



RATHEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reporting to Parents

Rights Respecting School - Classroom Charters

As a whole school, we are looking at the Rights of the Child, agreed by governments across the world at the United Nations Convention. The Rights, or Articles, say what must be done so that children grow as healthy as possible, can learn at school, receive protection, have their views listened to and are treated fairly.

Rathen School joined Unicef's Rights Respecting School Award at the end of last session. We are focussing on the Responsibilities as well as the Rights of the Child so that we all play our part ensuring pupils at Rathen School reach their full potential.

Article 28 states, "Every child has the right to an education". At the beginning of the term, each class discussed what the Responsibilities were to ensure that everyone enjoys this Right. The Rights and Responsibilities are displayed in their Classroom Charters.



Reporting Logo

Congratulations to Fergus Ross! The logo he designed was chosen by the pupils to highlight how and when reporting information is shared.



Le Café Francais

To coincide with The European Day of Languages, we are having a French Day on Monday 26th September. Activities for the day will include badge making, songs, rhymes, games, food tasting and map reading. Our learning will be shared at Le Café Francais from 1:45-2:30pm. Pupils' dress code for the day - **Red, White and Blue!** Hope to see you then.



Parent Interviews

We are planning to meet with parents and pupils on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pupils' progress and to agree on targets and next steps with them in their learning journey.

Reporting Calendar and Leaflet

Please see the accompanying Reporting Calendar and Information Leaflet on Reporting. We hope you find the information helpful.

Aberdeen Science Centre

Here are a few snapshots of P1-7 trip to Aberdeen Science Centre on Friday 2nd September. The pupils learned about Tim Peake's Principia Mission to the International space Station and what life is like on board for the astronauts.

Thanks to the parents who helped escort the children. The trip and transport were free of charge.

Harvest Service

Rathen School Harvest Service will be on Thursday 6th October at 9:30am in Rathen Public Hall led by Lisa Ruth Lyall. Everyone is welcome to come along. Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables or flowers would be greatly appreciated for our Harvest Table. After the service, the items will be boxed and delivered to Senior Citizens in the community. If you are available to help prepare the produce boxes please stay behind after the service. Also, please let me know of any Senior Citizens in the Rathen area who have not received produce packages in previous years and we will add them to our list. Thank You.



Playground Themes

Recently at our whole school assemblies, we have been focusing on Article 31 of the 'Rights of the Child': "Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of activities." To vary the activities during playtimes, we will be having 'themed' weeks during this session. The pupils have come up with the following themes so far:

Outdoor: Music games and dance, ball games, skipping, team/tag games, sports, board games, card games, role-play, traditional games, construction and arts and crafts.

Indoor: Science experiments, the Wii, board games, drawing/colouring competitions, arts and crafts.

If you and your child have any suggestions, please let us know by noting them on the comment slip. Thank you.

Christmas

Fundraising Group - Christmas and Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 16th to 23rd November when pupils will be given the opportunity to browse and buy books. The Book Fair will coincide with the Christmas Fair on **Thursday 17th (tbc)** from **2:45pm to 5:15pm**, organised by the Fundraising Group. Please plan to come along and join us to get ahead of the Christmas rush. To avoid congestion at the start of the Christmas Fayre, teas and coffees will be served to parents before they pick their children up from school. A variety of games and arts and crafts activities will be available for the children in school, while you browse around the many stalls and enjoy the refreshments.

Christmas Cards (with a personal touch)

Your child will be designing a Christmas Card which will be professionally printed and sold in packs for you to purchase and distribute to family and friends. More details to follow from the Fundraising Group.

Rathen School Parent Council

At the AGM meeting on Thursday 15th September, the following office bearers took up the posts:

<p>Chair - Mrs Lucy Brown Vice Chair - Mrs Anita Buchan Treasurer - Mrs Naomi Murphy kindly agreed to continue. Fundraising Group - Miss Anne Bowie and Mrs Lynn Dougan have also kindly agreed to continue heading up the Fundraising Group. A big thank you to Mrs Anita Buchan for chairing our Parent Council for the past four years! Her time and effort has been greatly appreciated. The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Thursday 3rd November at 6:15pm. All are welcome to attend.</p>	
<p><u>Sickness and Diarrhoea</u> Guidelines from Grampian NHS Board: There are simple measures that can be taken to help prevent the spread of infection both at school and in the home which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remain at home until 48 hours after the symptoms have settled. ○ Encourage thorough handwashing particularly after visiting the toilet and before eating. ○ If you have concerns and symptoms persist after 48 hours, contact your GP. 	
<p><u>Recipe Book</u> The Fundraising Group are selling Rathen School Cook Book filled with favourite recipes and illustrated with photos of the pupils. Please complete the attached slip if you would like to buy one at £5 each. Thank you.</p>	<p><u>Road Safety</u> May I remind all drivers to adhere to the 20 mile per hour speed limit in Rathen to ensure the safety of the pupils? Thank you.</p>
<p><u>Afterschool Clubs</u> Multisport will continue afterschool on Wednesdays for 8 weeks in term 2 starting from 26th October to 14th December. To register online, please go to the following link: www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/active_schools/OnlineForm-Fraserburgh.asp If you cannot access the link, please search in your web browser 'Active Schools Fraserburgh Network' and click on 'Apply for Active Schools Activity Here'. To register by email, please email the Active Schools' Coordinator Kelly Green on: Kelly.green@aberdeenshire.gov.uk To register by phone, please either call 07917580623, or text the number and state the child's name, gender, and year group, and then the Active Schools' Coordinator will reply as soon as possible to get the child on to the register. Spaces are limited.</p>	<p><u>Rotary Shoebox Scheme</u> The Rotary Shoebox Scheme transports and distributes Gift Boxes to children and families in Romania, Moldova, Belarus, Bulgaria, Albania and Croatia. Flat pack boxes will be delivered to school in October to be ready for collection in the third week of November. Please complete the attached slip if you would like to take part. Thank You.</p> <p>Football training for P2-7 will resume on Friday 28th October, last session will be on Friday 16th December at Rathen Public Hall from 3:15-4:15pm, coached by Jackie Buchan. The cost is £2 per session, £16 for a block of 8 weeks. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the attached slip requesting a permission leaflet. Thank you.</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Events</u> October 6th - Harvest Service at 9:30am 8th - Last Day Term 1 24th - Day 1 Term 2</p>	<p><u>Parent Volunteers</u> If you would like to head up an afterschool club, please let me know and I will arrange for Kelly Green, the Active Schools' Coordinator, to meet with you for guidance and support.</p>

November

3rd - Parent Council Meeting at 6:15pm

9th - Parents' and pupils' meetings

10th - Parents' and pupils' meetings

14th & 15th - School closed for In-service training

Thank you.

Yours,

Alison Patterson and Jacqueline Geddes
Head Teachers