

Banchory Bulletin

27/05/19

Progress Reports week

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a busy time for all, and we appreciate your ongoing support with school term four activities. You will receive your child's progress report this week.

- The P1-3 Sports Day will be on Friday the 7th of June at 9.10am.
- The P4-7 Sports Day will be on Friday the 14th of June, 9.10am.

Mrs Littlejohn will lead the P1-3 Sports and Mr Hughes will lead the P4-7 Sports. Please contact them should you wish to volunteer to help.

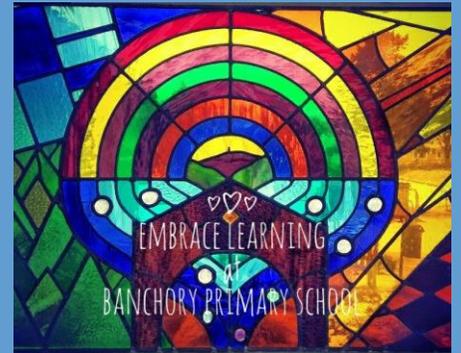
Monday the 3rd of June is a local and school holiday.

Well done to the P7s who have been working hard preparing their speeches for the Banchory Rotary Young Speechmakers contest. The standard of speeches is always very high and we hope that those selected will enjoy the experience and make it through to the final.

Our next informal drop-in café will be on Tuesday the 28th of May, from 9am. As always, all parents are welcome to come along. A chance to have five minutes peace before your busy day starts.

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...

P1S have enjoyed hosting an academy pupil for a week of work experience. Sophie, who is in S3, has been a fantastic helper. We have been very busy rehearsing for our Special Bee Assembly. The children have worked very hard to develop clear presenting voices and learn their parts. Earlier in the week, P1 wrote invitations to their families to ask them to come to our special assembly. They also made and decorated their own envelopes to put them in. The sunflowers continue to grow and the children are continuing to measure their progress and water them as necessary. Our indoor sunflowers are getting so tall that they will soon require support!

In **P1/2** we have been learning about how plants grow from a seed into a flower. Then we worked in pairs to create our own "Sprout Houses" so we can see what happens to a seed when it is planted in the ground. For our writing this week we read Jack and the Beanstalk, and the children were excited writing about where their magic beanstalk would take them. In our maths we have been learning about measurement using non-standard units.



P1D have been showing how kind we are. We read the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' and used this for our writing stimulus for the week. We wrote about how we can fill other people's 'buckets' with kindness as well as designing our own buckets and writing our own kindness rules. We had our own bucket in class, which was overflowing by the end of the week! The children were also delighted to be working with their primary 7 buddies again.

P2/3 This week we have been practising our assembly and making sure we are projecting our voices and using expression. For our assembly we have also written about what we would like to be when we are older. We have written our own time machine stories as well! In maths, we have been looking at direction and how to use a compass. We are continuing our ICT journey by writing scripts and using them to produce our very own movies!

This has been a busy week in **P3S**.

The children were very excited to learn we had made £169.10 from our stall at the Extravaganza. Thank you to everyone who bought one of our luck dips. Cammy deserves a special mention for his numeracy skills – well done! On Tuesday the class had a fantastic trip with P3D up Scolty Hill as part of their IDL. They have been working hard on developing their mapping and measuring skills.

This week **P4S** have been:

- Exploring and reminding themselves about fractions: halves, quarters, thirds and beyond.
- Starting the research for the creature they are investigating for their "Our Outdoor Environment Topic".
- Thinking about words that can be used to describe positive and negative mindsets.
- Studying the phoneme "oy" and also prefixes which change the meaning of words.
- Enjoying the P1S Assembly about bees.



The **P2s** have been learning all about volume in Maths. The children had a lot of fun at the water tray outside experimenting and predicting and how many millilitres were in the measuring jugs. Our "Big Write" this week was linked to our topic about houses and homes. They described their house and what is their favourite room in the house and why! The children have also been learning about the variety of grocery shops in and around Banchory. Children worked hard in small teams to create a healthy shopping basket!



Mrs Kellett's news:

The Crathes Castle group were delighted to be back working with Toni, NTS ranger, at Crathes last week. They took great pride in showing me the work they have done there and were back feeding the wildlife by the hide as well as showing off their powers of observation - spotting ladybirds, spiders, rabbits, birds and even a lizard! This week we put out food for the badgers on the 'climbing tree' and set the camera to try to catch them on film again - the camera is padlocked to the tree to stop foxes and badgers dragging it away! We came across a pile of feathers and worked out that it was a sparrow hawk kill - the feathers had been plucked rather than bitten off! Wednesday's forest school group are enjoying our new site, working together and gaining in confidence each week. We have made pancakes and cheesy quesadillas for snack and played together in the hammocks. This week was quite a challenge in the pouring rain but everyone stayed upbeat and enjoyed the rain - we even lit the fire and made smores which were rather delicious!



Well done to all the **P3s** for making the hike up Scolty and back despite the weather.

P6S have been learning about the different units of measurement used to calculate the capacity of various jugs and containers. The children have enjoyed estimating and measuring the capacity of these containers and interpreting numbered/unnumbered divisions on a scale. We have started our bikeability training sessions this week and would like to thank the parent volunteers whom have given up their time to help, as it would not be possible to run these sessions without you. Thank you also to Mrs Durno who is leading the sessions and to Mrs O'Donovan for organising. The children will be learning the important skills required to ride their bike safely on the road.

Pupils in **P5D** have worked hard in problem solving activities and also two pupils have received a rainbow card from the pupil council.



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, thank you.

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