



Newsletter Crathes January 2023

Welcome back and a very happy, healthy 2023 to you all.

Thank you



The staff would like to thank parents and carers for all the lovely Christmas gifts.

Parent Council Meeting - Tuesday 31st January

All parents/carers are welcome to attend the next Parent Council meeting on Tuesday 31st January @ 7pm in the portacabin. Please email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk by Friday 27th January confirming your attendance. If you intend to join the meeting virtually, please email requesting a Teams invite.

Term 3

The class topics for term 3:-

P1-3 Castles

P4-7 Scotland (until February mid-term holiday)

Ancient Egypt (Feb holiday until Easter holidays)

The library days for each class:-

P1-3 Monday

P4-7 Wednesday

We would be delighted to have some helpers to help with our library organisation/tidying up. If you are interested please telephone or email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Curricular Newsletters

Please see email attachments for P1-3 & P4-7 Curricular Newsletters.

P4-7 Multi-Sport Club



Many thanks to Mark Borzoni and James O'Flynn for organising a Multi Sport Club for P4-7 pupils using the school field/playground.

The first session will be on Friday 3rd February @ 12.55pm with further sessions on 17th February, 3rd March, 17th March and 31st March.

If any other parents/carers are interested in helping to organise some sports or activities for our pupils please do not hesitate to get in touch with Maureen Fraser.

RSPB Birdwatch



At 9am on Thursday 16th February we will be taking part in the RSPB Garden Birdwatch. The pupils will each have some time to see what birds they can identify in our school garden.

We would be delighted to have a couple of adult helpers for this activity. No expertise required just some enthusiasm.

Please contact the office or email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk if you are interested in helping.

School Garden

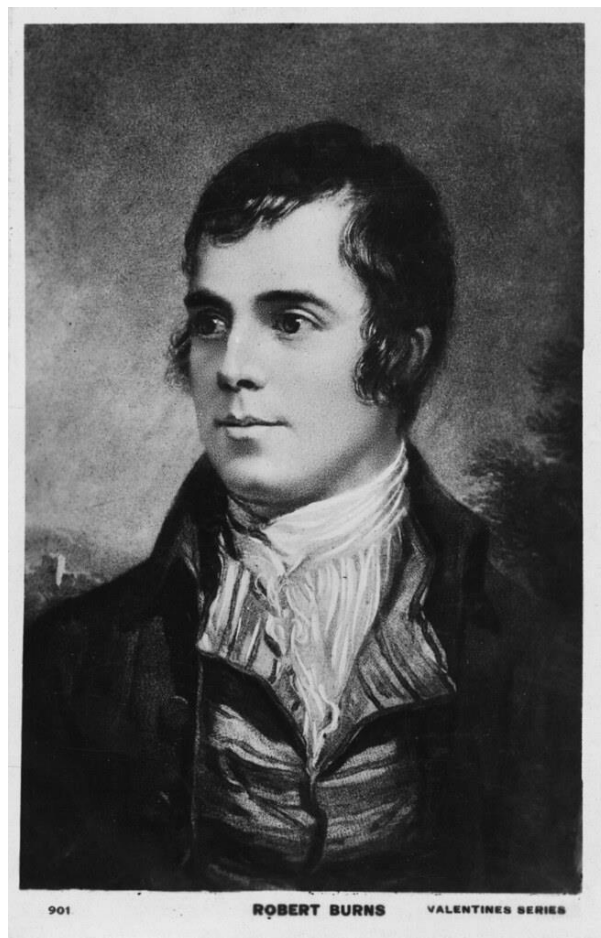


Many thanks to Mr Ken Smith for the generous donation of manure for our school garden.

We would be delighted to have some offers of help to dig this in to the vegetable patch. You could do this any time during the school day or at the weekend. Interested?

Please phone the school or email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Scots Poetry



Many thanks to Andria McCartan for helping our pupils to learn their Scots Poems.

We are delighted to have Mrs Walker joining us on Thursday 2nd February to judge the poems and award certificates to pupils.

Active Schools



Please see attached documents for further details of Active Schools February Mid Term Holiday Programme and Glack Trail Running Event for all pupils age +6 years.

Run4Fun Cross Country Series 2023! Coming soon!

Your Active Schools team would like to invite you to register for our Run4Fun Cross Country Series which takes place from March to June this year! The series will cater for pupils from P1-7 in the South Aberdeenshire primary schools. There will be 5 events in the series across Aboyne, Banchory, Mackie, Mearns and Portlethen. Pupils are invited to enter as many or as few races as they wish; all those who complete 2 out of the 5 races will receive a series medal. The exciting news for this year is we will award 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals to everyone in their age group from P1-7!

Races cost £3 per race and it is essential to sign up, please see attached poster and event information.

Sign up can be made online here - <https://bit.ly/asabevents>

We hope to see you at some of the events!

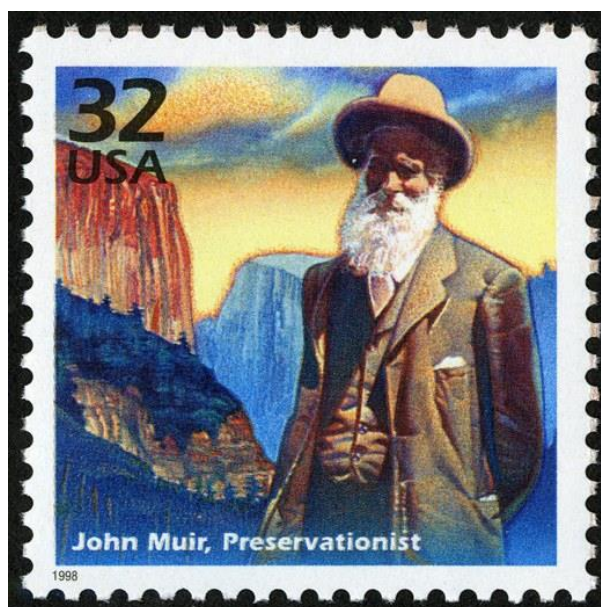
Dates for your diary



School will be closed Thursday 9th February, Friday 10th February and Monday 13th February for the mid-term holiday.

Tuesday 14th February and Wednesday 15th February are staff In service Days when school is closed to pupils.

P4-7 John Muir Award



P4-7 will continue their John Muir Award with Jill Birch Forest School instructor on Thursday 23rd February. More details to follow.

A Reminder for Children's Eye Health & Sight

FREE EYE EXAMINATIONS

All children in Scotland are entitled to an annual free eye examination by a qualified Optometrist (Optician). These examinations are really important for checking the health of your children's eyes and for making sure that children get any help they may need to make the most of their vision.

Sometimes children do not notice that one eye cannot see as well as the other and an eye examination can check to see if your child has any squints or 'lazy eyes' or if they need glasses. Vision can change over time so it is important to have checks regularly to see if there has been any change.

The Optician will give a prescription for glasses for your child if they need it. There is no obligation to buy glasses from the same Optician. Your child is entitled to an NHS optical voucher to help cover the cost of glasses. If the glasses you choose costs more than the voucher, you will have to pay the difference. The Optician will explain this in more detail.

We would encourage all parents to take their children to any high street Optician for regular eye examinations whether or not they think they may need glasses.

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

