

# Banchory Bulletin

04/06/2019

## Speechmakers & Sports

Dear Parents and Carers,

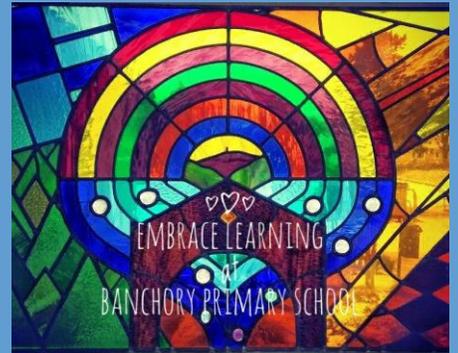
We hope that you enjoyed the Monday holiday, always lovely for the staff to have that little break after the reports. Now we look forward to the rest of term refreshed and full of energy!

- The P1-3 Sports Day will be on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.10am. Mrs Birse will lead the Sports Day, supported by Mrs McGee.
- The P4-7 Sports Day will be on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June, 9.10am. Mr Hughes will led the Sports Day.

Please contact them directly should you be able to offer volunteer support. Where possible, pupils are encouraged to wear their house colours: **Dunnottar Blue**; **Crathes Red**; **Drum Yellow**; and **Balmoral Green**. Should you not have shorts or t-shirts in the appropriate colour, caps, socks, bands or a little facepaint could acknowledge their team colours. More importantly, p.e. kit, suitable footwear, water bottle & weather prepared. Parents are invited to bring along a rug or chair to sit and watch. Thanks to the PTA for providing teas and coffees. This week brings the cluster schools final for the Rotary Young Speechmakers. Well done to all the P7s who entered, the very high quality was noted by the judges. The Digital Tech Wizards will work with the P7 entrants to record their speeches to be shared more widely. This morning the pupils have a visit from the Aberdeenshire Libraries staff to share the annual challenge.

Kind regards,

J Fernandez, Head Teacher



At Banchory Primary School and Nursery our shared vision is to be an exceptional and inclusive learning community where powerful learning is realised through high quality teaching. Our learners summarised this as a simple motto: Embrace Learning. This epitomises the positive, caring and nurturing ethos of the school, which is the foundation on which we build all learning and teaching.

# What have we been learning?

News from across the school...

This week in **P1D** we are continuing to learn about measuring. We have had lots of fun using small objects from around the class, for example paper clips, dominoes and counters to measure Classroom items. Our next step will be to learn how to accurately read rulers and measuring tapes. For our Writing at 'Drawing Club' we have had stimulus through a lovely story about a little boy who goes on an adventure with his Grandad. He doesn't think he will have very much fun but then his Grandad transports him into the world of make believe. Children created a vehicle in which they would go on an adventure, then drew and wrote about where their adventure would take them to and what would happen when they got there. We had ideas ranging from submarines travelling to coral reefs, rockets blasting off to planet Saturn and ships voyaging to desert islands.

This week **P1/2** have enjoyed observing what happens to our broad beans when they begin to grow and have been amazed at how quickly our grass is growing too. We have also been learning about capacity; discussing which containers can hold more/less and estimating how much water the containers can hold. On Thursday we worked very carefully to create our design for our printing template and had fun creating our printed pictures.



This week Primary **4D** have been looking at 'Time' in maths and we started by playing games to see how much everyone remembered. We have been using the Literacy Shed website as part of our Big Writing lessons and used a video called 'The Lighthouse'. After watching, each table created a word bank which came in very useful and helped to inspire some fantastic vocabulary.

As part of our Science we found about Food Chains and managed to create some of our own with information we had researched using the laptops and iPads.



The **Film and Animation club** met for the first time this week, the children enthusiastically investigated the Stickbot, Stop Motion and DoInk Green screen apps. They began creating their own little animations, we look forward to being able to share these with you in the future. Code Club have enjoyed investigating Scratch, the younger children took time to log on to GLOW and use the Google Classroom for the first time. The P4/5 children have started working on module 1 of the Scratch courses. The P6 children started looking at the Python resources, and used the Sphero robots to play football!

**P1S** have had a fantastic time in PE this week on the large apparatus developing their movement skills and improving body control. We read the book, 'Have you filled a bucket today?' Pupils shared things that they can do to fill someone's bucket to make them feel happy. During the week, children shared experiences when they felt their bucket was being emptied and filled. We have also been talking about emotions and how to recognise what emotion someone is feeling. P1S finished the week by sharing something they had completed on their kindness grid which was part of their homework. In numeracy, children have been learning how to measure length using a variety of non-standard units as well as continuing to measure the height of our sunflowers using centimetres. We have also been looking at different strategies to solve subtraction problems. During play, we have seen children build their own slide from loose parts, make a variety of dens using different materials, explore how to use a hammer to remove nails, make superhero capes and as always build a huge variety of models!

**P7D** This week, we have been writing about the impact man - and in particular - plastics have on our oceans. We are also trying to think of possible solutions, as it will greatly affect our futures! We have also been creating scale drawings of the school using a 1cm:1m scale. We still had to stick large pieces of paper together to fit it all in! We're starting to learn about the relationship between speed, distance and time.

**P2/3** Well done! What a brilliant 'Sharing Our Learning' assembly.

**P7S** We've learnt so much this term I don't know where to start. We've all recovered from our adventure at Dalguise and have started to get back into our normal routine. Since Dalguise we've started to learn about Brexit and the European Union. We have had various academy visits including the Science day where we learnt about the different Sciences of chemistry, biology and physics. In art we have been focusing on the Fibonacci sequence, the colour wheel and sketching. In P6 we found out which kind of learner we were, we repeated this quiz this term to see if anything had changed! I was 40% Audio, 25% Visual and 35 % kinesthetic, I used to be a visual learner now I am more kinesthetic!

All change :) by Natania Beverley, P7S

### House Captains

#### This week's target:

Be the best you can be...



### Mrs Kellett's news:

This week a group of children used the story 'Lost for Words' to think about different people having different strengths and then thinking about what they are good at. They were also learning to share resources with each other - using a giant cardboard box! At Forest School, pupils were learning new skills and taking responsibility of using a knife to whittle. The pupils all showed real perseverance and felt a great sense of achievement - fantastic for their self-esteem!



The Charities Pupil Participation Group selected the WWF & Dogs Trust charities to raise funds for this year.

The group chose to hold a pyjama or onesie day as they thought this would be simple & fun. This day will be Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

They felt that we had supported several "people charities" & were keen to choose an international & a national animal charity to share the money between.

Children can bring a change of clothes or footwear if you prefer in exchange for a small donation to the above charities.

This is not compulsory but any donations would be very welcome. The Charities Group will collect the money on the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,  
Miss Green (p7D)

**P6S** have continued with their bikeability sessions this week, learning how to use their bikes safely and demonstrating balance and control when riding on the road. In Maths we have continued our learning with measuring the capacity of different containers using the units of millilitres and litres. Next week we will move on to finding the volume of objects using cubic centimetres. We have also been investigating the life cycle of plants and learned about the process of pollination.

Pupils in **P5D** have been learning how to work to a budget. We discussed needs and wants, and they worked co-operatively to decide what was important to them on a given budget and what had to be saved up for. They worked really well in their groups and reached some compromises which involved them discussing and reasoning their thoughts and opinions. I was delighted to hear quotes such as

'We have to stick to the budget' Claudia Bennett

'We can't have a dog at the terraced property but the flat has use of a swimming pool' Beth Fraser  
Great Teamwork P5D

That's all for this week, we hope that you have enjoyed reading the Bulletin. A small snapshot of the learning taking place across the classes. Please remember to send in your parent comments on the recent progress reports. Thank you.

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