

# RATHEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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### <u>Dalguise</u>

Our Primary 6s and 7s had a fantastic five days at Dalguise earlier this term. Everything ran like clockwork and the cold weather didn't dampen our spirits. Everyone embraced the challenges involved in each of the outdoor experiences. Particular favourites were the Zip-wire, Canoeing, Giant Swing, Tree Climb, Archery and Jacob's ladder. "My favourite was the 75 foot climbing tree. I reached the top and rang the bell. I love heights." – Adam, "It was challenging trying new things like the challenge course." – Honey, "It was a great experience to do things you'd never done before" – Emma, "My favourite was canoeing because we swam to the other side of the lake. It was freezing and when we got back I took a hot shower!" – Brodie.

#### P1-4 Beach Clean

P1-4 pupils had a busy fun day on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, cleaning up Fraserburgh Beach. They have been learning about how litter affects our environment and were amazed at what they found on the beach. In their groups, they designed Beach Art models of Recycling Superheroes with the litter they picked up.

## **P5-7 Trip Aberdeen Science Centre**

On Thursday 18th May, P5-7 pupils took part in an exciting and interactive 'Bright Ideas' show, which explored what light is, how it behaves and how our eyes see it.

## **Academy Induction Days**

P7 pupils will be participating in Potted Sports on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Fraserburgh Academy induction days are from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. We wish them well!

#### **P1 Induction Programme**

The Induction Programme for the new entrants and parents is well underway. I met with the parents on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May and the Rising Fives will be joining us on Sports Day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and in school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### SSPCA Workshops

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Jackie from the SSPCA talked to the pupils about 'Food and Farming' and 'Wild about Animals'.

#### P7s Treat Day

P7s are off to the Sports Village in Aberdeen on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the end of their Primary Education. Scheduled activities are: Aqua Run, Trampoline and Squash.

### Generation Science

Buzzy, the giant honeybee, led P1-4 pupils into the wonderful world of bees in a highly interactive 'Little Giants' show on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April. They learned how a bee's body is different from theirs and how bees and flowers work together.

## **Generation Science**

Generation Science returned to Rathen Public Hall on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May. P5-7 explored the science of sound at the 'Good Vibrations' workshop.

#### **Sports Day**

We are planning to have our Sports Day on Wednesday 31st May at Aden Country Park, Mintlaw. The races will start at 10am followed by nature walks in the afternoon. Buses will leave Rathen School at 9:30am and return at around 2:30pm. Please ensure your child has a packed lunch, outdoor clothing, sunhat, suntan lotion and water. If the weather that day is too cold or wet, Sports Day will be rescheduled for Tuesday 20th June. You are most welcome to come along and cheer on the contestants.

Potted Sports will be held at Rathen Swing Park near the end of term.

P1-4 Trip to Aberd	deen University
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P1-4 pupils are off to the Aberdeen University to take part in a workshop on 'What's in my Gut?'

# P1-4 Trip to the Heritage Museum

They are off again on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June to learn about Fishing in the olden days.

## **Netball Tournament**

P6/7 girls are training on Monday lunchtimes with Mrs Geddes and Miss Fleming for a Netball Tournament on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at Mintlaw. Go Girls!

## Football League

Rathen Football Team are taking part in the Fraserburgh Schools' League on Thursday evenings from 6-8pm. Good Luck boys!

#### **Sweatshirt Order**

Please return order forms by the end of the month. Thank you.

## **Speed Limit**

May I remind you that in Rathen 'Twenty is Plenty' to ensure the safety of the children.

# **Parking**

Please also refrain from parking across the entrances or in our neighbours' driveways. Thank you.

#### Aberdeenshire Library Service Summer Reading Challenge 2017

The theme of this year's reading challenge is about Books and their Illustrations – "Be Drawn into a Good Book". The challenge starts on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and will run until Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Alongside the reading challenge, there will be a creative competition for children to enter. Further information is also available from Jane Brebner, Young People Service Librarian, Libraries HQ, Oldmeldrum – <a href="mailto:jane.brebner@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">jane.brebner@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a>.

### **Upcoming Events**

31st May – Sports Day

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12th June - School Closed

13th June – P7s at Potted Sports

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14th – 16th June – Induction at Fraserburgh Academy

20th June – Sports Day 2

22<sup>nd</sup> June – End of Term Service at 9:30am

#### Occasional Day

Please note schools in the Fraserburgh Cluster will be closed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June and will resume on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### **End of Term Service**

Lisa Ruth Llyall will be leading our end of term service on **Thursday 22**nd **June at 9:30am**. All are welcome!

Yours sincerely,

Alison B. Patterson and Jacqueline M. Geddes Head Teachers

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