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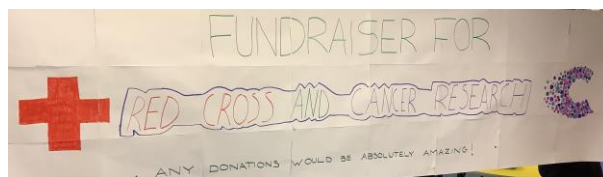
End of Term Newsletter - March 2023

End of Term Treat



Osprey are this term's winning team with 270 Team Points. Well done to Osprey, Merlin and Eagle for a closely run competition. **For the end of term treat on Thursday 30th March (due to P4-7 Forest School on Friday)**, Osprey have chosen Dress As You Please day and a longer morning interval with a range of sports equipment to play with.

Fun Afternoon - Thursday 30th March 2-3pm



The P6/7 Prefects have been busy planning the activities for their Fun Afternoon on Thursday 30th March.

There will be

- Pre-loved toys
- Guess the number of sweets in the jar
- Book stall
- Lucky Dip
- Orienteering
- Find the Treasure
- Hook a Duck
- Beat the Goalie
- Score a Basketball
- Splat the Rat
- Fairtrade Goodies
- Teas and Coffees for Grown-ups

Everything will be priced at less than £1 with many activities costing 10p, 20p or 50p. Some games will be free to play.

All funds raised will be split between the Red Cross support for the earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria, and Cancer Research. These are the two chosen charities by this year's Prefects Group.

Parents/Carers and family are welcome to join us for the afternoon fun.

Rotary Quiz



Many congratulations to the Crathes Quizzers aka Lucy, Daniel, Alfie and Caitlin on their recent success at the Banchory-Ternan Rotary Quiz.

Next stop for the Crathes Quizzers is the Area Final at Cults Academy on Saturday 29th April @ 10am. Family and friends are welcome to come along to support the team.

Rotary respectfully ask that any spectating children are under the supervision of an accompanying adult.

P7 Transition to Banchory Academy



Primary 7 pupils transferring to Banchory Academy have a number of visits to the Academy throughout term 4.

- Thursday 20th April - P7 Visit to Banchory Academy
- Wednesday 3rd May - P7 visit to Banchory Academy, meeting up with P7 pupils from Durriss and Drumoak Schools
- Thursday 18th May - P7 Science Day @ Banchory Academy
- Tuesday 20th June - Friday 23rd June (inclusive) - P7 Link Days @ Banchory Academy

More information to follow.

Parent Council Meeting - Term 4

The next meeting of the Crathes School Parent Council is on **Monday 24th April @ 7pm** in the portacabin. Please email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk by Thursday 20th April if you are able to attend.

Items for the agenda should be emailed to crathespc@gmail.com

Parents/carers are also welcome to attend virtually and should email to request a Teams invite.

Please note the quorum for the meeting to go ahead is 6 members of the Parent Forum.

Rights Respecting Accreditation Visit - Gold



As part of our journey to Gold we are pleased to announce that Jenny Price from UNICEF will be visiting our school on the morning of Wednesday 26th April. Staff and pupils have been busy preparing for the visit.

Pre-loved school clothes



We have a selection of pre-loved school clothes in the school library. Please pop into school if you can make use of any of these items.

Free Easter Holiday Activities - DTCC Cycling Coaching Sessions - P3 - P7 - Banchory



Deeside Thistle
Cycling Club

Deeside Thistle Cycling Club (DTCC) with the Easter Activity funding award from Aberdeenshire Clubsport SCIO are offering **FREE cycle coaching** for P3 - P7 pupils from 10th - 14th April from 10:00 - 12:00 at Bellfield Park, Banchory. Select and join us for one or more sessions or come to all 5 and cycle with us for a week. Meet at the car park by the play park, at Bellfield car park, Banchory - look out for our DTCC green flags and Gazebo. To book a space please click on the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dtcc-cycling-coaching-sessions-free-p3-p7-banchory-tickets-600882294117>

Coaching will be provided by British Cycling qualified coaches who have undertaken appropriate Child Protection training and are First Aid qualified. The sessions will be free of charge and available to P3 - P7 pupils. The focus will be on developing fundamental core cycling skills, playing games on bikes, with progression to using some fun equipment from Sender Ramps. Riders must already be able to ride a bike but do not need to be regular cyclists, have a helmet and working bicycle suitable for use on grassy terrain. Riders should also bring appropriate clothing, (gloves if you have them are advisable) water bottle and snack.

Riders will be considered for future access to regular coaching if interested with DTCC. Any questions please email: youthandjunior@deeside.org

“This activity is being organised by Deeside Thistle Cycling Club. Aberdeenshire Council is not responsible for the acts and omissions of Deeside Thistle Cycling Club and members of the public engaging in the activity do so at their own risk.”

P4-7 John Muir Award



At Friday's Forest School, the P4-7 pupils will be working on the conservation aspect of their John Muir Award, building nesting boxes and planting a hedgerow on the edge of the playing field to create a Wildlife Corridor. Many thanks to Leys Estate for supporting us with this project by purchasing the plants and helping us to identify a suitable site for this biodiversity project.

Pupils will need the usual outdoor clothing, snack and water bottle. Please note we will pause for lunch to allow children to have their usual school lunch and join the lunchtime Sports Club.

P4-7 have their first Forest School session of Term 4 with Jill Birch on **Tuesday 18th April 10am - 2.30pm.**

For this session pupils will require suitable outdoor clothing, water bottle, morning snack and packed lunch.

Please note a risk assessment has been undertaken for these activities.

Parent Council Afternoon Tea - Saturday 10th June



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Summer Bubbly Afternoon Tea

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON
OF FOOD, FUN AND BUBBLES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND
TO BOOK TICKETS CONTACT:
CRATHESPC@GMAIL.COM

£20 PER PERSON
(TABLES OF 8 OR INDIVIDUAL TICKETS)

SATURDAY 10TH JUNE | 2-6 PM
CRATHES HALL

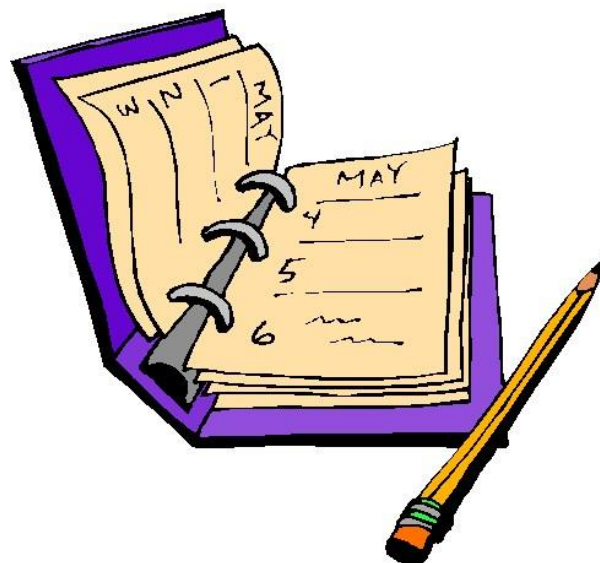
ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS CRATHES
PRIMARY PARENT COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE
CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL.



Higgledy Piggledy

The poster features a warm orange background with a stylized sun in the top right and a glass of bubbly in the middle right. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold and regular fonts.

Dates for your diary



Monday 17th April - First day of term

Monday 1st May - May Day Holiday (school closed)

Monday 8th May - Coronation Holiday (school closed)

Monday 5th June - Local Holiday (school closed)

Friday 7th July - Last day of term

Staffing

Miss Jane Webster, dinner lady, is hanging up her Crathes apron and moving to a new school. We wish her every success in her new job.

Miss Kathleen Ray, MA student, will return to the P1-3 class on Monday 24th April for a further 5 week placement.

Thank you



We have had a busy term with lots of fun and great learning opportunities. Thank you to all our parents/carers for the support you give our school and our young people in their learning.

We wish you all a very happy, relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing you on Monday 17th April ready for the lovely summer term.

NEWSLETTER COMMENTS

Your comments are always welcome and support our continued school improvement.

Parents/carers are invited to e: mail maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk with any suggestions or feedback.

