

February Newsletter

New Head Teacher Appointment

In case you did not see the email earlier this week, I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lynn Service has been selected as the preferred candidate for the post of Head Teacher at Drumoak School. Lynn is currently DHT at Banchory Primary School and we will confirm a starting date when the final stages of the recruitment process are complete.

The children have been informed and many of them remember, very positively, Mrs Service as Acting Head Teacher at Drumoak from August 2012 to June 2014.

I wish her every success in her new role and I will be liaising with her fully until my end date of Sunday 14 April.

It is hard to believe we are approaching our Half Term holiday.

Holiday Dates are:

Friday 8 February	Occasional Day
Monday 11 February	Half-term holiday
Tuesday 12 February	In-service days – Pupils on holiday
Wednesday 13 February	In-service days – Pupils on holiday
Friday 29 March	End of Term 3
Monday 15 April	Start of term 4
Friday 19 April	Good Friday (holiday)
Monday 06 May	Monday Holiday
Monday 03 June	Occasional Day
Friday 05 July	End of School session

Car parking - be safe and considerate

The car park area of the school needs to be used in a safe and considerate manner. Please may I take this opportunity to remind you of a few of the basic school car park rules:-

- Firstly, please ensure that if you are driving into/out of the car park that you do so at a slow pace – 10 miles per hour or less is recommended.
- The drop off area is to be used for dropping off or collecting. If you arrive substantially early, please do not use these spaces for parking.
- The disabled bays are **only to be used** by those who require it.
- The area at the end of the car park marked with yellow crossed lines is **not** a car parking space. This needs to be kept vacant in order to allow cars to turn safely if the car park is full.
- We respectfully request that when parked in your car that you do not keep the engine running. This is not only bad for the environment but causes exhaust fumes to discharge at the same height level of children passing, causing them to inhale them.

And finally, although not within the school car park itself, it has been brought to my attention that cars parked just out with the school car park can on occasions cause an obstruction of view to allow safe entry/exit into the school car park.

Please be considerate when parking and if need be park a safe distance away from the school grounds and walk to collect your child (ren).

Tuesday 5th February – Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we will have a focus on Internet Safety with all our pupils. On the same day the School Council have organised a Digital Parenting workshop. We hope to provide families with advice to support the use of the internet. Please let the office know if you are attending.

DRUMOAK SCHOOL COUNCIL

WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO AN

DIGITAL PARENTING SESSION



AT DRUMOAK
SCHOOL



TUESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

7PM – 8.30PM

Please email the school office if you are attending.

Thursday 7th February - Gymnastics Showcase in the School Hall

Mr Witt has been working with the pupils and we would like to showcase their new skills this Thursday afternoon. You are invited to watch the children perform in the School Hall from 1.45pm.

Each class will present at an allotted time. The timetable for the afternoon is as follows.

Primary 1	1.45 to 1.55
Primary 2	2.00 to 2.10
Primary 3	2.15 to 2.25
Primary 4	2.30 to 2.40
Primary 5/6	2.45 to 2.55
Primary 6/7	3.00 to 3.10

In Service days – We are focusing on our use of digital technology, moderation of listening and talking, our health and wellbeing programme and maths planning. Also Mrs Service will meet the staff on Tuesday 12th and we will have a presentation by Malcolm Duckworth on safe and secure schools. We'll have a busy time.

Primary 7 transition to Banchory Academy

On Thursday 14th February our Primary 7 pupils will be starting their transition process to Banchory Academy. Mrs Pauline MacKinnon, who is part of the Support for Learning staff at the Academy will be providing initial information to our Primary 7's during the morning.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 20th February** to deliver a number of workshops for all our primary children.

Saturday 23rd February – Race Night (attachment)

Drumoak School Council are holding a Race Night at Drumoak Bowling Club. Tickets are available from the school office and from the School Council and cost £10 each. More information attached.

Sharing Assemblies We invite you to our Sharing Assemblies for this term.

Sharing Assemblies - 2pm in the school hall. Classroom visit after the assembly.

Friday 1 st March	Primary 4	Sharing Assembly
Friday 8 th March	Primary 3	Sharing Assembly

Dates for March:

Tuesday 5 th March	School Council meeting	
Tuesday 19 th March	Parent Interviews	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	Parent Interviews	5pm – 7pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Springtime Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.00noon
Friday 29 th March	Easter Service	11.15 am

New Photo/Video Consent Forms

New forms will be re-issued after the midterm break. This new photography and videography consent form for all schools will help to ensure we are complying with the Data Protection Act and new regulations brought forward by GDPR last year and will supersede the previous form.

If the form is not returned the school has to assume that consent has not been received by the parent/carer and has to be recorded as such.

School Website

Please refer to the school Website for details about the School Council. Minutes of the January meeting have now be added. The minutes of the meeting are attached as part of this newsletter.

Kids in the Kitchen: Sunday 3rd March

Drumoak Church Hall

Date	Menu	Time	Cost
Sunday 3 March	Mini ham and cheese dough balls and jammie dodgers (or biscuits)	11:00am-1:00pm	£15 per child

Children aged 5 and over are fine to be left by themselves. Under 5's require 1-1 supervision so you would be required to stay with them.

Please contact Lynne on 07764 852101 for further information or to book a place.

www.kidsinthekitchenaberdeen.co.uk

Cross Country Championships - Friday 15th March

Last year we were delighted to take a small but successful squad of runners to Balgowrie playing fields for the cross country championships. There are races for P5 to P7 boys and girls and we'd like to go again this year. The course is 1800m over relatively simple terrain.

If your son/daughter (s) are keen to take part please contact me (Fiona) on faithomson@gmail.com. We're limited to 6 runners per race but as we're quite small the more runners the better and all that's needed is team spirit and enthusiasm. We'll hopefully be able to do a team run or two before the day.

We'll also need parents to transport and look after children on the day so if you're available to help, let me know.

TFK 2019 (Attachment)

Banchory Lawn Tennis Club are looking to roll out the "Tennis for Kids" initiative again in 2019 at the beginning of March. This course is for kids aged 6 to 11. Tennis for Kids is a starter course for kids, comprising of 6 high quality sessions that introduce tennis to children in a fun and relaxed environment. More information attached.

Easter Holiday Camp – Banchory Sports Centre (Attachment)

Banchory Sports Centre are running an Easter Holiday Camp for week 1 of the holidays. Booking is now open. This can be done in 2 ways.

- online – an ID is required and this can be arranged by calling 01330 700363
- or in person at Banchory Sports Centre.

More information attached.

Be safe, Be respectful, Do Your Best, TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More)