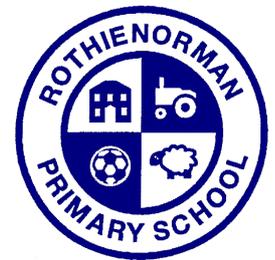




Rothienorman Primary School



Bulletin No 3: Wednesday 26th October 2016

Dear Parents

I hope everyone enjoyed the October holidays.

Staffing

I am really sad to say that Linda Raffan, our admin assistant who has been with the school for almost 20 years has resigned due to ill health. We will really miss her as she has been such a key member of the team but we hope that she will keep in touch. We presented Linda with a gift from staff, parents and pupils on Tuesday 25th October. Mrs Michelle Barrow will continue to do some additional hours and Mrs Kerry Dobbie will be in the office a few days over the next few weeks until we manage to appoint someone on a permanent basis.



Lauren Barrie was in school on work experience the week beginning 3rd October, her help was appreciated by all. I am delighted that we have extended Pat Foulis's hours in the nursery and that Miss Sarah Manson has also now started with us as an Early Years Practitioner.

We have appointed a communicator, Mrs Kristina Watts who will be helping pupils and staff with British Sign Language (BSL) in the mornings. Ms Jane Hay will be working with some of our children in her role as intervention and prevention teacher (IPT) this term and Ms Finola Mackey will join us as Pupil Support Worker. Mrs Jane McGaw also continues as IPT, Ms Kirsten Knaack as Additional Support for Learning teacher, Mrs Katrina Murray and Mrs Angela Allan as Hearing Impaired teachers, Mrs Elizabeth Soulsby as Hearing Impaired support assistant, Ms Vivien Howie as Speech and Language Therapist and Ms Laura Hubbard as our Educational Psychologist. These members of staff, and sometimes others too, may work with individuals, groups or in class situations as we think beneficial. Please contact us if you would like any further information on the support these people provide.

Mr Smith Assembly

Mr Smith joined us on 27th September to share the story of Elijah the prophet and help us learn a song for our Harvest Assembly.

PPG Facebook page

Please like and share our PPG Facebook page so that more people are aware of it, thank you!

www.facebook.com/pages/Rothienorman-Primary-School-Parent-Partner-Group/426615037422194

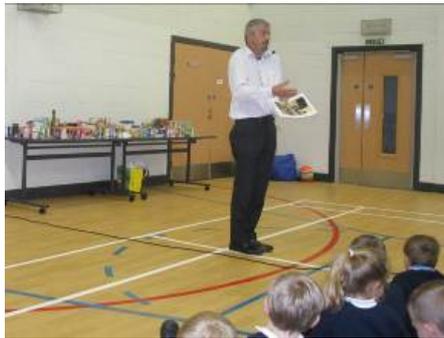


European Day of Languages

We celebrated the European Day of Languages, 26th September 2016 a little early this year on the 20th by learning a bit more about the importance of language learning (Powerpoint available on Glow in the Assemblies document store) and practiced our BSL Let's Harvest song.

Harvest Assembly

Scott Baxter from the Cyrenians joined us on 4th October to tell us all about the work of this charity and collect the amazing amount of food and toiletries we had collected,



thank you. It was great that so many friends and family members could join us for this opportunity to share some of our children's recent learning. It was lovely to hear the P1s sing 'I'm a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and we had some super musicians on brass instruments, cello and snare drum, well done to all.

Favourite Bedtime Stories

Our Pupil Council put home a note asking for information on our favourite books, and what a great variety there were. The children have also enjoyed reading, discussing and sharing views on some of the stories. We have submitted our 5 favourites in the hope of winning books from the Stewart Milne Literacy Fund.

- Matilda by Roald Dahl
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
- The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson
- The Twits by Roald Dahl
- The BFG by Roald Dahl

Meldrum Rotary Club Numeracy Challenge

Raeanne, Lauren, Cameron and Ellis enjoyed their experience at this event and were delighted to come first in the poster competition which is now displayed in the entranceway. Thank you to Raeanne's mum for transporting them.

Meldrum Rotary Shoebox Appeal

The children heard all about how the shoebox appeal helps people in central and Eastern Europe, at assembly on Tuesday 25th October (PowerPoint available on Glow). Anyone who would like to fill a box will receive one and a leaflet with further information to take home. Please return the box by Thursday 10th November or if you are unable to fill them then before this date so that someone else can.

Other Parents Collecting your Child

We have had a number of occasions recently where other parents have been collecting children. Could parents please let the school know when this is happening or if it is to be a regular thing then please just put in a note stating this?

PPG Coffee Morning

A number of our P5,6,7 pupils joined our PPG coffee morning on Thursday 29th September 2016. They challenged the parents to a game of Unlucky 13 using British Sign Language. There were lots of laughs as everyone found it tricky but we had some expert 'teachers' on hand! Ask your children to show you the BSL signs to 10 or perhaps even 20.

Disco

PPG have organised a Fancy Dress disco on Thursday 27th October, 6-7pm for Nursery - P3 children and 7-8pm for P4-7 children. This event is for school children and pre-school children who are younger siblings of school children. There will be a competition for the best lantern.

Children in Need

The Pupil Council will be organising a dress down or dress in something spotty day for Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Donations of £1 please.

Poppy Scotland

We will have poppies available for those who want to give a donation of at least £1.

Read, Write, Count and Bookbug Bags

P1s have now received their Bookbug bags and P2,3 have received the new Read, Write, Count bags with books, writing materials and counting games. There are some super books and other resources in these bags with lots of great ideas to help your child's learning. There are even more on the following websites:

Read, Write, Count	www.readwritecount.scot
Scottish Book Trust	www.scottishbooktrust.com/readwritecount
Parentzone	www.parentzone.scotland.com
PlayTalkRead	www.playtalkread.scot

Bikeability

Our P7 pupils have done brilliantly this year with Bikeability. Staff and parents were really impressed with how well they listened, improved their skills and dealt with traffic on the roads, well done to everyone and thank you to our volunteers for their support, we couldn't do it without you.

Library

We are keen to get a few more helpers for the library. It is really useful to have volunteers who are happy to return books to the shelves, log them onto the system, cover books, etc. This keeps our library looking good and functioning well. If you are willing to give up some of your time (it doesn't have to be at the same time each week) then please come along and hear how you can help on Monday 31st October at 1.45pm.

Fairy Garden

The children have all been enjoying the Fairy Garden in the Wetlands Area and the afternoon nursery children were pleased to find and return Miss Giggles keys to her. They were even more delighted to receive their very own Fairy house from Mr Sandy Simpson - thank you!

Staff Training

Staff have recently taken part in the following professional development:

- British Sign Language (BSL)
- Visible Learning
- Dance
- Modern languages - French

Bird Boxes

Our P6 pupils from P6,7 class have finished their bird boxes and research on British birds. They worked really well together to learn how to use tools and complete this task. Some of our research results and bird boxes are on display in the entranceway before they are put up in the trees ready for spring.



Parent's Evenings

Almost all parents attended parent's evenings, anyone that hasn't been able to make it please get in touch and we will organise an appointment as this is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how you can support them.

Scholastic Book Fair

Everyone enjoyed visiting our Book Fair and we managed to raise £392.75 in commission which we can use to purchase books for the school.

Pantomime

M&M Performances performed 'Beauty and the Beast' on Tuesday 25th October for P1-7 which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We are in the process of organising something more suitable for our nursery pupils.



Fyvie Castle and Outdoor Learning

P1; P2,3 and P3 classes enjoyed and learnt lots on their trips to Fyvie and will visit Fyvie again this term to build on their previous experiences. All classes will continue to develop how they use the outdoor environment for learning, focussing more this term on the local environment within Rothienorman.

Jazz

We are looking forward to having Mrs Susan McKenzie working with the P4,5; P5,6,7 and P6,7 classes on a jazz project. She will be in school for a number of sessions over the next few months and we look forward to hearing how the children progress.

Bible Alive

Mr Graeme Smith will be working with P6 pupils on Bible Alive covering stories from, and information about, both the Old and New Testaments.

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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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
Original	FM 106	Tel. 01224 293800

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2016-2017

Tuesday 25 th October 2016	Early lunch (12:00-13:00) followed by Pantomime
Thursday 27 th October 2016	Disco 6-7pm Nursery - P3; 7-8pm P4-P7 pupils
Monday 14 th November 2016	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 15 th November 2016	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Tuesday 13 th December 2016	Afternoon Dress Rehearsal, P5-7 Christmas Show
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	7pm, P5-7 Christmas Show
Thursday 15 th December 2016	7pm, P5-7 Christmas Show
Wednesday 21 st December 2016	School closes for Christmas holidays
Thursday 5 th January 2017	School opens
Thursday 8 th December 2016, 9.15am	PPG coffee morning in GP room
Friday 10 th February 2017	School closed (occasional day)
Monday 13 th February 2017	Holiday
Tuesday 14 th February 2017	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Wednesday 15 th February 2017	In Service Day (no pupils in school)
Friday 31 st March 2017	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	School opens
Monday 1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May - Friday 2 nd June 2017	P6,7 pupils to PGL, Dalguise residential trip
Monday 5 th June 2017	School closed (occasional day)
Friday 30 th June 2017	School closes for the summer holidays