



# Banchory Bulletin



Dear Families,

We hope that you all enjoyed the long weekend.

We have had a busy few weeks! Last week all classes participated in a wellbeing workshop with Susan Rhind and Harold the Giraffe who deliver the SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) Health and Wellbeing programme. For more information: <https://youtu.be/63M0bcDqVF0>

This week the P5-P7 classes have been working with Adam Usmani on a Creative Scotland funded music project about John Junner, a traditional musician and recording artist who lived and taught in the Banchory area. This culminated with a performance to all the classes yesterday afternoon.

The P4 classes have been busy planting native trees with the “Wee Forest” project which is being led by local partner, Hilary Duncan. The idea of the project is to help children understand the role of native trees in reducing carbon and in increasing biodiversity.

P7 Bikeability sessions are ongoing, with pupils making good progress in their skills and safety. The P7 transition is ongoing with weekly visits from Rhona Hartley and “Science Day” on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Nursery children have been visiting the school library and gym hall, with staff visiting the children up at Nursery to get to know them well.

Intervention and Prevention teacher, Esther Gooch, delivered the first “Emotion Coaching” session to parents/carers, we hope that this was useful. Mrs Gooch also runs a facebook group to share advice on supporting children. (Banchory Primary School Support Group).

Pupil reports will be shared from Friday the 5<sup>th</sup>, with parent/teacher evenings on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, the system will go live today.

## Run Balmoral

**Huge congratulations** to all the runners for their effort and results! The school holds the trophy for the largest number of entrants. Patrick Kennedy was 1<sup>st</sup> in the Primary boys race!



*Banchory Primary School and Nursery facebook group and the Twitter feed are used on an informal basis to share news and achievements.*

Well done to the PTA on organizing the recent discos! Lots of fun and dancing! Thank you.

## TERM 4

## CALENDAR

- 8 May 2023 - Public Holiday
- 5 June 2023 - Local Holiday
- 7 July 2023 - Term 4 end
- 10 July 2023 to 18 August 2023 - Summer Holiday



## Respect

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MONTH: RESPECT

We will explore this further during assembly by thinking about our interactions with others.

## TERM 4

## EVENTS

### Sports Day: June 19<sup>th</sup>

P1-3 Sports Day 9:20 for 9:30 start

P4-7 Sports Day 1:20 for 1:30 start

### Pupil Leadership Update

We are working to streamline the values and bees.



The staff have been asked to tell us their views on our idea.

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Robert as the Banchory Banana cheering up a dreich playtime!

## COMMUNICATION

- Our main method of communication for outgoing school communication is groupcall. Should you be experiencing any difficulties with this, please contact the Admin Assistant, Emma Porter. [emma.porter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:emma.porter@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)
- All emails sent to the school email address: [banchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:banchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) will be picked up and either cascaded to the relevant staff member or the information shared as appropriate.

[Aberdeenshire Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023-26 \(office.com\)](#)

If you click on the link to the SWAY above, it will take you to the updated Abshire Children's Plan. The Pupil Council met with Nicola Kenyon to share their thoughts, opinions and ideas earlier this year and are mentioned in the sway.

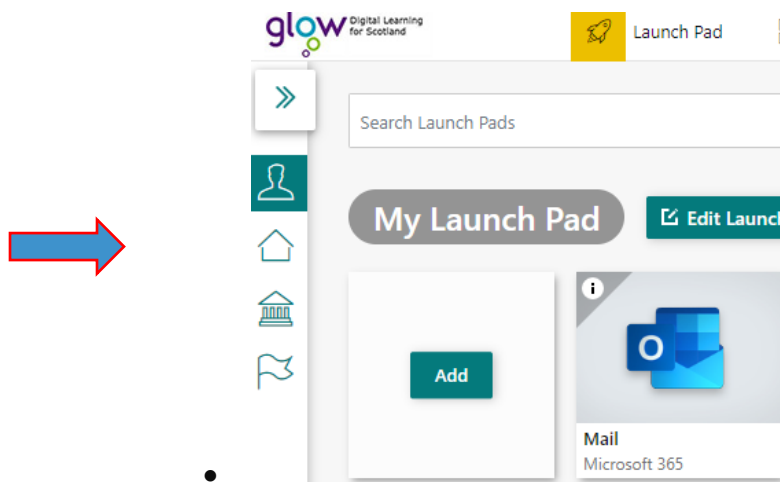


Thanks to Isabel Rogie and her fabulous team for providing the children with a picnic this afternoon. Wishing all families a lovely long weekend, school reopens on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

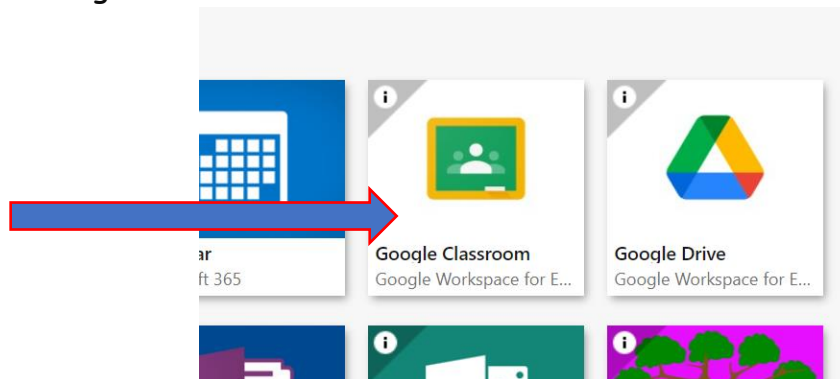
### Mrs Jones' online tips:

To access the P4- 7 pupil profiles (at different stages of development at the moment)

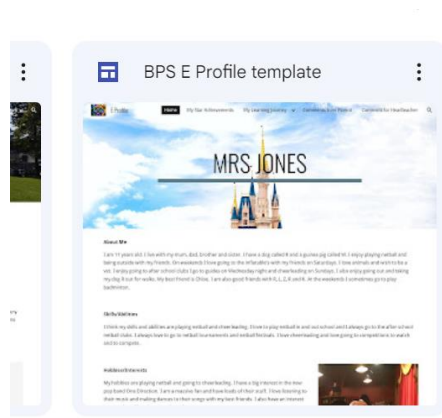
- Log in to Glow
- Click on the house button, this will take you to the Banchory Primary School Launchpad.



- Click on the Google Drive tile



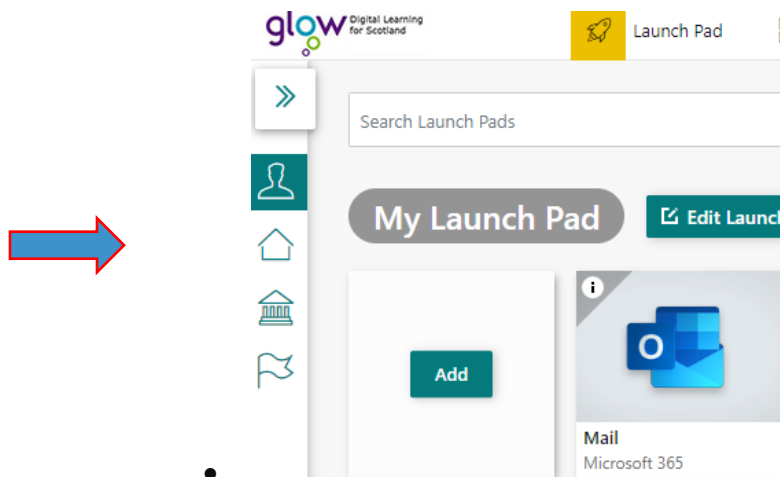
- The Pupil Profile will be named after your child and should look similar to this



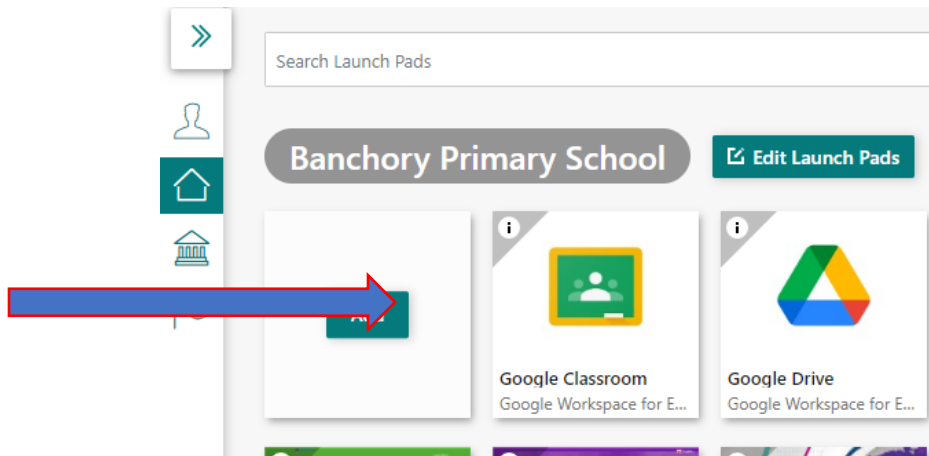
- Once you have clicked on the tile you might be asked to login again please put @as.glow.scot at the end of the username ([gw21bloggsjoe@as.glow.scot](mailto:gw21bloggsjoe@as.glow.scot))
- If you are accessing the Google Drive on an 'Apple' device it will require you to download the app - When it asks you to login please click the login with Google option, with the username the email identified above.

### To access your child's google classroom

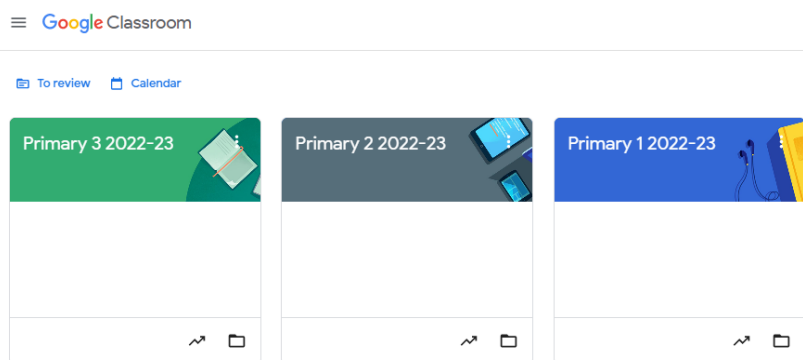
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- If you are accessing the Google Classroom on an 'Apple' device it will require you to download the app - When it asks you to login please click the login with Google option, with the username the email identified above.



- You should then see the appropriate Google classroom for your child, please click on the tile and it will take you to the 'stream' which can be used to share information regarding learning.

The google classroom is an open forum for all pupils, should you have any questions and concerns relating directly to your child please contact us on the following email address:

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