



Newsletter Crathes April 2023

Welcome back!

Rights Respecting School - Gold Evaluation



On Wednesday, Jenny Price from UNICEF, spent the morning in school, meeting pupils, staff and parents to assess our progress towards Gold Rights Respecting School. It was a very busy morning and it was lovely to watch pupils, parents and staff all talking about the difference being rights respecting has made to our school.

A report on the school will now be submitted to a panel for consideration and the final decision on whether we are eligible for a Gold Award.

We can expect to hear in 4-6 weeks if we have been successful.

Rotary Quiz



Good luck to the Crathes Quizzers for Saturday when they will be competing in the Primary School Quiz Area Final at Cults Academy.

Term 4

The class topics for term 4:-

P1-3 An Enterprise Project

P4-7 Energy and Electricity

The library days for each class:-

P1-3 Monday

P4-7 Thursday

If you have some free time and would like to help with our library organisation/tidying up please telephone or email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Music

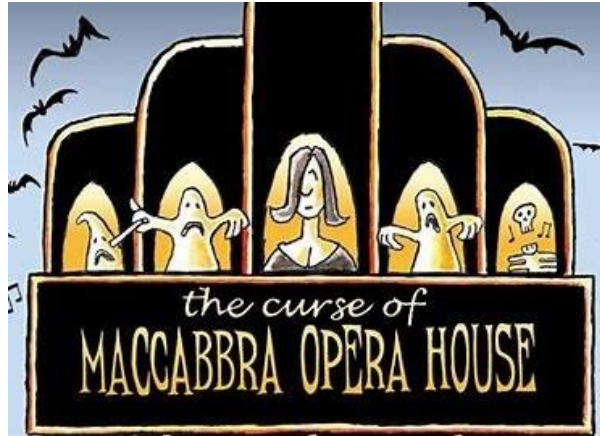
We are delighted to have Mrs Malone in school on Wednesday afternoons teaching Kodaly music to each class.

Coronation Celebration - Thursday 4th May



To mark the occasion of the coronation of King Charles, we will be having an afternoon of royal themed games followed by a tea party. Pupils are welcome to dress up for this occasion, crowns are not compulsory!

Scottish Opera



This term the P4-7 pupils will be taking part in the performance of 'The Curse of MacCabbra Opera House' - an exciting musical and theatrical experience - at Drumoak Primary School on Thursday 8th June.

Using online resources from Scottish Opera, pupils will learn the songs, practice the dance moves, and get to know the characters in the story. The pupils will then be prepared for a day long rehearsal leading to a fully staged performance guided by a team of teaching artists from Scottish Opera who will provide costumes for each child taking part in the project. The Scottish Opera artists will take on the roles of the three principal characters.

There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to watch the afternoon performance - more information to follow.

We are grateful to the Parent Council for covering all the costs associated with the workshop and the bus to transport the pupils to Drumoak.

P1-3 Rugby Coaching



Craig, Deeside Rugby Development Officer, has kindly offered to run two rugby taster sessions for the P1-3 pupils. The sessions will take place outdoors so please ensure your child has suitable outdoor PE clothes and footwear.

The sessions will be on :-

- Wednesday 3rd May

- Wednesday 10th May

Message from Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be the **AGM** on **Tuesday 12th September @ 7pm** in school.

Two existing office bearers are standing down and we are looking for volunteers to take on the roles of

- Secretary
- Fundraising Coordinator

If you are interested and would like more information, please get in touch.

Any items for the agenda should be forwarded to crathespc@gmail.com

Easyfundraising

Crathes School Parent Council can be supported through Easyfundraising. Once you have signed up you simply use the app or website to find online retailers and click through to be taken to their website. The brands pay commissions when you start your shop from easyfundraising and if you make a purchase the Parent Council receives a donation. Over 7000 retailers are available on the site and there is no cost to the user. Friends and family can sign up too to help support our cause.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=249031&invite=nbrcx1&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=refCROtest

Dates for your diary



- May Day Holiday - Monday 1st May (school closed)
- King's Coronation Holiday - Monday 8th May (school closed)
- P4-7 Visit to Glen Tanar - Thursday 1st June 9am - 5pm
- Sports Day - Friday 2nd June 1.15 - 3.15pm
- Local Holiday - Monday 5th June (school closed)

- P4-7 Scottish Opera Performance - Thursday 8th June
- Burnett Cup Football Tournament - Monday 12th June 6pm
- End of Term - Friday 7th July

P7 Transition Activities - Banchory Academy



There are a number of transition activities planned for term 4 to enable Primary 7 pupils to get to know their new school.

Wednesday 3rd May 9.10am - 3pm Getting to know Banchory Academy

Primary 7 will spend the day with the senior pupils from Durris and Drumoak Schools in the Academy getting to know the building and some of their new classmates.

Pupils will require a morning snack, water bottle and packed lunch for this.

Many thanks to Mrs Louise Alexander for assisting Mrs Maureen Fraser with the transport for this.

Thursday 18th May 9.10am - 3pm Science Day

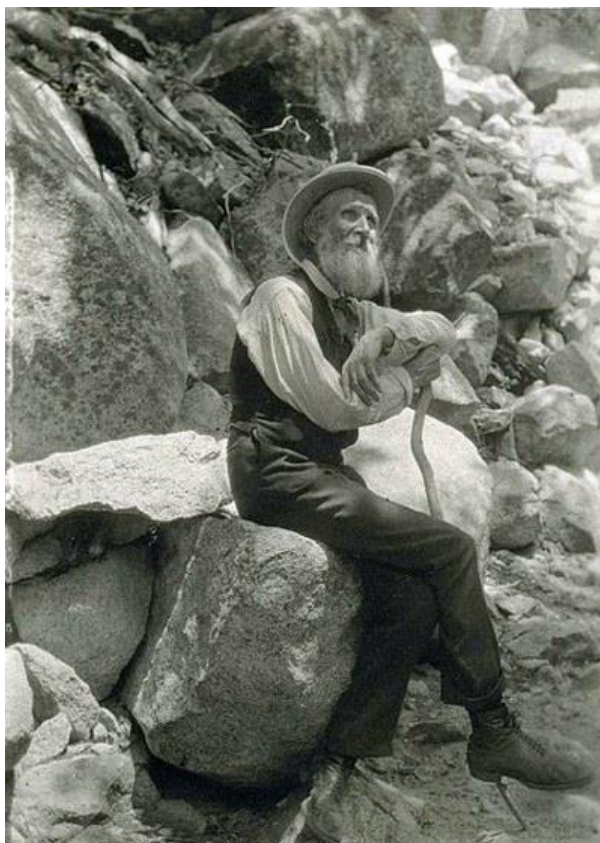
Pupils will spend the day in the Academy working in the Science Department.

Pupils will require a morning snack, water bottle and packed lunch. Any parents/carers able to assist Mrs Maureen Fraser with the transport for this are requested to contact the office.

Tuesday 20th June - Friday 23rd June (inclusive) Link Days

More information to follow.

P4-7 John Muir Award



P4-7 pupils will be continuing the work on their John Muir Award on Friday 12th May, burn sampling the Coy Burn with Jill Birch and working on more Forest School activities.

Pupils will require morning snack, water bottle and packed lunch. Suitable outdoor clothes and wellies will also be useful.

Any parents/carers interested in helping with this are kindly requested to telephone or email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

The final day of the John Muir Award will be Thursday 1st June when we will spend time exploring Glen Tanar, part of the Cairngorm National Park.

More information to follow.

P1-3 Fun Morning - Wednesday 17th May

Primary 1-3 pupils will spend the morning at Drumoak School getting to know their peers from Durris and Drumoak Schools. There will be lots of fun activities including drama, sports, science and play.

Pupils will require a water bottle and morning snack. They will leave school at 9am and return in time for lunch. Mrs Crowley, Mrs Hector and Miss Ray will accompany the pupils.

We are grateful to the Parent Council for covering the bus costs for this trip.

P1-3 Forest School - Friday 19th May



The P1-3 class have Forest School on Friday 19th May 9.30am – 12.30pm. The session will be in our own Forest School area and led by Mrs Hazel Crowley. We require 2-3 adults to assist us with these sessions so pupils have support in their activities. No special knowledge or expertise is required, just outdoor clothes, a morning snack and plenty of enthusiasm!

Please email if you would like to join us for this.

Ultramarathon Challenge!



Geoff Knight is running a personal ultramarathon, from Glenshee to Crathes - 91km! He is aiming to raise funds for some charities close to his heart, and we are delighted that he has chosen our school. Geoff hopes to raise £350 towards some new sports or outdoor learning equipment.

If you would like to support and encourage him with this amazing challenge please click the link below.

[Crowdfunding to contribute towards Crathes Primary School outdoor games/sports equipment on JustGiving](#)

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 feedback.

