



WELCOME  
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CRATHE'S  
SCHOOL

Newsletter - 29th November 2023



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Fairtrade



The Fairtrade Committee will be hosting a Fairtrade Tuckshop at morning interval on Friday 8th December. Please give your child some small change if they would like to sample some Fairtrade goodies.

### P7 Transition Activities

As part of our transition activities, Primary 6/7 will be working with Suzanne Harper (Community Learning Development) on Health and Wellbeing activities linked to the themes 'Coping with Change and Resilience'. The sessions will be in school on the mornings of Tuesday 12th December and Tuesday 19th December.

Open Afternoon - Thursday 14th December @ 2pm



Our Open Afternoon will begin at 2pm in the Spare Classroom with a selection of Christmas music. Parents/carers are then welcome to visit the classes to share the learning and enjoy some seasonal refreshments in the schoolhouse.

You will appreciate that in school we have limited space so unfortunately on this occasion tickets will be limited to 2 per family. To assist us with our seating plan please reply to Microsoft Forms invitation confirming if you wish to attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pXq873r0S1>

Our Pre-loved school clothes will be available that afternoon in the school library. Please feel free to take from or donate to this stock.

We are always grateful for donations of clothes and footwear suitable for outdoor learning.

## Christmas Party - Thursday 21st December 1.10 - 3.15pm



The Christmas Party will be on the afternoon of Thursday 21st December. Our Pre-schoolers will be invited to join Mrs Crowley and the P1-3 pupils for their party, while P4 will join Mrs Smith and the P5-7 class in the portacabin. We are hoping Santa will take a break from his busy schedule to pay us a visit.

Pupils are welcome to come to school wearing their party clothes or change at lunchtime.

Many thanks to the Parent Council for assisting with all the costs associated with hosting this party.

### Parent Council

The minutes of the last Parent Council meeting are attached. The Homework Policy referenced in the minutes can be read on the school website.

The next Parent Council is on Wednesday 17th January @ 7pm in the school. All parents/carers are welcome to attend, please email [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) to confirm your attendance.

Any items for the agenda should be emailed to [crathespc@gmail.com](mailto:crathespc@gmail.com)

### P5-7 Woodland



As part of their Junior Forester Award the P5-7 pupils have created a new woodland, bordering the school car park, to replace trees damaged during recent storms. They have planted 35 trees

including Rowan, Wild Cherry and Silver Birch, and will be monitoring how they grow and enhance our surroundings.

Many thanks to the Woodland Trust, Leys Estate, Cordiners Sawmills and Jill Birch for their support with this project.

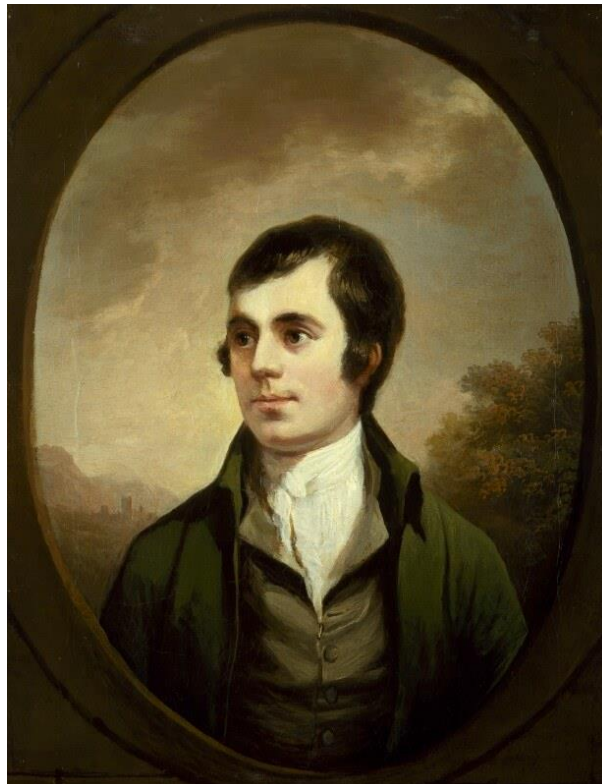
## P5-7 Curling sessions



Please click the link to Microsoft form for further information.

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## Scots Poetry



At the beginning of term 3 we will be encouraging all pupils to learn a given Scots or Doric poem as part of our celebrations to make Burns Day on 25th January. We would welcome the assistance of

some parents/carers to help pupils with the pronunciation and meaning of some of the words. Please email [maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:maureen.fraser@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) if you are interested in helping.

## Dates for your diary



Thursday 14th December - Open Afternoon from 2pm

Thursday 21st December - Christmas Party 1.10 - 3.15pm

Friday 22nd December - End of Term 2

Monday 8th January - Start of Term 3

Friday 12th January - P5-7 Curling session @ Curl Aberdeen (more information to follow)

Wednesday 17th January @ 7pm - Parent Council meeting

Thursday 18th January - Big School Garden Bird Watch (please get in touch if you would like to help)

Thursday 25th January - Burns Lunch and Ceilidh for all pupils.

Friday 26th January - P7 visit to Banchory Academy Library (more information to follow)

Friday 2nd February - P5-7 Curling session @ Curl Aberdeen

Thursday 8th February - Careers Fair @ Drumoak School (more information to follow)

Tuesday 25th June - Scottish Opera @ Drumoak School (more information to follow)

## 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.