



WELCOME  
TO  
CRATHES  
SCHOOL

# Newsletter - July 2023

Thank you



Welcome to the last newsletter of term and the end of a very eventful and busy school year. Thanks to the tremendous hard work of the staff and support of parents, carers and our local community, our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of great activities and learning experiences. We wish you all have a very happy and relaxing summer.

## Team points



Osprey achieved the most points in Term 4 and have chosen Dress As You Please, Soak a P7 and an afternoon disco as the End of Term treat for Friday.

## Sharing Assembly

Tomorrow's sharing assembly is an opportunity for pupils to share their talents with their friends. We are all looking to a great show.

## School roll and class organisation for session 2023-24

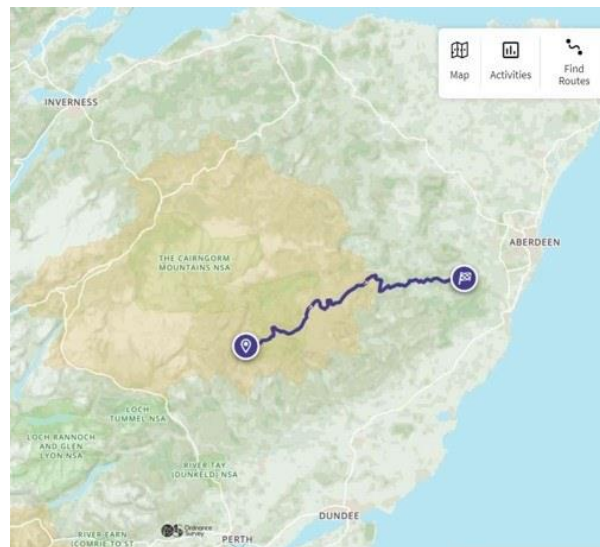
We have 41 pupils on our roll and the classes have been organised as follows:

P1-4 Mrs Crowley                      P1 - 5   P2 - 3   P3 - 6   P4 - 10   (24 pupils)

P5-7 Mrs Smith/Mrs Fraser   P5 - 9   P6 - 3   P7 - 5                      (17 pupils)

Please note the maximum class size permitted for a composite class is 25 pupils.

## Ultramarathon



On Thursday 29th June we were delighted to welcome Mr Geoff Knight into school to share with us how he prepared for and completed his amazing Ultramarathon running from Glenshee to Crathes. It was a great opportunity for our young people to learn first hand how someone prepares mentally and physically for a challenge.

We were thrilled to be presented with £1400 raised by Geoff on his run and we plan to use these funds to extend the outdoor learning opportunities for all our pupils. Something we can all look forward to next session.

## Awards



Many thanks to all our pupils and staff for a lovely End of Term Assembly. Special mention to our P7 Leavers for a very entertaining sketch, and to Mrs Webster and our string orchestra for their wonderful playing.

Congratulations to the following pupils on the special awards they have achieved this term:

- Alfie Gilmour awarded Gold in Scottish Mathematical Challenge.
- Svetana and Zoriana Levchenko awarded the Cameron Barclay Award for Achievement.
- Shaneice McCann awarded Nature Nurture certificate.
- P4-7 pupils awarded the John Muir Discovery Award for their outdoor learning and conservation work.
- Congratulations to Osprey on winning the Team Shield for 2022-23.

## Caring for our school garden



We are very grateful to Mr Nigel Money for once again setting up a solar powered irrigation system for our poly tunnel.

We have been busy tending our garden and are keen to ensure the plants survive the summer. If anyone happens to be in the school locality over the summer holidays please call in and give our plants some water. The water butt/watering can will be in the school garden for this purpose and please help yourself to fruit/vegetables that may be ready for eating while we are on holiday.

## Summer Reading Challenge 2023



Please click on the following link for information about the Live Life Aberdeenshire Summer Reading Challenge 2023.

[Summer Reading 2023 - Live, Life Aberdeenshire \(livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk\)](https://livelifeaberdeenshire.org.uk)

## Race Around Ireland

Very well done to all pupils and staff for together completing our 'Race around Ireland Challenge'.

Pupils and staff took part in a 'run' around the playground every week, tallied up the number of miles covered and successfully managed to 'Run round Ireland' getting back to Belfast just in time for the end of term.

## School Holiday Dates



Please see document attached to this email for an update on the term dates for session 2023-24.

## Bikeability



Next session, as part of our Learning for Sustainability focus, we would like to offer Bikeability training to our P6/7 pupils but have been advised that to do this we need to organise an adult leaders training course from a Transport Safety Education Officer. The training course involves 3 hours of self directed study plus 7 hours of training over the course or 1-2 days. Participants need access to a cycle in working order and clothes appropriate to the weather.

If you are interested in attending this course in order to support our Bikeability training in school, please email [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Thank you

## Feedback



Your comments are always welcome and support our continued school improvement. Please email [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) with any feedback.