

# Banchory Bulletin

20/05/19

## Extravaganza Success

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to our reinstated 'Bulletin' following popular demand. Thank you for all your support building up towards the Extravaganza, we appreciate your time, efforts and donations which all together provide the pupils with a wonderful day, as well as help the PTA to enhance the learning opportunities with their funds. There was a lovely atmosphere across school and everyone pulled together as a team to make it work despite the wet weather. A special thanks to Joanne Wisely, the Chair of the PTA for pulling it all together. The pupils will publish a special Extravaganza update this week to share the highlights.

Bikeability training is ongoing, thanks to all the volunteers. The Nursery to Primary 1 transition and the P7 to Academy transition is well underway. P7 pupils enjoyed a very successful week at Dalguise, those who remained enjoyed various local adventurous activities.

We look forward to sharing the school news through the 'Bulletin' again but for essential school communication, we will continue to use 'groupcall'. The school social media (FB & Twitter) continue to be updated when I have the time, whilst Mrs Jones and her Digital Wizards are rolling out the online closed 'Seesaw' blogs.

Wishing everyone a good week.

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?

## Class News

**P1S** have continued their learning all about bees this week. They have been working hard to learn their songs, dance and words for their Special Bee Assembly next week. The children were very excited to find that the sunflowers they planted outside have germinated. Our inside sunflowers are getting tall. We are measuring them everyday and were amazed to find out that the inside plants are growing 1cm each day. We have also been busy preparing for the Extravaganza by naming and labelling the soft toys and making posters.

In **P1/2** we have been busy preparing for our assembly, which was all about Pirates. We have also enjoyed getting ready for the Extravaganza by creating Rock Pets and posters.

This week in **P1D** we have been exploring 3D shape. We have been discussing the similarities and differences between different shapes, how they can be used and where we find them. We've made them out of play dough, built domino runs, towers and experimented to see which shapes roll. We've also been very busy naming all of our soft toys ready for them to find a new home at the Extravaganza.

Our **P2s** have been busy getting organised for the Extravaganza! Children have made pom-pom keyrings and pom-pom headbands. They look fantastic so let's hope they manage to sell them all! They are priced from 50p-£2. Children have made some colourful posters to advertise their hard work. Our topic this term is all about "Our Community." Many parents have very kindly volunteered to come into school to talk about their jobs in and around the community. The theme of our "Big Write" this week was transportation. Children were asked the question; "If you were able to drive where would you like to go and why?" Children thought of some fantastic ideas and their writing is really coming on!

## P2/3

We have been creating props for our upcoming assembly which has involved a lot of paint! Included in these props is our very own time Machine. We have been discussing what community means to us and have written about our favourite place in Banchory. We have also created our own giant Pokémon cards, which included describing the character and coming up with different powers for them. We have also been fortunate enough to have some parents come in to tell us about the very interesting jobs they have within the community! In maths, we have been learning our 2, 4, 6 and 8 times tables through song and we have been consolidating our learning on division. We have had a visitor in from ABC music, who has shown us how to use the website and we are excited to start using it in the classroom on a regular basis. For the Extravaganza, we have finished making our pom-poms and created posters and invites to help promote our products.



This week **P5D** really enjoyed their weekly problem-solving session. We have so far been looking at trial and improvement methods and working systematically. Over the next few weeks we will also look at number patterns, reasoning and working backwards. The session has been set up with 5 activities and the children spend 10 minutes at each station. Some parents have helped and that has been greatly appreciated and benefits the children. The children were really engaged this week, we looked at pentominoes, tessellation patterns as well as some number work.

### Problem-solving skills

A problem is something you do not immediately know how to solve. There is a gap between where you are and getting started on a path to a solution. This means that your students require thinking and playing-with-the-problem time. They need to test out ideas, to make conjectures, to go up 'dead ends' and adjust their thinking in the light of what they learn from this, discuss ideas with others and be comfortable to take risks. When students are confident to behave in these ways they are then able to step into problems independently rather than immediately turning to us as teachers to ask what to do! (Nrich)



**P6S** This week in class we were learning all about the different parts of a flower and what their job entails. We had to cover up as we dissected a lily to look closely with a magnifying glass to study each part.

**P6D** has been taking part in Bikeability lessons this fortnight. The children have been learning the skills and theory of how to ride their bikes safely on the road. We have seen a marked improvement in the children's ability and their confidence has really grown. Mrs Durno, is a very experienced instructor and she has been leading the Bikeability lessons. We are very grateful to Mrs Durno and to all of the parent volunteers that have helped during our lessons. P6 will complete their Bikeability written and practical assessment next week.

**Numeracy tip from Mrs MacDuff, ASL Teacher.** Does your child forget to "put in the zero" when multiplying tens and units by tens and units? If so, try googling "number rock.com long multiplication" and watch the first part of the you tube song "Multi Digit Multiplication" and hopefully he/she won't forget "you add the zero when....you multiply by the ten".

**May**

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	P6D Special Assembly	9.10am
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Holiday	
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Science at Banchory Academy	
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	P6S Special Assembly	9.10am
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tempest Vista	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	P1/2 Special Assembly	9.10am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	Extravaganza	11am - 2pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	P1S Special Assembly	9.10am
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	P2/3 Special Assembly	9.10am
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	Reports issued	

**June**

Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Local Holiday - School Closed	
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	P1-3 Sports Day	9.10am
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Council Meeting	7pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Try a Sport Day at Banchory Academy	
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	P4-7 Sports Day	9.10am
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	P1D Special Assembly	9.10am
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sharing Our Achievements - Open Afternoon	2pm
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	P7 Link Week at Banchory Academy	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	P2 Special Assembly	9.10am

**July**

Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	P7 End of Term Service	10am
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**August**

Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school	
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