

Banchory Bulletin

24/06/2019

Aberdeenshire GamesCon...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we held a welcome meeting for the new P1 parents. We look forward to having three P1 classes and are grateful that so many were able to come along to meet us. We also held a short planning meeting for those who are keen to help with the library update project, please get in touch if you would like to help with this. The timing is not ideal but now that the windows project is completed we would like to at least make a start. The P7 transition continues, with all P7 pupils spending next week at the Academy. The "Techie Tacos" were invited to the Aberdeenshire GamesCon and were able to demonstrate their digital skills and knowledge.



Well done girls! Thank you to our parent helpers for assisting Mrs Ridley with this trip. We were delighted to have such a full turnout for the Open Afternoon, we hope that you were able to share in some of your child's learning achievements over this session.

Kind Regards,

J Fernandez, Head Teacher



Mrs Obernay and the Eco Group would like to ask for some parent volunteers next session to continue developing their improvement plan. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved with this.

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.

What have we been learning?

Class News

This week **P4S** have continued their exploration of fractions by looking at how many throws of bean bags landed in hoops. If they were allowed 3 throws they had to decide whether they had achieved a whole 3 out of 3, two thirds/two out of three or one third/one out of three. Their research into British wildlife is now on display in the classroom. We really enjoyed seeing the P7 show Friday morning. We are looking forward to our trip to Muir of Dinnet next week.



Well done to Reuben Tawse for being such a neat and tidy pupil. Dinosaur dressing gown and slippers folded up neatly before breaktime, ready to be worn later.

P4S have made these beautiful clay minibeasts as part of their learning about the local environment.



P2/3 This week we have been having exciting discussions about moving on after the summer. We have looked back over the year and written about what we have achieved and what we would like to achieve next year.

We have also finished creating our 3D models of shops in Banchory and written a set of instructions detailing how we did it. The children loved showing off all of their work during the open day too!

This week **P1D** have had a very busy week preparing props and rehearsing for their Special Assembly on the theme of Kindness. They retold the story of the Little Red Hen and discussed how to fill your bucket of kindness. We learned that when you do something kind and helpful that makes you feel happy too. At the Special Assembly on Friday, the boys and girls made their teachers very proud by using big, clear voices when saying their lines and in their singing. Well done P1D! In class we have been continuing to learn about subtraction from 10 and the concept of capacity. We have had a lot of fun measuring different amounts of sand and comparing them to each other. Primary 1 have been making the most of the fair weather during our free flow play sessions. The majority of children have headed straight outside where den building is the 'in' thing. We have seen a variety of designs of den made using lots of different materials. Keep up the hard work P1D.



Numeracy tip from Mrs MacDuff, ASL Teacher.

We find there is a strong correlation between pupils with poor working memory and those that struggle with Maths. To improve your child's memory and their recall of number facts you could make sets of cards with addition or subtraction questions, their answers or times table questions as well as their answers to play pairs with them.

P6S

We have had a great week discovering a new update on Seesaw which allows us to be more creative and we can now easily add files from our G-Drive. We have started work on FlipGrid this allows us to record our pupil voice, the teacher adds a grid with a question and we have to film ourselves answering. This will be great as we can keep a record of our thoughts, share ideas and monitor our presentation skills, the teacher can add comments and targets for each pupil. Our friends can also like and respond to our videos, we really think this will be an exciting tool to use in our learning. Our maths is linked to money and budgets we are working in groups to try and get a holiday to Florida for less than £6000. We have been very engaged and enthusiastic about organising a holiday, one group has organised a Maclaren as their hire car!

May

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

June

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

July

Fri 5 th	P7 End of Term Service	10am
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August

Tues 20 th	Pupils return to school
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We would appreciate your views on the recent open afternoon. Please complete and return to the school office, or send an email to: jackie.fernandez@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

1. Do you find the open afternoons or mornings a useful way to engage with your child's teacher & find out about his/her learning?
2. Planning for next session, how could we improve the sharing of your child's learning and achievements in school?

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