



WELCOME  
TO  
CRATHE'S  
SCHOOL

## Newsletter - August 2023

Welcome back to a new school year and a very warm welcome to all our new pupils and families.

We hope you all had a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Our new Primary 1 pupils will initially attend school mornings only before starting full days on Monday 4th September.

### Classroom Projects



The class projects for this term are as follows:

P1-4 Transport Mrs Crowley

P5-7 Water Mrs Smith

Mosquitoes Mrs Fraser

If anyone has any expertise or suggestions to enhance these topics please do not hesitate to email [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or telephone the school on 01330 700395.

The P1-4 class will visit the Grampian Transport Museum later this term (more information to follow).

## Specialist Teachers

Our visiting teachers this term are Mrs Wood (Additional Support for Learning), Mrs Jardine (Science & Mindfulness), Mrs Shearer (French & PE) and Mrs Webster (Violin tuition). All these teachers work in partnership with the class teachers to plan and support the learning experiences for our pupils.

## Gardening Afternoon - Friday 1st September 2 - 3.15pm



Our school garden has been flourishing over the summer break but is in desperate need of a tidy up. We have planned an afternoon gardening session for the pupils in Primary 2-7 so please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for this. Any pupils with their own gardening gloves are welcome to bring them in too.

We would very much appreciate some adult helpers for this gardening afternoon, please email [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or telephone the school by Wednesday morning if you would like to help.

Please note - no specialist gardening knowledge is required.

## School Photographer - Thursday 31st August



*1 - Logan Sangster, Deeside Photographics, will be in school on the morning of Thursday 31st August for the school and individual school photos. Please ensure your child wears their school sweatshirt for the whole school photograph. Parents/carers are welcome to bring younger siblings to school at 9.30am for family photos.*

*Please complete the attached Microsoft Form if you would like your children photographed with their siblings. If we do not receive a completed Form we will assume that pupils are to be photographed individually.*

<https://forms.office.com/e/cBxHUz3Thj>

*Please note parents/carers are under no obligation to buy the photographs.*

## ALEC Workshops - Thursday 7th September



ALEC (Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre) will be in school on Thursday 7th September delivering a series of workshops to P1-3, P4/5 & P6/7 pupils to support our Curriculum for Excellent Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

ALEC works in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council and is a delivery partner of Coram Life Education. ALEC educators are teachers who have undergone additional training to deliver sessions using a best- practice, three strand approach - addressing children's knowledge, skills, attitudes and values.

Children's experience of ALEC sessions is fun, engaging and memorable. Children meet Harold the Giraffe puppet and friends, have discussions and watch short films covering all aspects of the health and wellbeing curriculum, including physical and mental health, relationships, staying safe online, and substance use (including medicines).

The ALEC team would like to invite you to a parent information session on Thursday 7th September 9.00 – 9.30am in the GP Room. Please let the school know if you would like to attend.

For anyone who is unable to attend, a pre-recorded version of this information can be found here

<https://youtu.be/63M0bcDqVF0>

More information and support for families can be found on our websites:

[www.alec.org.uk](http://www.alec.org.uk) and [coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf](http://coramlifeeducation.org.uk/family-scarf)

## Parent Council AGM - Tuesday 12th September @ 7pm

The Parent Council AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 12th September @ 7pm in the main school building. All parents/carers are very welcome to attend.

There are two office bearer positions to fill

- Secretary
- Fundraising Coordinator
- If you are interested in these positions or would like any further information please speak to Louise Alexander, Chair of Parent Council.

Any items for the agenda should be emailed to

[crathespc@gmail.com](mailto:crathespc@gmail.com)

Please confirm your attendance by emailing [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk). If you would like to join the meeting virtually please email requesting a Teams invite.

Please note we need a quorum of 6 parents/carers for the meeting to go ahead.

## Active Schools



Aberdeenshire Active Schools are keen to hear from anyone interested in volunteering and helping to extend the range of sports and activities within the Banchory Network. Please see the attached letter for further information.

## Aberdeenshire Children and Young People's Plan 2023-26



The Aberdeenshire Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023-26 is now available on the GIRFEC website.

<https://www.girfec-aberdeenshire.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Aberdeenshire-Children-and-Young-Peoples-Services-Plan-2023-2026.pdf>

### 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.