



## **RATHEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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### **Sports Day**

We had a super Sports Day on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May at Aden Country Park, followed by Potted Sports on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Rathen Swing Park. Congratulations to Knowsie (Yellow), the overall winning team with 844 points and close runners up was Philorth with 838 points. Thanks to all who helped on both days.

### **Techfest – Chemistry At Work**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, our P6 and P7 pupils attended 'Chemistry At Work' Workshops held at Aberdeen University. The workshops gave the pupils the basic principles of chemistry as they are applied in business, industry, research and everyday life. They thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on activities, which included extracting DNA from strawberries.

### **Heritage Museum**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, P1-4 pupils visited the Heritage Museum in Fraserburgh to learn about Fish and Fishing.

### **Visitors to School**

Mr Andra Whyte visited P1-4 pupils on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. With him, he brought a variety of fishing gear and shared stories of his experiences catching fish. He showed the P6/7s how to make two types of paper boats which they then taught to the rest of the school.

Mr West, Nicki's dad, focused on modern day fishing when he came to school. P1-4 enjoyed watching video clips of modern day fishing. They learned how fishing vessels and methods have progressed over the years through his very informative presentation.

### **End of Term Service**

We hope you enjoyed our end of term service. P7 pupils led the service and shared highlights of Dalguise 2017.

P6 pupils with their Bikeability Certificates and P7s with gifts – Calculators from Rathen School Parent Council and Bibles from Jamesie the Joiner.

### **P7's End of Session Treat**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June our P7 pupils had a fun filled day at the Sports Village in Aberdeen. Activities included, swimming, squash and trampolining. They thoroughly enjoyed the many new experiences from travelling through on a Service bus to playing squash competitively.

### **P1/2 Cycling at the Swing Park**

P1/2 had a fun day at Rathen Swing Park on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to all the parents for baking and supplying delicious treats!

### **Rathen's Got Talent**

P7 pupils organised Rathen's Got Talent, which was held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Here are a few snapshots of the contestants!

### **Minions**

Our family of Minion Planters has grown from 1, made last session by Mrs Ross and a group of pupils, to 6! Thanks to Elaine Stephen and Michael Cardno for making the beautiful planters and for donating them to the school.

### **Privilege School Transport**

Please note that parents of children who are interested in applying for privilege transport for the first time should download forms from the School Transport section of the Council's website, <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/school-transport/> or request a paper copy by emailing [school.transport@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:school.transport@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or phoning 01224 665196.  
The Transport Unit will contact the parents of children

### **Working with Parents – 'The Big Conversation'**

Please read the accompanying letter from Maria Walker, Director of Education & Children's Services informing you of upcoming opportunities for you to share your views on what you feel makes a good home/school partnership.

who already use privilege transport directly.	
<p><b><u>Classes for next session</u></b></p> <p>Classes and teachers for next session are:  P1/2 – Miss Bartram  P3/4 – Miss Fleming  P5/6 – Mrs Geddes &amp; Mrs Bain (Fridays)  P6/7 – Mr Harvey</p> <p>Mr Ryan Harvey and Mrs Amanda Bain will be joining us in August. Mrs Bain will be supporting pupils as SFL teacher. We extend a very warm welcome to them and wish them well during their time with us.</p>	<p>Please note that Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August is an in-service day for staff. The first day back after the summer break for P2-7 pupils will be Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and the new P1 pupils will start on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. P1 pupils will be half days until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September when they will be full days.</p>

<p><b><u>Active Schools Summer Holiday Programme</u></b> Please see details of activities/events and summer holiday camps held during the summer on the Aberdeenshire website on <a href="http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/active-schools/active-schools-online-form-fraserburgh/">www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/request/active-schools/active-schools-online-form-fraserburgh/</a></p>	<p><b><u>Active Fraserburgh Week</u></b>  From 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> August, Fraserburgh will be showcasing the fantastic range of sports and sports facilities available within town.  Whether it's walking, dancing, football, surfing or skateboarding, there will be an activity for you to get involved in.  For further information please contact:  Gillian Bain, Regeneration Officer, Aberdeenshire Council,  Maconochie Road, Fraserburgh, AB43 8TH  Tel: 01467 537897  Email: <a href="mailto:activefraserburgh@aberdeenshire.gov.uk">activefraserburgh@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b><u>Funbox</u></b>  Sing-a-long Silliness with Anya, Gary and Kevin (formerly of the Singing Kettle) at Fraserburgh Leisure Centre on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm and 3pm. Tickets: £12 (Family Saver: £44). For more information go to <a href="http://www.funbox.co.uk">www.funbox.co.uk</a> or Tel 01346 516 663.</p>	

<p><b><u>Upcoming Events</u></b>  30<sup>th</sup> June – Last Day - <b>Dress As You Please</b>  21<sup>st</sup> August – In-service for staff  22<sup>nd</sup> August – First day back for P2-7  23<sup>rd</sup> August – First day for P1  4<sup>th</sup> September – Full days for P1</p>	<p><b><u>Lost Property</u></b>  You are welcome to look in the lost property boxes for any sweatshirts, polo shirts, packed lunch boxes etc belonging to your child. The Lost Property Boxes will be located in the Girls' Porch.</p>
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*On behalf of everyone at Rathen School, I would like to thank Parents, Friends and Volunteers for the continued support they have given staff and pupils over during this session. Special thanks to Rathen Parent Council and Fundraising Group and to the ladies who help prepare resources on a weekly basis.*

*I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teaching and ancillary staff at Rathen School, who work extremely hard and diligently with the pupils' best interests at heart.*

*Finally, best wishes to our P7 pupils for their future from all the staff!*

*Wishing you all a great summer!*

Yours sincerely,

*Alison B Patterson*

Alison B. Patterson, Head Teacher

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I have received Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**Pupils Name**..... **Parents Signature** .....

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