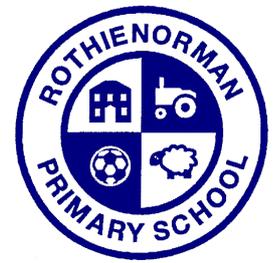




Rothienorman Primary School



Bulletin No 8: 28th March 2017

Dear Parents

World Book Day 2017

We raised £102 for Book Aid International on World Book Day and had some super dressing up as characters from books. At our assembly on 28th February we learned about the type of projects that this money can be used for. Thank you to Orb's Book shop who came along with a great selection of books and I think almost all children went home with at least one book.



Staff Training

Staff have recently taken part in the following professional development:

- The Learning Environment in the Early Years (EY Federations)
- Developing Cognitive Skills in the Early Years
- Tapestry - Improving Transition to Secondary
- Leadership and Collaboration
- SEEMIS GroupCall
- Throwing out the Plastic

Safety around the School

Thank you to everyone who has helped us to resolve the parking issues we were having earlier in the session. The car parks and the streets surrounding the school have been much safer for everyone. We would however really appreciate it if you can **reverse park in the car parks** as this is recognised as being much safer. It is also more fuel efficient due to manoeuvring taking place when the engine is warmed up!

We have also had problems recently at the end of the school day and generally advise parents to walk their child to and from school until at least P4 due to road safety concerns around the school, however it is up to parents' discretion. We encourage children to return to the school if their parent has not appeared as expected or if they walk home and there is no one there. If however a friend does come home from school with your child please inform both the parents and the school so that we can work together to ensure everyone's safety as well as have the knowledge of their whereabouts. Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Show DVDs

Thank you to KR Photography for filming and recording the show and also for donating all of the discs. £182 profit was raised.

Football

Our footballers have been having lots of fun and training hard with our coaches. Thank you to Howdens in Inverurie who have sponsored a set of small indoor goals and to the PPG who have purchased an additional set; this will be great for indoor practice sessions but also for our tournament coming up on Thursday 18th May 2017, 3.45pm for 4.00pm kick off. Thank you also to Brian Cormack who has donated a set of size 3 footballs.

School Photographs

Shoot Bamboo Photography will visit the school on Friday 26th May to take traditional photographs of our classes and landscape style ones for nursery classes. There will also be a P7 traditional group photograph.

Shoot Bamboo will return on Thursday 7th September to take individual and family photographs.

School Uniform

It has been decided that we will continue to use DFS in Inverurie and Tesco as our uniform suppliers for next session as parents are appreciating having the 2 options. £238 was raised for school funds through Tesco school uniform orders. Can I remind parents that we encourage pupils to wear school uniform as it makes life in school much easier, hoodies in particular are causing problems both in classes and the playground at the moment.

Parent Partnership Group

The PPG fundraiser of **reusable bags** with our children's work on them have proved popular with 165 bags and 100 coasters being purchased. We had 2 very successful Valentine's discos with £233.35 profit and lots of happy children!

The **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled to take place on Sunday 23rd April, 10.00 - 12.00, tickets on sale from the office.

Growth Mindset

On Tuesday 7th March we discussed the character Judy from Zootropolis and how others treated her in the film but the fact that she didn't give up and with hard work she achieved her goals. This links in to work that is being done in classes currently to help children understand how we can help our brains to grow and develop so that we are capable of learning from our mistakes and achieving more success. There is a great website for parents which explains what a growth mindset is, why it's important and best practices to support children in developing this learning belief: <https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

National Science Week

Caroline Laurensen, Xodus Group, joined us for National Science Week on Tuesday 14th March and worked with P4,5 to demonstrate how molecules behave when air is whisked into cream to turn it into a very firm whipped structure. She emphasised the importance of a good understanding in both maths and science and how there are a huge variety of jobs in this area. Thank you to her for this interesting input.



Nurturing our Children

Over the last year or two we have been doing some work with the educational psychologist, and in school, on nurturing children. I found the following 2 images interesting to reflect on:

Have you encountered behaviour from a child, adolescent or an adult that you find irritating and difficult to understand?



It may be that we need to help our children to feel more secure and nurtured and there are various ways we can do this both in school and at home:

Put yourself in the child's position - what will help to make them feel good about themselves.



Graeme Smith Assembly

Mr Smith joined us for assembly on 21st March to cover the Easter Story with us. Reverend Thorburn will also visit us this Easter on Tuesday 28th March 2017.

Mother's Day

It was lovely to hear that Jodie and Austin were 2 of the winners in Floral Request's competition to describe in either pictures or words why your mother deserved a luxury bouquet.

Staff and Pupil Changes

Unfortunately we are no longer able to employ nursery teachers for our nurseries in Aberdeenshire and instead have the new role of Early Year's Lead Practitioner. I am delighted that Kate Malster has been appointed to this position and will now be full time. We are now in the process of interviewing for an Early Years Practitioner to fill Kylie's maternity leave. We are sad to say cheerio to Ryan and Sophie who will finish at Rothienorman on 31st March and wish them well in their new school. Stuart and Nordeen have been in school on Mondays and Wednesdays to teach judo to all of our nursery and primary pupils.

Table tennis Taster Sessions

Our coach Doug Farquharson and parent helper Kay have provided taster table tennis sessions to our P4,5; P5,6,7 and P6,7 classes and as a result of these popular sessions have created more enthusiasm for this sport. Our club will resume again after the summer as this is considered a winter sport.



Common Sense Media

There have been a few children discussing films and computer games recently that are recommended for children older than themselves as they have developmentally inappropriate content in them. <https://www.common sense media.org/#> website provides useful guidance on this area.

Red Nose Day 2017

The Pupil Council sold lots of red noses and raised a total of £236.00 for Comic Relief.

Nursery Trip to the Buzzard Café and The Steading

The morning nursery session visited the Buzzard Café at Pitcable and enjoyed learning about what they do there as well as having a tasty snack. The afternoon session visited The Steading on Thursday 16th March and really enjoyed ordering and eating their snack there.

BSL Ambassadors

Our BSL Ambassadors continue to photograph four new BSL signs for us to learn each week which is a great help for both our display and our assemblies. They have also been recording their version of 'Let it Go' which can be viewed on Glow. What an amazing amount of signs they have learnt, well done!

Young Leaders

P6,7 pupils have started running a couple of sessions of playground games a week at breaks or lunchtimes. The younger children are really enjoying this and it is great experience for the older ones to have this responsibility.

EcoSchools Update

The bird boxes that some of our P6 pupils made earlier in the year are now up in the beech trees and we hope that we will see some birds using them this spring. We received a number of saplings from the Woodland Trust and we have been busy planting these to bulk out the hedge around the playground. There were some brilliant ideas for updating our Ecocode and the EcoWarriors have combined many of the ideas to produce a new one which is now on display in the school and can be seen on the EcoSchools page of Glow.



Reporting to Parents

Children's reports are due to come home later this week in their new format, reflecting the move in Aberdeenshire to provide a condensed written report which works alongside our Glow pages, Learning Logs, open sessions, class presentations, shows, etc. There will be opportunities for parents to meet with teachers on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th April if either staff or parents would find this useful, more information to follow.

Swimming

Weekly swimming lessons for P4 are likely to start on Monday 24th April, we are just awaiting confirmation regarding instructors. Further information will follow.

With just a few days to go before the Easter holidays I would like to wish you a happy Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 18th April.

Regards

Ms. Julie Symington,
Head Teacher.

Information for Adverse Weather Closures

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DATES FOR THE DIARY 2016-2017

Monday 27 th March 2017	P1 trip to Huntly Falconry Centre
Tuesday 28 th March 2017	Nursery visit to Windyhills, picnic and Kidgloves puppet show
Friday 31 st March 2017	School closes for Easter holidays
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	School opens
Sunday 23 rd April 2017, 10.00 - 12.00	PPG Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 24 th April 2017, 3.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening
Monday 24 th April 2017, 7pm	PPG meeting
Tuesday 25 th April, 3.30-6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 27 th April 2017	PPG Coffee morning at 9.15am
Monday 1 st May 2017	Bank Holiday
Friday 12 th May 2017	Open morning (more information to follow)
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