners through parental engagement. A follow up event in Autumn 2021 will continue the conversation and allow settings to share their journey. We are hoping for a couple of parent volunteers to attend one of these three sessions.

The sessions will be held on Microsoft Teams. Please click [here](#) to register for **one** of the three sessions which will take place at: 1:30-2:30 pm; 4:30-5:30 pm and 6:00-7:00 pm.

LIVE LIFE ABERDEENSHIRE LIBRARIES

Live Life Aberdeenshire libraries are delighted to offer weekly virtual storytelling for children aged 3-5 and 6-8 years, sessions are led by the library team.

Starting 22nd April from 4.00-4.30pm join Ali and Mette for a live storytelling session suitable for children aged 3-5 years.

Booking is essential in order to receive your virtual email invite. To access the full virtual storytelling programme of sessions go to <https://tinyurl.com/ym5b6dpj> to register and book your place.



School Garden

P1-3 pupils will be planting vegetables in the school garden on Friday 23rd April.

Please ensure your child has suitable clothes/foot wear and gardening gloves (if available).

This is just the first of many gardening sessions we will be having this term involving all the pupils.

We would be very grateful for any donations of plants, flowers or vegetables or even seeds for the school garden – please send any donations in to school - thank you.



May Day Holiday - school will be closed on Friday 3rd May.

Getting Ready - TO LIVE WITH YOUR TEENAGER

Are you the Mum, Dad or Carer of a pre-teen? If so, this group might interest you. The Community Learning and Development Team have put together 3 free online sessions, Wednesdays 5th, 12th & 19th May from 6.30pm - 8.30pm.

To register: tinyurl.com/ys5kv63c

RARING2GO!

Local family magazine Raring2go! has gone on line during the pandemic!

This Spring issue brings you lots of fun things to do locally and at home.

You can **view it online** [HERE](#).



Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will be held virtually on Thursday 13th May at 7pm. if you have any items for the agenda please e:mail crathespc@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER COMMENTS

Your comments are always welcome and support our continued school improvement.
Parents/carers are invited to e: mail the school with any feedback.

