

Rothienorman School Newsletter

February 2024

Dear Families,

I can't believe we are in week 5 of the term already! Let's all hope for a mild, dry February.

February Dates

Please note that we are on holiday on Friday 9th and Monday 12th February. The school will remain closed to pupils on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February. School will re-open to pupils on Thursday 15th February.

Scottish Poetry Competition

Well done to all who participated in our Scottish Poetry Competition. This year our House Captain Harper Cheyne treated us all by piping the pupils into each of the assemblies. Our winners from the Scottish Poetry Competition are:

Well Done to all who participated in
Rothienorman's 2024 Scottish Poetry
Competition!

Our winners, judged by three special guest judges, are

Shaye **Evie** **Amily** **Eve**
Ruairidh **Heidi** **Alexis**

We were very lucky to be piped into our assemblies by our House Captain Harper

Our Winners won:



REMINDER DATES:

Term 3

Fri 9th & Mon 12th Feb – Local Holidays

Tues 13th & Wed 14th – Inservice Days

Thurs 29th Feb – World Book Day

Fri 15th March – Red Nose Day

Thurs 28th March – Formal Reports

Thurs 28th March – Last day of term 3

Fri 29th March – Good Friday Holiday

Term 4

Mon 15th April – First day of term 4

Sat 20th April – PPG Rothie Rainbow Razzle Dazzle 2-6pm

Tues 23rd & Wed 24th April – Parents Nights

Mon 6th May – May Day Holiday

Mon 3rd June – Holiday

Fri 7th June – PPG Annie Moon event

Tues 18, Wed 19 & Thurs 20th June – P7 Transition to Meldrum Academy

Tues 25th- Fri 29th June – P7 Residential Trip

Fri 5th July – Last day of term 4

Please click [here](#) for the annual calendar 2023/24



School Improvement Update

Priority 1: Literacy

In addition to our school improvements in literacy, we have used PEF money to purchase licences for Book Creator. Book Creator is an accessible tool that supports engagement and inclusion. It is a tool that any learner can use, however is supporting those with specific difficulties with literacy. Most classes have shown pupils how to use it, however some pupils will use it more than others.

Priority 2: Maths

This term we have started introducing Big Maths as our main approach to maths. Class teachers have started using the resources and assessments that Big Maths offers.

Priority 3: HWB

Our teachers have been engaging in peer observations to audit our classroom environments in line with the CIRCLE Framework to ensure that they are inclusive for all.

Dressing for the Weather 🧥

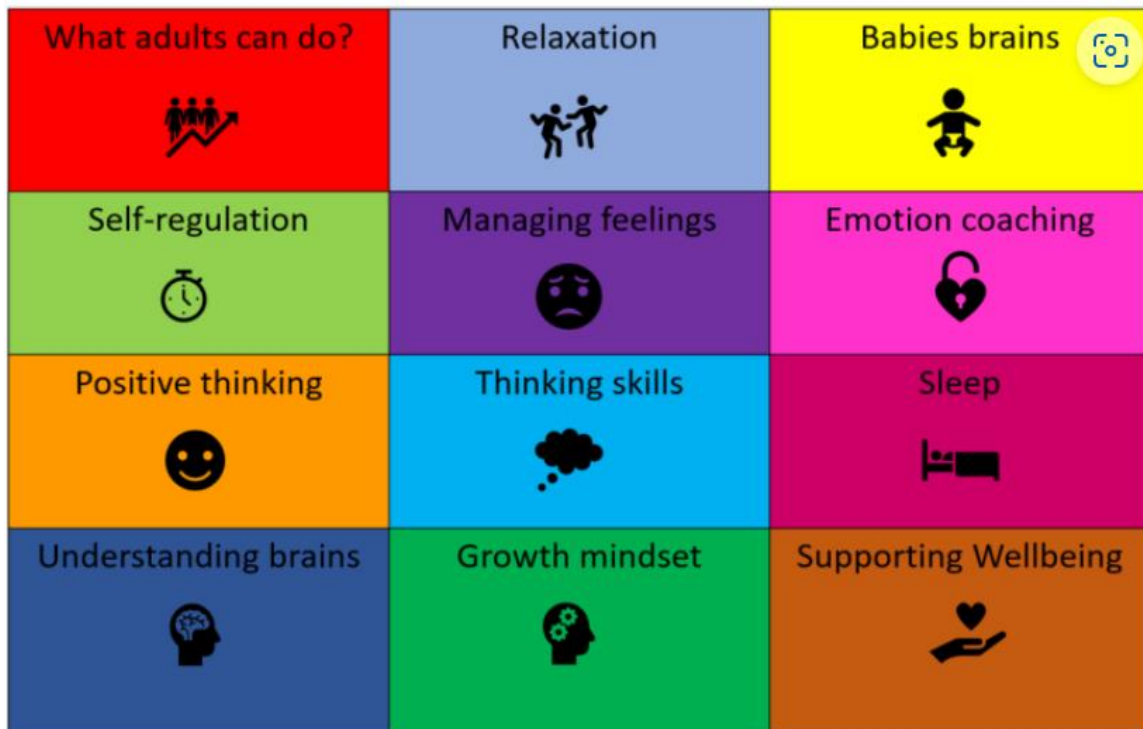
Please ensure that your child is coming to school in clothing that is suitable for the weather. Jackets should be worn everyday! Many thanks.

Adverse Weather ❄️☁️🌧️

Decisions that impact the school day are not taken lightly, but in the event of any changes to the school day or openings please keep an eye on the Aberdeenshire message service on the website (<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/Apps/Schools-Closures/>) for updates as your first port of call. Safety of staff and children is paramount when making decisions on transport and school closure. The school will update you as soon as we get any information so please be patient. Keep an eye on local weather updates as any ice, flooding or snow could impact on if and how children and staff get to school. For pupils who receive school transport, where school transport is not running, please do not take your child(ren) to school yourself, unless it is safe to do so. If you do take your child(ren) to school, you must also be able to collect them at the end of the day. Please note that the School Information Line is no longer available and notices of school closures or changes to transport/school day will be updated on the school closure website detailed above.

EPS leaflets

Aberdeenshire Educational Psychology Service have some useful leaflets on key topics that contain advice for parents and carers. The aim of these leaflets is to help parents and carers help build resilience, connections and secure attachments. These leaflets can be found [here](#).



And Finally...

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or comments via the email address rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

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