

MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



Wow! My last formal newsletter and teaching month with the pupils! Lots going on in March.

I will be liaising with Mrs Lynn Service throughout March and in April we will be able to meet in the Easter holidays to transition fully. I will be arranging times for Mrs Service to meet the children and staff throughout March.

The weather has been amazing in February, historic, and no sign of any snow days, thank goodness.

We welcome the Cairns family who have joined us recently, Daniel is in Primary 2 and Matthew is in the Nursery. This brings our roll to 28 pupils in the Nursery and 121 pupils in the primary classes.

Last week the internet and our skype telephone line went down for over an hour. This resulted in parents unable to access the school by phone. If this happens again, which is a possibility, please contact the school mobile phone to leave **urgent** messages only on 0789 517 7248.

February update

Thanks to Paul Slater and Jennifer Currie who supported an exciting Science activity in class 5/6.

The Primary 3 and Primary 4 class thoroughly enjoyed their tennis taster session on Wednesday 27 February. We attach an email detailing Banchory Lawn Tennis Club's "Tennis for Kids" promotion.

Niamh, Reuben, Finlay and Rosie from Primary 7 attended a successful "Maths Challenge" morning at the Academy on Wednesday.

March

Website - Gillian McPetrie and the web club have been doing an excellent job in maintaining the website <http://drumoak.aberdeenshire.sch.uk> There is a lot of information about the school and how to support your child on the site.

Scottish National Standardised Assessments - Primary 4 pupils will be completing their assessments in reading, writing and maths throughout March. If you require further information, we have a number of leaflets in the school office.

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme - Our nursery has been chosen as one of the nominees for the Tesco Bags of Help. So when you are shopping at Tesco in Banchory please collect a blue token and vote for us. The successful organisation will be given £4000 to support improvements in the nursery environment.

Dates and events in March

Tuesday 5th 6.30pm	School Council meeting	The School Council will be meeting tomorrow. They have their own email account allowing you to contact them directly: drumoakschoolcouncil@gmail.com .
Wednesday 6th	"I can animate"	All Primary 5 pupils from Drumoak, Crathes and Durriss will be participating in an "I can animate" session from 0930 am - 2 30 pm. They will be working in threes and creating a story which they will animate.
Thursday 7th	Primary 7 transition	Pauline MacKinnon, a member of the SFL staff from Banchory Academy, will be visiting our Primary 7's again for a transition session in the school.
Thursday 7th	World Book Day	We look forward to having World Book Day on Thursday 7 March. No need for children to dress up this year.
Friday 8th	Primary 3 Sharing Assembly	Primary 3 will present their Sharing Assembly. It starts at 2pm in the school hall and a classroom visit will take place afterwards.
Friday 8th	Rugby training	Our final session of rugby training takes place. If any of your children are interested in participating in rugby, Deeside Rugby Club offer Saturday morning coaching at Woodend Barn in Banchory.
Friday 8th	Nursery Eye Screening	Some of the children in the nursery will be having their eye sight tested on this day.
Friday 8th	Film Evening	Poster attached Should be a great family film. Please spread the word.

Monday 11th	Science Workshops – funding provided by Drumoak School Council	We have invited Techfest Outreach team to provide a number of science workshops - details below:
Thursday 14th	Rotary Quiz	Fraser Amundrud will be representing Drumoak School in the annual Rotary Quiz. The small schools cluster is entering one team this year and Fraser will compete in a team of 4 against Banchory schools.
Friday 15th	National Dental Inspection Programme	All Primary 1 and Primary 7 children will have dental inspections. If you do not want your child to have this dental inspection, please inform the school office.
Friday 15th	Cross Country at Balgownie	A number of pupils will be participating in cross country running events. Thanks very much for all parents who are volunteering to drive our pupils to the event, also thanks to the Junior Jog parents who have established a phenomenal Friday morning running club. Well done!
Tuesday 19th	Parent Consultations 5pm to 7pm	Appointment times will be issued next week.
Tuesday 19th	Nursery open from 5pm to 7pm	The Nursery will be open for informal drop-ins.
Wednesday 20th	Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 5.30pm	Appointment times will be issued next week.
Wednesday 20th	Nursery am	The whole Nursery will be together practicing for our coffee morning in the morning.
Wednesday 20th	Forest Schools Primary 2 cluster event	Primary 2 pupils will be meeting their peers at Crathes School to have a cluster forest school event. They will be leaving at 0910 am and returning by 1215 pm.
Thursday 21st	Science evening at Banchory Academy 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Primary 7 pupils and families are invited to visit Banchory Academy for this evening. Further information to follow.

Friday 22nd	Forest Schools Primary 2 class event	Primary 4 pupils will also be involved with this. A letter will be distributed to the class with regard to this trip.
Friday 22nd	Nursery visit to Drum Castle	The whole Nursery will be together when they will be visiting Drum Castle.
Sunday 24th	EASTER TREASURE HUNT	Drum Castle, @ 3pm Come and join in the fun finding treasure in the beautiful Drum Castle woods. Find all the clues and you're in with the chance of winning an Egg-cellent prize! Teams of no more than 5 (incl at least one adult) can be entered on the day, but if you want to enter your team now, email angiebrand@rocketmail.com with your team members, and your team name. A donation for each team to raise funds for the Drumoak Junior Jog Club will be very gratefully received!
Sunday 24th	Deeside Badminton Tournament	Kyle Watson, Reuben Macaulay, Caleb Macaulay, Innes Tweedie, Fergus Roy, Aidan Brown, Cooper MacKinnon will represent the school in the boys singles. This tournament is in memory of a Drumoak man; Brian Chalmers who built up and supported Drumoak badminton for many years. We wish all our pupils to compete to the best of their abilities.
Tuesday 26th	Badminton Club	Final after school Badminton club session
Wednesday 27th	Springtime Coffee Morning	We will be hosting a Coffee and Open Morning. You are invited to have refreshments, visit the school and see each class do a presentation. Further information to follow this week.
Thursday 28th	P5,6 and 7 Opera Workshop 10am - funding provided by Drumoak School Council	Pupils from Crathes, Durriss and Drumoak are involved in a Scottish Opera production which will take place on Wednesday 17 April in the afternoon. This year's theme is the Jacobites - pupils will be practicing the songs throughout March and a musical director will be visiting the school on

Thursday 28 March to improve the songs. Two years ago, the children participated in Tam O'Shanter and this was a huge success. I would like to thank Drumoak School Council for providing the funds to enable this to happen.

**Friday 29th Easter Service
- Last day of
term 3**

We will be going to the Church Hall at 11.15am for an Easter Community Service.

Science Workshops - Monday 11 March we have invited Techfest Outreach team to provide a number of science workshops - details below:

P4 (19 pupils)	Dissolving and Solubility	9.15 - 10.15
P5/6 (24 pupils)	Science of Flight	11.15 - 12.15
P6/7 (24 pupils)	Great Scot!	13.45 - 14.45

Thanks to the School Council for help funding these workshops.

Attachments:-

School Council Film Night - Johnny English Strikes Again - Friday 8th March
Climate Week North East - 15th - 24th March
Easter Treasure Hunt - Sunday 24th March

Be safe, Be respectful, Do your best, TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More)