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CRATHES
SCHOOL

Newsletter - September 2023

P1-4 Visit to Grampian Transport Museum



P1-4 pupils will be visiting the Grampian Transport Museum in Alford on Tuesday 19th September as part of their transport project. They will depart at 9.15am and return to school in time for lunch. Pupils will require a waterproof jacket, water bottle and snack.

Many thanks to the Parent Council for covering the transport and admission costs for this visit.

Please complete the parental consent form by clicking the link below. It would be much appreciated if the forms could be returned by 13/09/23.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kVuu4QfsWm>

Term 1 Curricular Newsletters

As part of our ongoing commitment to involve parents/carers in their child's learning we have attached Curricular Newsletters that give an overview of the planned learning for each class this term.

Please see Curricular Newsletters attached to this email.

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 28th September



We are hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 28th September 10am - 11.30. There will be tea, coffee and cake available in the spare classroom with tombola and games outside (weather permitting).

The prefects will be applying their enterprise skills in the planning and organisation of this fundraiser. All parents and friends are invited to join us and support this cause.

Donations of tombola prizes and cakes/biscuits would be very welcome. Please note any home bakes must be prepared by someone with a food hygiene certificate. Any parents willing to donate baking are asked to email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

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. Agenda is attached to this email.

Pre-loved school uniform will be available at the meeting.

Please confirm your attendance by emailing 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.

Dates for your diary



P5-7 Outdoor Learning session with Mrs Jill Birch - Thursday 21st September

MacMillan Coffee Morning - Thursday 28th September 10am - 11.30am

Parents Evenings - Monday 9th - Wednesday 11th October (more information to follow)

End of term 1 - Friday 13th October

Start of term 2 - Monday 30th October

P1-4 Forest School session with Mrs Jill Birch - Thursday 2nd November 9.30 - 12.30 (more information to follow)

In Service Days - Thursday 16th & Friday 17th November (school closed to pupils)

Crathes School is a nut free/orange free zone

Please note when bringing in food from home, for snack or packed lunch, that we are a nut free, orange free zone.

Cycle September 1st -30th September 2023



Cycle September

- Ride anywhere, any time.
- Everybody welcome.
- Win prizes for riding a bike.
- Join the movement to get more people riding and smiling.
- Click the link to find out more.

<https://www.lovetoride.net/abz>

Transport to and from school



Parent/carers are respectfully reminded of the importance of safety when travelling to and from school.

When using the school car park, please reverse park and escort your child to the pedestrian gate. Unaccompanied pupils should not walk through the school car park.

Pupils that use school transport must wear a seat belt, remain seated until the bus stops and behave in a sensible, responsible and appropriate manner. Eating and drinking on school buses is not permitted.

Please click the link for further information.

[home-to-school-information-booklet.pdf \(aberdeenshire.gov.uk\)](#)

Staffing

Ms Kirsty Florence (PGDE Primary Education) will be on placement with the P5-7 class 18th - 29th September (inclusive). Ms Florence will return to the school 30th October - 8th December for a further 6 week placement.

P5-7 Outdoor Learning - Thursday 21st September



As part of their investigation into the Weird and Wonderful Life of Mosquitoes, the P5-7 pupils will be learning outdoors all day on Thursday 21st September with activities led by Mrs Jill Birch and Mrs Maureen Fraser. Pupils will be working in the Forest School area and the Wildlife Garden so will require sensible outdoor clothing, footwear and waterproofs. They should also have a morning snack, packed lunch and water bottle. There is the option for pupils to order a school packed lunch on the day.

A Risk Assessment will be undertaken for these activities.

Any parents/carers interested in helping out should email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Leys Estate 700 years celebration - Saturday 23rd September



Leys Estate have written to thank the school for helping them celebrate their 700th Anniversary with some lovely art work that recognises the diversity of the Estate and its work. The art work was displayed at the Banchory Show and will be available for viewing at the MacMillan Coffee Morning on 28th September.

Leys Estate are hosting a celebration on the evening of 23rd September at the Old Mill of Hirn field and would like to extend an invite to all who live and work on the Estate, including those who attend Crathes School. Please see invites issued today through the School Bag Mail.

Attendance

Please see attached letter detailing the Attendance Procedure in Aberdeenshire Schools.

Volunteers wanted!



If you would like to help out with school activities, transporting pupils on trips or would be interested in helping to run a sports or activity club during lunch time or after school, please get in touch for an informal chat. We would be delighted to hear from you!

Early Learning and Childcare Parental Consultation

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to consult on the provision of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) to inform planning and delivery of service. The consultation is open until 29th September. Please click the link to contribute to the survey. Your views will help Aberdeenshire Council identify how they can better serve parents and children accessing ELC in Aberdeenshire.

[Aberdeenshire Council's ELC Parental Consultation 2023 | Engage Aberdeenshire](#)

Feedback



Your comments are always welcome and support our continued school improvement. Please email maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk with any feedback.