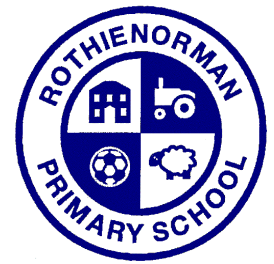




# Rothienorman Primary School



**Bulletin No 2: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Dear Parents**

Our new session is now well underway and the children and staff have settled well into their new classes. Pupils have voted on the Pupil Council and Eco Committee for 2016-2017:



## **Read, Write, Count**

Read, Write, Count is a Scottish Government led campaign targeted at parents and families of P1-3 children and delivered in partnership with Education Scotland and Scottish Book Trust. Leaflets providing further information have been sent home to P1-3 families. Later in the session P1s will receive Bookbug bags and P2,3 will receive the new Read, Write, Count bags with books, writing materials and counting games.

## **Nursery Library**

Our nursery library is up and running again. Our main library opening day is Friday but parents are welcome to take their child into our library at any time to borrow books.

## **New Mud Kitchen Cooker**

Thank you to Mr Nico Beda for the amazing new cooker he made for the nursery's mud kitchen. The children are really enjoying playing with it and it looks brilliant.

## **Primary 1 Photographs**

The Turriff Advertiser is going to be visiting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and the Evening Express on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October to take photographs of our new P1 pupils. Please keep an eye out for their pictures in the papers following this.





### **Fyvie Castle and Outdoor Learning**

Both our nursery classes and our P1, P2,3 and P3 classes are now visiting Fyvie for outdoor learning on a regular basis. They are all enjoying the opportunities to explore and learn in the outdoors.

Our P4,5 class also spent the day there on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> as

part of their topic on James and the Giant Peach. They enjoyed exploring their environment, looking for minibeasts and pond dipping.



Thanks to all of our volunteers who make these wonderful learning opportunities possible.

### **Roald Dahl Day**

P4,5 dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Children at assembly enjoyed guessing which characters they had dressed up as and thinking about how he created such memorable characters.

### **British Sign Language (BSL) Ambassadors**

We now have a few children who are meeting at Golden Time on Fridays to be our BSL Ambassadors. They are photographing images of our signs of the week which we are then displaying on our languages noticeboard and at assembly each week.



### **PPG AGM and Cheese and Wine**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our AGM and Cheese and Wine evening. Our new committee is as follows:

Chairperson: Mrs Hazel MacPherson

Vice Chairperson: Mrs Nicola Davidson

Secretary: Mrs Sandra Ralph

Treasurer: Mrs Vanessa Ross and Mrs Cuca Henderson

### **Newburgh Beach**

Our morning nursery children had a wonderful time at Newburgh beach on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. They loved seeing the seals and some even saw a whale!

### **Brass Demonstrations**

P5 pupils enjoyed hearing all about the different brass instruments and how they work from Mr Fabrizio Oddo. The pupils were then given opportunity to apply for lessons on a brass instrument.



## **PPG Coffee Morning**

Our next PPG coffee morning will be held in the GP room at school on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016. This is a great informal opportunity for parents to meet in an informal setting for a chat and a coffee. We try to organise for children from one of the classes to share some of their recent learning.

## **Bikeability**

Our P7 pupils are working hard on their bikes, listening well to instructions and really improving their skills. Thank you to all of our volunteers who are helping to supervise this important activity.

## **PPG (Parent Partnership Group) Fun Day**

Our Fun Day was a great success on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you for all of the donations of raffle prizes and homebakes and for all of the hard work put in by the PPG committee and other volunteers. We made a total of £1320.50. It was great to have such a

super turn out from the community in general; we had 12 community groups represented running a variety of stalls and activities. What a great team effort to raise funds for all!



## **Staff Training**

Staff have recently taken part in the following professional development:

- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Tapestry - Improving Classroom Practice
- Early Education
- Modern languages - French
- RM Easimaths
- Individual Education Plan (IEP) writing

## **Parking**

A letter was sent to all parents regarding our current road safety concerns around the school. We also focused on Road Safety at a recent assembly (PowerPoint will be able to be accessed on Glow shortly). Thank you to everyone who has been thinking more carefully about where is the best place for them to park in order to give safe and easy access for all. More children seem to be walking, cycling or scooting; a few are parking and striding; and those who do have to drive are using the top car park more and so leaving the bottom car park available for those with heavy loads or young children. The area around the school has been less busy and so safer for all. I really appreciate your continued support with this.

## **Internet Safety Evening**

An internet safety event was held at Meldrum Academy. This is an incredibly important topic for parents to be aware of these days. Further information can be found on the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOPS) website: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/> It is also worth knowing that apps are available online which allow parents to limit the amount of Internet time that children can have on a daily basis - this saves a lot of arguments about how much time they are spending on devices as you can restrict their use.

## **Fizzy Drinks**

Please don't give children fizzy drinks (cans or bottles) to bring to school as they end up spilling when they open them and they are very sticky and messy! Also the children are often very excitable after drinking them.

## **Bird Boxes**

While P7 pupils have been busy with cycling, some of our P6 pupils have been researching more about our local wildlife and learning to use tools to build bird boxes. We will have these finished and out ready for the birds to nest in by the spring.

## **Parent's Evenings**

A letter will be coming home shortly regarding our upcoming Parent's Evenings.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

The book fair will be in school from Thursday 29th September - Wednesday 5th October 2016. Children will get an opportunity to visit the book fair with their class and it will be possible for them to purchase books by going to the office or for parents to get them at parents' evening.

## **Pantomime**

M&M Performances will join us again on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October to perform 'Beauty and the beast'. A note will come home asking for a contribution to this. There will be an early (12:00-13:00) lunch to allow the seating, etc. to be set up ready for this. The nursery are in the process of investigating a similar type of event for their children, more information will follow.

Regards

Ms. Julie Symington,  
Head Teacher.



## Information for Adverse Weather Closures

Telephone Information Line: **0870 054 4999**

Rothienorman School Pin Number: 022530

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Northsound 1	FM 96.9	Tel. 01224 337000
Northsound 2	MW 1035kHz	
BBC Radio Scotland	FM 92.4-94.7	MW 810kHz
Moray Firth Radio	FM 97.4	MW 1107kHz
North East Community Radio	FM 97.1-106.4	Tel. 01467 632878
Waves Radio	FM 101.2	Tel. 01779 491012
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## DATES FOR THE DIARY 2016-2017

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Turriff Advertiser picture of P1s
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	European Day of Languages
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016, 7pm	PPG meeting
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2016, 9.15am	PPG coffee morning in the GP Room
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Scholastic Book Fair
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October, 3.30-6.30pm	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm-5.30pm	Parent's Evening
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Evening Express picture of P1s
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	School closes for October holidays
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	School opens
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Early lunch (12:00-13:00) followed by Pantomime
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	School closes for Christmas holidays
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	School opens
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	School closed (occasional day)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Holiday
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	School opens
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Bank Holiday
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2017	P6,7 pupils to PGL, Dalguise residential trip
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	School closed (occasional day)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	School closes for the summer holidays