



WELCOME
TO
CRATHES
SCHOOL

Crathes School Newsletter May 2021

Welcome to your May Newsletter.

Thank you



Thank you to Mr & Mrs Alexander for repairing the pot holes in our school car park and also the wood around our raised borders in the Wildlife Garden.

Thank you

Thank you also to Lyndon (Mrs Hector's son in law) for coming to the aid of our Plum tree in the Wildlife Garden which needed some tender care.



Coming Soon!



We are very excited to be launching MarvellousMe to you soon.

This is a new package we have purchased as a great way for you to find out more about your child's learning and to celebrate their achievements. You can also share it with partners, carers and grandparents. To get this started we need all parents/carers to sign and return a Privacy Notice which ensures we are compliant with GDPR legislation - please click on the following link for this Privacy Notice or contact the school office should you require a paper copy:

<https://crathes.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Privacy-Notice-Marvellous-Me.pdf>

Once we have received your completed Privacy Notice we will issue you with a joining letter and code individual to your child.

In the meantime please see the 'Parent Information Flyer' attached to this e:mail for further information.

Reporting and Parents/Carers Night

This term we will be providing a Summary Attainment Report for each pupil followed by a parent/carer virtual meeting (organised through Microsoft Teams). We believe this will provide an ideal opportunity for parents/carers and class teachers to discuss your child's learning, strengths, achievements and next steps.

The Summary Attainment Reports will be issued on Thursday 27th May.

Follow up Parent/Teacher Consultations will be hosted through MS Teams on Monday 31st May, Tuesday 1st June or Wednesday 2nd June between 4pm - 5.30pm. Invitations will be e:mailed out. Any parents/carers that are unable to access Teams are requested to contact the office so an alternative telephone consultation can be arranged.

Touch Rugby Sessions - P4-7 Pupils

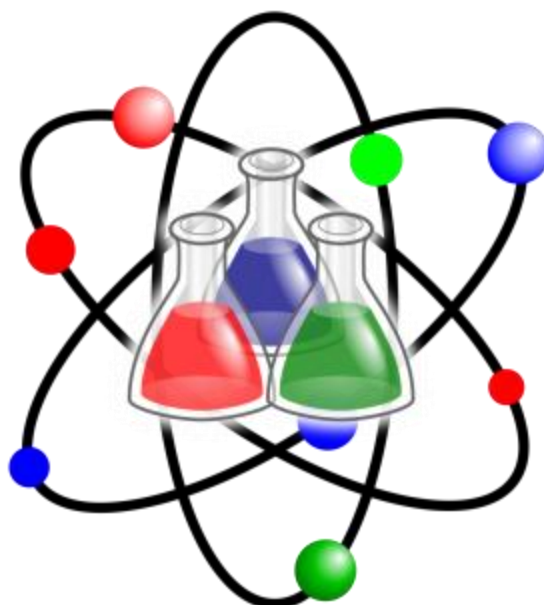


Our Active Schools Coordinator, in partnership with Deeside Rugby Club and a sports student from RGU, who is on a formal placement with Aberdeenshire Council, has organised a 6 week programme of touch rugby sessions for primary school pupils starting Thursday 13th May. These sessions will take place on our playing field behind the school from 9.30am - 10.15am. A Risk Assessment will be completed for this activity.

Pupils in P4-7 should come to school on these Thursday mornings (13th, 20th, 27th May, 3rd, 10th & 17th June) wearing PE kit suitable for outdoors.

TechFest Live Week
10th May 2021

Week Beginning



Next week we will be engaging with a range of STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

There will be a diverse and engaging range of workshops and Live streaming events for all pupils to enjoy. Activities include:

- The Critter Keeper
- Destination Science
- K'Next Challenge
- Tricky Tracks
- DNA Detectives
- Climate Questions
- The Hungry Caterpillar

It promises to be a week of fun, excitement and great learning opportunities. We are grateful to TechFest for their support and resources.

Curricular Newsletter Term 4

Please click on the following link for the Term 4 Curricular Newsletter for P1-3 or P4-7

<https://crathes.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/P1-3-Curricular-Newsletter-Term-4-2020-21.pdf>

<https://crathes.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/P4-7-Curricular-Newsletter-Term-4-2020-21.pdf>

Live Life Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival Events

Live Life Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival Events, in partnership with Aberdeenshire HSCP, are delighted to host an evening with Susan Cohen, author of *Bea and Brodie's Mindful Journey*. Susan will be talking about how educators/parents/carers can use her beautifully illustrated book to support children cope with challenging situations by learning mindfulness strategies and techniques they can utilise during any stressful or challenging situation.

This event is on Wednesday 12th May 7 - 8 pm. Booking is essential for this virtual event. To book go to <https://tinyurl.com/dj36exne>

New School Foods Regulations - Aberdeenshire Council Catering Services

Message from

New School Foods Regulations – Primary Schools

We are now into the third week of our Spring & Summer 2021 menu cycle and further changes that enhance our menus are forthcoming.

The new primary menus commenced when pupils returned on the 19th of April and comply to the new Nutritional Requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2020 introduced by the Scottish Government starting in April 2021.

The new regulations have increased access to fruit and vegetables, ensuring that our children and young people can access more fruit and vegetables and reduce the amount of sugar that can be accessed in schools.

The changes to the regulations are based on the most scientific evidence on diet and health and are designed to support the health of children and young people in the school setting. The food and drink that is provided across the school day is designed to support progress towards the Scottish Dietary goals. This will help to ensure that children and young people have access to nutritionally balanced school lunches

To comply with the guidance, we have made significant changes to reduce the sugar content in the menu and increase access to fruit. There have been a number of puddings removed due to their higher sugar content and resulting from strict guidelines which we now adhere to. At this time, it does include the removal of Custard and Ice Cream however, the new menu does consist of some sweet treats such as muffins, gingerbread, brownies and cookies with fruit options.

We would hope to continue to work with recipes and our suppliers to expand on the alternatives that could be offered in the future.

We have had some very positive feedback from parents on the new menu, and we will continue to engage with pupils for feedback on the menu over the first few months of implementation.

Reminder - Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Thursday 13th May at 7pm, Agenda to follow. If you would like to attend this virtual Teams meeting please e:mail maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for an invitation link. Thank you

In- Service days

Please note that Crathes Primary **does not** have In- Service days on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th June, this is just for Banchory Academy.

Ride in Peace Adventures - Extra Curricular & Summer Holiday Mountain Biking sessions

Please click on the following link for information:

<https://crathes.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Little-RIPA-2021.pdf>



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.

