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CRATHES
SCHOOL

Newsletter - 22nd February 2024



Inspiring learners to grow bright futures.

P5-7 Rugby Coaching



P5-7 are pleased to have been offered a block of rugby coaching led by Finlay Hall, Deeside Rugby Club Development Officer. The sessions will be on the playing field, weather permitting.

The dates for these training sessions:

Thursday 22nd February

Tuesday 27th February

Tuesday 5th March

Tuesday 12th March

Tuesday 19th March

Curriculum Rationale - Family Homework



The Curriculum Rationale, is at the heart of our work in school and we are keen to consult with families as we review and update it to ensure we all have a shared understanding of what our curriculum looks like and ensure it is relevant and shaped to the unique needs of Crathes Primary.

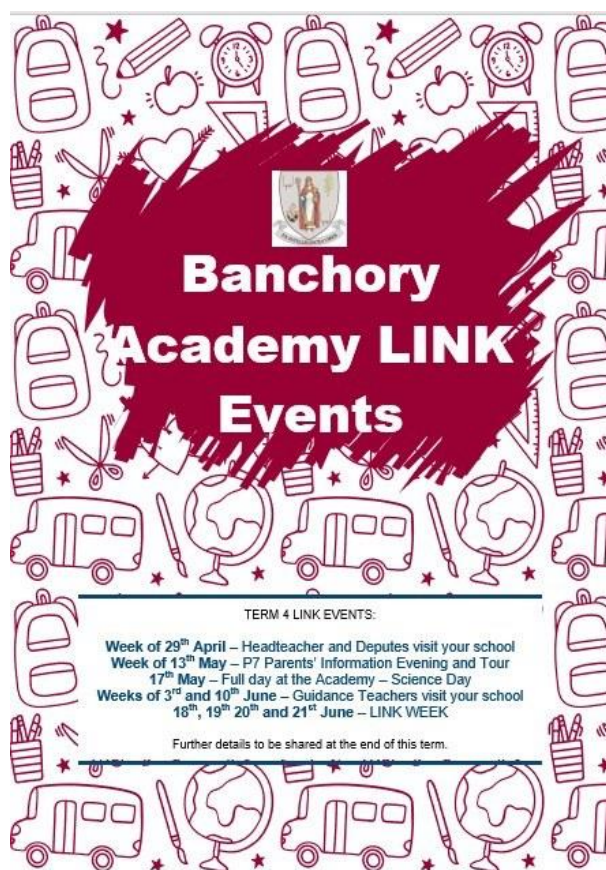
All families are kindly asked to share their views by completing a family homework task. Please check your child's school bag for an envelope with further information.

Please return your envelope to school by 29/02/24.

Pupils will share their views during today's school assembly, staff have already been consulted and we will also be contacting our partners in the wider community to gather their views.

The collated results will be shared with parents/carers and will help to develop a curriculum uniquely suited to our school.

P7 Transition Activities



Mystery at Magpie Manor



Scenery and Props

The rehearsals and costume fittings are well under way and we are starting to think about scenery and props. We would be grateful for any large pieces of cardboard, big boxes and carrier bags.

Rehearsals

We have booked the Crathes Hall for afternoon rehearsals on the following dates

- Wednesday 13th March
- Thursday 21st March
- Tuesday 26th March

On each of these dates the pupils will have an early lunch in school before leaving at 12.55pm for a rehearsal in the village hall. School transport will collect the pupils from the hall at 3.15pm. Any parents/carers that transport their own children should also collect them from the hall.

A risk assessment has been undertaken and parents/carers will shortly be asked to complete a consent form for these rehearsals.

Many thanks to our Parent Council and the Trustees of Crathes Village Hall for covering the costs of transport and hall hire.

School Garden



Many thanks to Mr Gordon Alexander for repairing the raised beds in the school vegetable garden.

We have three bags of farmyard manure waiting to be dug into the vegetable patch. We would be delighted for any offers of help to make this happen so our garden is ready for spring planting.

Forest School



We are delighted to announce that Leys Estate have granted us an extension to our Forest School area which will give us many more opportunities for outdoor learning.

On Tuesday, as part of their Junior Forester Award, the P5-7 pupils worked with Jill Birch to complete a bio-audit and an environmental risk assessment in the new forest extension to consider how we will use it within our outdoor learning activities.

Growing up online - Parent Information Session



A lot of Parent Councils have requested sessions looking at the digital world their children are growing up in and how to support them with that.

The following sessions will be run on Teams for any parent who wishes to attend.

Growing up online: Come along to our informative session for parents all about supporting our children in their online lives. We'll cover tech trends, digital wellbeing and what to do when things go wrong!

- Parents of Secondary age young people: 12th March 6pm – 7pm.
- Parents of Nursery & Primary children: 13th March 4pm – 5pm.

Both sessions are open to any Aberdeenshire parent. To join either session please email christine.mclennan@aberdeenshire.gov.uk to get the relevant meeting link.

Curl Aberdeen - Junior Coaching opportunity



No experience or equipment required - just warm clothing and clean trainers.

Enjoyed curling with your school or group today?

You are very welcome to come along to our junior coaching sessions for ages 8 to 21.

Beginners coaching:
Tuesdays 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Saturdays 8.30am - 9.45am

First session free, only £3.50 per session thereafter.

Sessions run most weeks but it's advisable to check by phone or email prior to coming.



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We also run TryCurling sessions throughout the season for ages 8 to adult for the whole family to try. Please get in touch for dates and further information.

Cycle Training



We would like to continue to offer cycle training to our senior pupils but are now required to have two adults trained in delivering Bikeability to pupils through a course called the BSI Course.

The course is delivered in one day and it is free to anyone who is delivering Bikeability to school pupils. There is a course set up at Banchory Primary on Tuesday 26th March (9am - 5pm) but unfortunately this clashes with the date of our school show.

Mrs Sarah Donohue, has signed up for this training so we only need one parent/carer to join her on the course. Any parents/carers are interested in attending this training please get in touch with sarah.donohue@aberdeenshire.gov.uk for further information.



Dates for your diary

Saturday 9th March - Spring Fair in Crathes Hall 10am - 2pm

Wednesday 13th March - afternoon rehearsal @ Crathes Hall.

Friday 15th March - Albyn School Cross Country @ Balgownie Playing Fields

Thursday 21st March - afternoon rehearsal @ Crathes Hall.

Tuesday 26th March - afternoon rehearsal @ Crathes Hall.

Tuesday 26th March @ 6.30pm - School Show in Crathes Village Hall

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term 3

Saturday 30th March - Dons Day Out

Thursday 25th April - Parent Council Meeting @ 7pm

Friday 17th May - P7 Science Day @ Banchory Academy (more information to follow)

18th - 21st June (inclusive) - P7 Link Days @ Banchory Academy (more information to follow)

Tuesday 25th June - Scottish Opera @ Drumoak School for P4-7 pupils (more information to follow)

Feedback



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