



Newsletter Crathes

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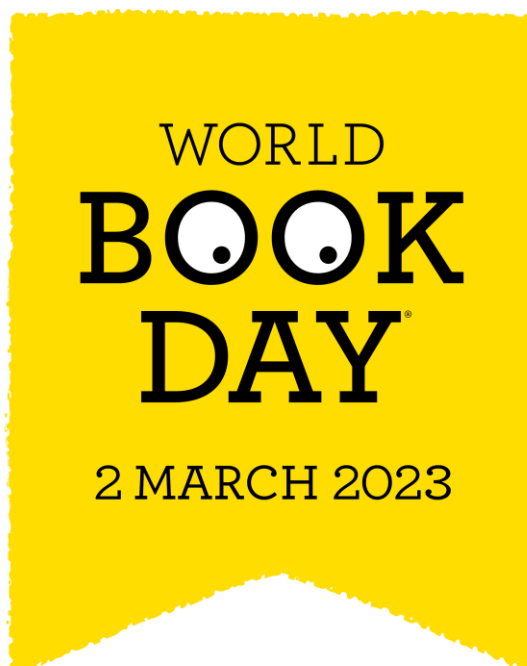
Parent Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Crathes School Parent Council is on Wednesday 22nd February @ 7pm in the portacabin. Please email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk by Monday 20th February if you are able to attend.

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.

World Book Day Celebrations



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March with lots of fun activities throughout the day.

- Start the day with a **Breakfast Read** 8.40 - 9.30am served in the spare classroom. Parents/carers are welcome to join us for a Fairtrade breakfast and good company. To help with catering numbers please email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk if you would like to join us.
- Bring in your **favourite book to share**.
- Option to **Dress up** as a favourite book character.
- **Turn a potato into a book character**. We will have plenty of potatoes in school on Thursday 23rd February for pupils to take home and get started on their challenge.
- An **exhibition** of the completed potato characters in the library for all to enjoy.
- The older pupils will be taking **reading requests** from our younger pupils.
- **DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)** sessions throughout the day.
- **Book Swop**. Please drop off your unwanted books in the box by the school door. Whether or not you've got a book to bring along to swop, have a browse and find something else to read.

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.

Parent Club



Feeling overwhelmed by financial pressures?

We can help guide you to trusted advice that's tailored to your family's needs, whether that's talking to someone about:

- Benefits and one-off payments you're entitled to
- Or helping you gain new skills, find work, childcare support and increasing your earnings.

Take that first step at [Family Support Directory | Parent Club](#)



Parent Council Spring Fair

Plans for the Spring Fair are underway and bookings from 16 stallholders with various crafts have been secured.

Donations for the raffle and offers of help with teas/coffees and selling raffle tickets would be most welcome. Please contact Louise on 07980083195.

Raffle donations can also be handed in to school.

Staffing update

On 27th February, Miss Kathleen Ray, University of Aberdeen student, will begin a five week placement with the P1-3 class.

Forest School



The P4-7 class have two further sessions working on with Mrs Jill Birch and Mrs Maureen Fraser on their John Muir Award.

Tuesday 7th March 10am - 2.30pm

Friday 24th March 10am - 2.30pm

P1-3 class also have two Forest School sessions led by Mrs Hazel Crowley and Mrs Maureen Fraser.

Thursday 9th March 9.30am - 12.30pm

Friday 17th March 9.30 am - 12.30pm

More information to follow nearer the time. A Risk Assessment has been undertaken for these activities.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 22nd February- P7 Transition visit to Banchory Academy

Wednesday 22nd February - Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm

Wednesday 22nd March - P6/7 Visit to Banchory Academy

Thursday 23rd March - P1-7 theatre trip 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' @ HMT (2pm Performance)

Monday 27th March - Parents Night 4.30 - 6pm

Tuesday 28th March - Parent Night 4.30 - 6pm

Wednesday 29th March - Parents Night 4.30 - 6pm

More information to follow.

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.

