

# Banchory Bulletin

10/06/2019

## Sunny P1-3 Sports Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

After the torrential rain on Thursday we were all delighted to have such a sunny day for the P1-3 Sports. Thank you to everyone for making it a brilliant day for the children. The pupils are given the opportunity to participate in team games (potted sports) as well as the traditional competitive races. Hopefully something for everyone. The P7 sports leaders were a great help and it was great to have the PTA serving refreshments, thank you.

We will be bringing you more news on the P7 Speechmakers Final this week, as well as the P4-7 Sports Day which will take place on Friday morning, the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

The P7s will go to Banchory Academy on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> for the 'Try a Sport' day.



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.



BANCHORY'S COAT OF ARMS FAIR

SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

BELLFIELD PARK : FARMERS MARKET  
BANCHORY LIBRARY : STORY TELLING, AND TREASURE HUNT  
TOWN HALL : COAT OF ARMS EXHIBITION  
AND  
CONCERT FEATURING :  
PUPILS FROM BANCHORY ACADEMY  
BOTH BANCHORY PS, AND HILL OF BANCHORY PS PUPILS  
DANCERS FROM DEESIDE DANCE STUDIO  
BANCHORY SINGERS  
AND  
PAUL ANDERSON, PLAYING 'BANCHORY'S COAT OF ARMS'

# What have we been learning?

## Class News

**P1S** were inspired to create their own pirate characters and design a pirate ship after sharing the book, 'Plunge into the pirate pool' by Caryl Hart and Ed Eaves. Children are using their sounds well to write independently. All children are making good attempts to write a sentence about their pictures. Here are a few examples:



We enjoyed lovely weather for sports day on Friday and the children were very excited to take part in their first school sports day experience. All children did their best to collect points for their houses in the potted sports.

**P7K** have had a busy week, in Maths they have been learning to multiply decimals by decimals. They have been using self-assessment strategies to help choose a task ranging in difficulty from mild to spicy to hot!

They have also been editing their 'Under the Sea,' poems and have made a really good attempt at following an iambic pentameter style rhythm. The finished poems look great on our 3D wall display of the Titanic.

This week **P6S** completed their bikeability training. The children have really enjoyed it and learned a lot about how to keep safe when cycling on the road.

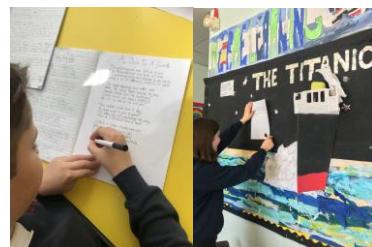
"I really enjoyed the bikeability because I now feel more confident about cycling safely on the road." Edward Williamson

"I really liked it and now know all the signals to use which tell car drivers what I am doing on the road." Tabitha Knight

**Thank you** again to all the parent volunteers, Mrs O'Donovan and Mrs Durno.

We have also been learning about the different life cycles of animals. We worked together in groups to research the different stages of their life cycles. We then presented our findings to the class in a variety of ways using google slides, scratch, google docs and Render Forest movies.

Following on the theme of rhythm, **P7K** have been throwing themselves into learning a hip hop style dance to impress their parents at the leavers concert.



Please complete and return your 'Parent Comment' sheet of the progress report to your child's class teacher. We do not yet have them all back.

In Numeracy this week P1D have been estimating and measuring the weight of different classroom items using non-standard units. We have been continuing with our subtraction, using different strategies- using items from play dough to hoops to help us solve our subtraction problems. We have started to practice for our assembly learning our lines and songs and creating some headbands to use during our art lesson. The children had a great time at their first school sports day, with lots of encouragement for one another.

The P2s have been working hard on their mental maths. Children are getting a lot quicker at counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. We have little competitions in class as to who can count the highest without a mistake! On Wednesday we started a tennis programme linked with the Banchory Tennis Club. Children enjoyed taking part in team games and learned some basic tricks with a tennis racket and ball. We are looking forward to the next three sessions!

**Mrs Kellett:** This week at Crathes we learned that a male palmate newt has webbed back feet during the breeding season. The boys found several frogs, a skater spider and 3 female palmate newts in the pond. At forest school we continued to test our perseverance at whittling and made some woodland gnomes while we were at it.



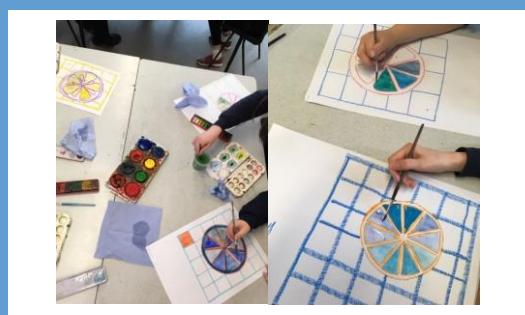
Well done Mrs Kellett for speaking on STV news this week to share your work on developing emotional literacy, resilience and wellbeing! The reporter was following up (this was part two) on our outdoor learning groups.

In P7D We've finished our class novel, "Wonder" and we've been writing reviews of it...it seems to be a highly rated choice! We're also preparing some artwork to decorate the hall for our upcoming P7 concert. We've also been seeing the connection between the Fibonacci Sequence and square numbers - spirals are everywhere! Even in space!



This week pupils in P5D have continued learning about measurements focussing on volume. They have grasped the contents very well and completed the activities. As part of their learning in Social Studies they have continued learning about the First Empires focusing in the Chinese civilization. The extended learning is to learn Chinese Multiplication with one and two digits. Pupils have continued to work on their Big Maths with many of them now two levels higher than January. We have also been solving problems using multiplication. Mrs. Ohara also taught pupils how to use timetables with a few games.

Following on from their work in the colour wheel P7 have focused on complimentary colours. They made observational sketches of lemon slices and painted them with various tints and shades of complimentary colours. The lesson required great focus, a skill they are working on in preparation for the open plan art room at academy next year.



P5 have been studying the work of artist Wayne Thiebaud and looking at the mouth-watering work he has created of food. They were given the challenge of drawing doughnuts with the bonus of a small edible reward if they met the Success Criteria for the lesson!

### Swimming Success

What a fantastic week for our swimmers. After qualifying back in November 2018, today our boys and girls relay teams competed in the Brodie's Scottish Schools Relay Championship finals at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh. They had a great day racing in the 4 x 50 freestyle relays and the 4 x 50 medley relays. The boys got SILVER in the FC relay and they WON the medley relay. There were some great swims and some great teamwork on show. Well done Team Banchory!



### Congratulations!



In P3D this week, we have been looking back at some of our work from the beginning of the year. We have been amazed at some of the progress we have made. Some of us can hardly believe the difference in our writing skills, from term 1 until now. We really enjoyed our first tennis session on Wednesday, it was great fun. We learned new skills and are looking forward to next week's session. The Lego Centre is an amazing hub of creativity and imaginative play, with unbelievable creations and fantastic discussions and collaborations. We have tried to keep an eye on BBC Springwatch online to catch some of the best clips. We especially enjoyed the frog and the slug! Our wonderful p5 buddies designed, created and played a range of maths games with us - which we loved. The games were tailor made to meet our interested and hobbies and they were pitched perfectly to match out individual skill levels. Thank you P5s!



## P3S

As part of our IDL (interdisciplinary learning) all about the Ancient Egyptians we have been busy this week using our research skills, discovering exciting facts. We have also been learning how to write and add numbers using their number system. We are also learning how to write in hieroglyphics and are going to be writing our names on papyrus. As part of our writing we have been learning how to make notes. It has been difficult for us not to write in sentences. We are also continuing to practice our handwriting using cursive script. On Wednesday we started a 4 week programme of tennis lessons, we must remember a pair of trainers or gym shoes! Friday was very busy with Sports day and everyone who took part enjoyed themselves. Well done everyone it was a very successful morning!

## Staff Learning

This week after school the 'Making Thinking Visible' staff working group were at Meldrum Academy for their next session. Mrs O'Donovan attended the 'Emerging Literacy' workshop with the Northern Alliance group and I was at the 'Place2Be' mentally healthy schools training. The office staff and DHTs completed the updated financial training and one of our PSAs was at the Makaton course.

## Mrs MacDuff's Numeracy Tip

If your child is about to go to the Academy you might find the Maths Department's 'Numeracy : Preferred Methods' booklet useful. You can access this by going on to the Banchory Academy website. Click on Information at the top of the screen and then on Numeracy. This will allow you to view or print off the booklet which has all sorts of useful information including preferred methods.

## Job vacancy

We continue to advertise for a road crossing patroller for Arbeadie Road. This job could be shared by several people sharing the shifts.

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/aberdeenshire-council/jobs/school-crossing-patroller-158285?from=org>

Ask at school if you are able to help. Thank you.





## BANCHORY CLUSTER

### HOLIDAY DATES SESSION 2019/2020

#### Term 1

In-Service Day	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
In-Service Day	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
Term begins	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2019
Last day of term - Pupils	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
In-Service Day	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019

#### Term 2

Term begins	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
In-Service Day	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
In-Service Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
Last day of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

#### Term 3

Term begins	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Local Holiday	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Local Holiday	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Mid Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
In-Service Day	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
In-Service Day	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Last day of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020

#### Term 4

Term begins	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Local Holiday	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
Last day of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020