



## **RATHEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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### **Rotary Quiz!**

Congratulations to Honey Birse-Johnson, Drew Campbell, Emma Muirhead and Jordan Pirie who were 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Rotary Quiz on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Close runners-up, well done team!!!

### **Golden Table**

Back by popular demand, pupils are selected for following the 'Dining Room Charter' to have their lunch with a member of staff at the 'Golden Table' on Thursdays.

### **Robbie Burns Event**

This term P5/6 pupils have been learning about how the needs of the Elderly are met in our society. On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February, they invited their Grandparents to their Robbie Burns Event. The programme included music, singing, poetry, a Haggis (Beetle) Drive followed by refreshments – haggis bites and neeps/carrots, oatcakes and cheese, shortbread, tea and Irn Bru. They received very positive feedback from their Grandparents – "It wiz affa good, the bairns did affa weel!"

### **Hopscotch Theatre Company**




On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, St Combs Primary joined us in Rathen Public Hall to watch the show, '2017 Scotland - The Nation of Innovation' presented by the Hopscotch Theatre Company. Through the achievements of Scottish Inventors, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Alexander Graham Bell, John Logie Baird and the production of Harris Tweed from the Outer Hebrides, the children were inspired to persevere, never give up and to always say 'I just can't do it...yet!'



### **First Aid Training**

Yesterday and today, P5-7 have participated in the Young Emergency Aider Award Scheme for Pupils. The children have gained confidence in how to deal with incidents/illness that they may come across. During the training, they have looked at accident scenes, practised putting each other into the recovery position and how to deal with breaks, sprains, fainting, heart attacks, angina and CPR.

<p><b><u>Behaviour Procedures – Restorative Approaches</u></b> Over the past few weeks at our whole school assemblies, we have been evaluating our Behaviour Procedures i.e. Verbal warning, Yellow and Red card system and exploring more effective ways of dealing with conflict. I will keep you updated with the progress we are making and the Restorative Approaches we shall be implementing in school.</p>	<p><b><u>P6/7 Dalguise Hoodies Fundraiser</u></b> P6/7 pupils have decided that they would like to do a sponsored walk from Rathen to Fraserburgh to raise funds for the purchase of Hoodies for the Dalguise Trip next term. Weather permitting, the sponsored walk will be on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.</p>
<p><b><u>Alec Visit</u></b> The Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre will be with us on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. H&amp;WB topics covered will be: P1/2 – All About Me P3/4 – Meet the Brain P5/6– Friendships and bCyberwise P6/7 – Friendships and bCyberwise P7 – Drugs Discussion Parents are invited to attend a session on the role of parents/carers in helping children make healthy choices. <a href="http://www.ceop.police.uk">www.ceop.police.uk</a> – advice to parents on Internet Safety.</p> <p>For P5-7 pupils, we have requested that emphasis be placed on the use of Social Media since it has been brought to our attention that unkind and hurtful comments have been made between the children on Social Media platforms like Instagram and Snapchat. We would appreciate your support in this area by checking the content of the chats your child is involved in. Thank you.</p>	<p><b><u>Class Photos</u></b> May I remind you that Tempest Photography will be returning to school on <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b> to take our class photos.</p> <p><b><u>School Volunteer</u></b> A warm welcome to student, Miss Ellie Stephen who will be volunteering in school on Fridays.</p> <p><b><u>P1-4 Trip</u></b> P1-4 pupils are off to the Aquarium in MacDuff on <b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b>. They are learning about</p> <p><b><u>P7 Moving On Day</u></b> P7 pupils will be visiting Fraserburgh Academy on <b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> as part of their induction.</p> <p><b><u>P6/7 Trip</u></b> P6/7 pupils will be visiting the Heritage Museum in Fraserburgh on <b>Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup></b> to learn more about Bill Gibb and what life was like in Fraserburgh in the Fifties and Sixties.</p>

 <b><u>Reporting To Parents</u></b> 	
<p><b><u>Book Look</u></b> Parents are invited to come to school on <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b> to our 'Book Look' event. Pupils will share their learning with their parents in a time slot allocated to them to avoid overcrowding in the classroom.</p> 	<p><b><u>Parent Interviews</u></b> You will receive your child's progress report on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March and there will be parent interviews on <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> at the school's request.</p>

<p><b><u>World Book Onesie &amp; Slippers Day</u></b> World Book Day is on <b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>. The attached voucher may be used when purchasing a book. Please encourage your child to bring their favourite book to school that day.</p>	<p><b><u>Comic Relief</u></b> A group of P7 pupils are organising fundraising events to raise money for Comic Relief on <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>. Activities will include a variety of activities, games and Red Noses and treats will be sold at Tuck Shop.</p>
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<p><b><u>Bags 2 School</u></b> Spring Cleaning? Having a clear out? Please bare in mind, the Fundraising Group has organised a Bags 2 School fundraiser. Pick up date is <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>. Thank you.</p>	<p><b><u>Bus Safety</u></b> Please remind your child to wear their seat belt and sit facing the front at all times on the bus to ensure their safety. At a Golden Book Assembly the P5-7 pupils made the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Always wear your seat belt!</li> <li>• Always sit facing the front!</li> <li>• Never distract the bus driver!</li> <li>• Never throw things on the bus!</li> </ul> <p>Your support in reinforcing these rules with your child would be greatly appreciated as concerns have been raised.</p>
<p><b><u>Parent Council Meeting</u></b> The next Parent Council Meeting will be on <b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm</b> at school. All are welcome to attend.</p>	
<p><b><u>Movie Night – Save the Date!</u></b> Rathen School Fundraising Group is planning a Movie Night in Rathen Public Hall on <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>. All are welcome to attend. More details to follow.</p>	<p><b><u>Upcoming Events</u></b> <b><u>February</u></b> 28<sup>th</sup> – P1-4 trip to Macduff Aquarium <b><u>March</u></b> 2<sup>nd</sup> – World Book Onesie &amp; Slippers Day 9<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos 14<sup>th</sup> – P7 Moving On Day – Fraserburgh Academy 16<sup>th</sup> – Sharing the Learning - Book Look 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> – ALEC caravan 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bags 2 School 22<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Interviews 24<sup>th</sup> – Comic Relief. 24<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night 28<sup>th</sup> – P6/7 trip to Fraserburgh Heritage Museum 31<sup>st</sup> – Last day of term 3 <b><u>April</u></b> 3<sup>rd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – Easter Break 18<sup>th</sup> – Day 1 Term 4</p>
<p><b><u>School Closed</u></b> Rathen School will be closed on <b>Easter Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>.</p>	
<p><b><u>Rathen Swing Park</u></b> Rathen, Memsie &amp; Cortes Community Council has asked me to remind parents to park away from the swing park opening/gate, opposite the cul-de-sack junction to avoid congestion. The car park, located behind the church is free for all to use. Thank you.</p>	

Yours sincerely,

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