



RATHEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reporting to Parents



Trip to Techfest

P5-7 visited Techfest in Aberdeen on Friday 1st September. The pupils attended a variety of workshops including 'Dissolving and Solubility', 'Amazing Animals', 'Floating and Sinking' and an 'H2O show'. Here are a few snapshots of their time there.

Visitor to School

Neil McKay, one of the world's foremost thinkers on dyslexia and author of the acclaimed resource book '*Removing Dyslexia as a Barrier to Achievement*', lead an inclusive approach to reading in P5/6 class on Wednesday 6th September. His time with us was very inspirational.

Visitor to School

Thanks to Veterinarian and Farmer, Mr James Gracie for sharing his knowledge of animals with P1-4 on Thursday 21st September.

Parent Interviews

We are planning to meet with parents and pupils on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th 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. Appointment times will be issued later.

Literacy Workshop for P1 Parents

P1 parents are invited to come along to a Literacy Workshop on Monday 9th October at 1:30pm. Miss Bartram and I will explain the rationale behind the developmental approach, 'Emerging Literacy' and our pathway to learning Phonics and Reading. There will also be an opportunity for your child to show you the 'Emerging Literacy' activities they are involved with.

<p><u>'Book Look'</u> Parents are invited to come to school on Tuesday 10th October 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><u>Homework Survey Monkey</u> We would like to hear your views on Homework. Please complete the short survey on line. The link will be on the school website on Thursday 5th October when it will be live. We will collate and share the results, which will then inform us of the way ahead. Thank You.</p>
<p><u>Whole School Assembly - Golden Book</u> Our focus this term is 'Good Manners'. We are reviewing our School Charters and discussing with the children what 'Good Manners' look and sound like in the Classroom, Dining Room, Playground, on the School Bus/Taxi and during Afterschool Clubs.</p>	<p><u>Big Conversation</u> Thank you for taking part in the 'Big Conversation' survey. We are awaiting the results to share with you.</p>
<p><u>Harvest Service</u> Rathen School Harvest Service will be on Tuesday 10th October at 10am in Rathen Public Hall led by Lisa Ruth Lyall. Everyone is welcome to come along to see P5/6 perform. Donations of fresh fruit and vegetables or flowers would be greatly appreciated for our Harvest Table. After the service, the items will be bagged and delivered to Senior Citizens in the community. If you are available to help prepare the produce bags 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.</p> <div data-bbox="354 1234 577 1406" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p><u>'Change Makers'</u> P7 pupils have been meeting since the start of term to plan school improvements in the following areas: Safety, Golden Time/Playground, Allotment and Rights Respecting School Award. With the class teachers, they are developing Action Plans and will lead the classes in the following areas for improvement: P1/2 – Safety P3/4 – Golden Time/Playground P5/6 – Allotment P6/7 – RRSA</p> <p><u>Scottish Parliament Outreach</u> An Education Outreach representative from the Scottish Parliament will be visiting P5-7 on Thursday 12th October. She will be showing the pupils artifacts and sharing the values of the Scottish Parliament. She will also be explaining the debating process and the voting system within the debating chamber.</p>
<p><u>Flu Immunisation</u> Flu Immunisation will be carried on Tuesday 10th October, starting at 11am for those children who have been signed up for it.</p>	<p><u>Bags 2 School</u> The next Bags 2 School pick up in Wednesday 4th October at 9am.</p>

Christmas

<p><u>Fundraising Group</u> The Fundraising Group is planning to have the Christmas Fayre, after school on Friday 1st December. Please plan to come along and join us to get ahead of the Christmas rush. More information to follow.</p>
<p><u>Rathen School Parent Council</u> At the AGM meeting on Wednesday 20th September, the following office bearers took up the posts: Chair – Mrs Lucy Brown kindly agreed to continue. Treasurer – Mrs Naomi Murphy kindly agreed to continue. Fundraising Group – Mrs Pauline Milne, Mrs Lorna Rollo, Mrs Anika West and Mrs Lynn Dougan, who has also kindly agreed to continue. A big thank you to Miss Anne Bowie for previously heading up the Fundraising Group with Mrs Dougan. Her time and effort has been greatly appreciated. The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November at 6:30pm. 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>Peer Mediation</u> Our P7 pupils have been trained in Peer Mediation and will follow a script to help younger pupils resolve low level conflict in the playground.</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>Football Training</u> Football training for P2-7 will resume on Friday 3rd November, last session will be on Friday 15th December at Rathen Public Hall from 3:15-4:15pm, coached by Jackie Buchan. The cost is £2 per session, £14 for a block of 7 weeks. If you would like your child to take part, please complete the attached slip requesting a permission leaflet. Thank you.</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><u>Dodgeball</u> P1-4 Dodgeball Afterschool Club on Tuesdays and P5-7 on Wednesdays will resume after the Oct break on Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November. Please register online at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/active_schools/OnlineForm-Fraserburgh.asp</p>	<p><u>P7 Girls Football Festival</u> After a 4 week block of football training, our P7 girls will be taking part in a Girls Football Festival on Wednesday 11th October at Fraserburgh Swimming and Leisure Centre. Go Girls!</p>
<p><u>Upcoming Events</u> <u>October</u> 2nd – P7 Trip to Happy Plant 3rd – P1-4 Trip to Farmlay Eggs 4th – Bags 2 School 5th – Survey Monkey Homework Questionnaire 9th – Literacy Workshop with P1 parents 9th – Community Council Meeting at 7pm at Rathen Public Hall 10th – Harvest Service at 10am 10th – Flu Immunisations 10th – ‘Book Look’ 11th – P7 Girls Football Festival 12th – Scottish Parliament Outreach 13th – Last Day Term 1 30th – First Day Term 2 31st – P1-4 Dodgeball Afterschool Club</p> <p><u>November</u> 1st – P5-7 Dodgeball Afterschool Club 1st – Parent Council Meeting at 6:30pm 8th & 9th – Parent Interviews 17th – Children In Need 22nd – 29th – Scholastic Book Fair</p>	<p><u>Food and Farming</u> This term P1-7 have been focusing on the ‘Life Cycles’ and ‘Plant Reproduction’ bundles of learning outcomes, which include: ‘By investigating the lifecycles of plants and animals. I can recognise the different stages of their development’. Planned trips: P5/6 Netherton Farm, Crimond on Thursday 28th September P1-4 Red House Farm on Friday 29th September. P7: Happy Plant in Mintlaw on Monday 2nd October. P1-4 Farmlay Eggs on Tuesday 3rd October.</p>
	<p><u>Scholastic Book Fair</u> The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 22th to 29rd November when pupils will be given the opportunity to browse and buy books.</p>

Yours,

Alison B Patterson

Alison Patterson and Jacqueline Geddes
Head Teachers

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THANK YOU.**

I have received newsletter 29TH September 2017

Childs Name Parents Signature

Comments:

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Rotary Shoebox Scheme

I would like to support the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. Please order box/es.

Name of Child

Parent Signature

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Football Training P2-P7

I give permission for my child/children (names) to attend
Football training on Fridays from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in Rathen Public Hall and request a permission
leaflet.

I am available to help supervise the children on a rota basis YES NO

Parent's Signature

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