

# Rothienorman School Newsletter

June 2024

Dear Families,

Can't believe it's nearly June already, lets hope for some lovely weather 😊

## Mrs Sharp is Retiring

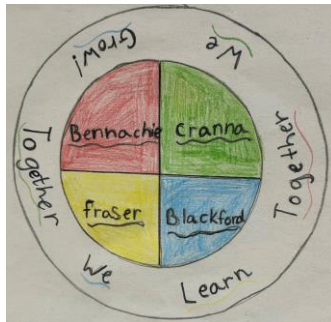
Mrs Sharp is retiring at the end of the school year. She has taught at Rothienorman School for nearly 12 years and other schools in the cluster before this. She will be a great loss to the Rothienorman school community, but we know that she will enjoy her retirement and get to do the things she loves like walking and travelling.

## School Motto Design

Over the last few weeks we have all been voting for our new school motto design. Well done to all who entered. Our finalists were:

Niall Green P1, William Mann P3, Amily Harris P3, Ruairidh McKinnon P4, Luke Kinghorn P4, Amelia Eggie P5, Heidi West P5, Eilidh Laurenson P6, Ailsa Macpherson P7, Harper Cheyne P7 and Mia Gordon P7.

We had a huge number of votes cast, 224 votes, and can announce our winner. Amelia Eggie, P5, won with the following design and received a prize from the school and PPG, a £20 voucher to Skyline:



Ruairidh McKinnon came second and received a £10 Tesco voucher from the PPG. Due to the quality of all the finalists designs, they all received a small prize.



## REMINDER DATES:

### Term 4

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Holiday

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June – P4/5 & P5/6  
Bennachie Trip

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June – PPG Annie Moon event

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> June – Library Visits to each class

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – PPG Shorts and Shades Disco

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

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June – Step-up afternoon

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June – P1/2 & P2/3 Huntly Castle Trip

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – P7 Residential Trip

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> July – P3/4 Science Centre Trip

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Nursery, P1 & P2 session with Artie's Tartan Tales

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Rescheduled Sports Day 9:30-12:30

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July – P7 Leavers Assembly

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term 4 and dress down day

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



## Upcoming Dates

We have a lot of fun things happening before the end of term. Please ensure that you have looked at our list of dates above.

Please note that the school and nursery are closed on holiday on the following date:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Local Holiday (Meldrum Cluster Schools)

All classes have a class trip coming up and these are detailed above. Many thanks to Laura Geals for securing a grant to allow for these trips and visits to happen. The P1/2 & P2/3 trip, the P3/4 trip, the P4/5 & P5/6 trip and Arties visit for the nursery, P1's & P2's were all funded from Ventient Gordonstown Community Find (Fyvie and Rothienorman) administered by Foundation Scotland.

You will also be aware that Sports Day is now being held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. This will take place from 9:30am to 12/12:30pm on the football pitch beside the school. Thank you for your understanding for this change. We will start the day with potted sports in our Houses before moving onto class races. Please can your child come to school on the day wearing something of their House colours.

**Bennachie - Red**

**Blackford - Blue**

**Cranna - Green**

**Fraser - Yellow**

## Shorts and Shades Disco



Entry should be purchased in advance at the school office, please note that there are no physical tickets for the disco. On the night, entry to the disco is through the main school entrance as usual. At collection times, parents will be asked to come into the school via the pupil entrance to **collect their children from the hall**. All children in Nursery to P3 **must** be collected by an adult. Children who attend the

older disco will be allowed to walk home if no adult comes to collect them. Please ensure your child knows if they are allowed to walk home. As parents are entering the school through the pupil entrance to collect their child, the exit will be through the main door to prevent a bottle neck in the corridor. This may be busy when the younger disco exit the school building so please ensure there is ample space for people to leave the building when queuing for the older disco.

Pupils may take mobile phones for the purpose of getting home safely, however these will not be allowed to be used during the disco. Please help the parents and staff volunteers by reinforcing this to your child(ren).

### **Step-up session Wed 19<sup>th</sup> June**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding our step-up session from 2-3pm. This is where your child will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher.

As you are aware we will have 5 classes next session, more information will be shared at a later date indicating what these are.

### **Monthly Parent Focus Question**

To support our ongoing aim for improvement we would like to pose a focus question each month to our families. This month our focus is on Raising Attainment and Achievement. Please follow this link to give your feedback:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PjFLtCtaZB>

### **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](mailto:rothienorman.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) or complete the June Feedback Microsoft Form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/72GdTC3y3D>

Kind regards,

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