



October Newsletter



The term is racing on and autumn is starting to turn the leaves. Two weeks to go before our Tattie Holidays and it will be a busy couple of weeks. Our Primary 1 pupils have settled well and we are very pleased that they have managed six full weeks of school. They are beginning to learn the routines of a full day. Thanks to our Primary 6 and 7 pupils who have helped during break-time and lunch-times. They have been an invaluable support.

This week we have our parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday. You should have your allocated times already. The Nursery will have their Open Evening on Wednesday from 5pm.

On Friday we will have our Careers' Morning. This is a first time event for our Primary 6 and 7 pupils. We have contributions from 24 occupations for the pupils of Crathes, Durriss and Drumoak to listen to and compare. This event is part of the National Government's commitment to Developing the Young Workforce. The children will be "speed networking" listening to a brief presentation of a job and then will ask questions. We hope that they will benefit and be inspired by this. Thanks to all our volunteers which include Mains of Drum Garden Centre, Drumoak Kitchens, Trees R Us, SSPCA, Drum Castle, Vicki Stewart, Scott Fraser, Cheryl Dufton and Lyn Cowie.

Harvest Assembly

On Friday, Jean Boyd will be leading our annual Harvest Assembly in the School Hall.



If you would like to donate you can bring along either a donation of money for Mary's Meals or a donation of food for the foodbank. This can be forwarded to the Office by Friday.

Food for the foodbank needs to be in a packet or a tin and can include tins of soup, tinned meat, tinned fruit or vegetables, packets of rice or pasta, packets of tea, jars of coffee or toiletries, including nappies.

Thank you.

A few adult achievements

Congratulations to:

- Rebecca Hutcheon who completed her first marathon in Inverness last Sunday.
- A number of parents who successfully completed "The Beast Race" last Saturday at Knockburn Loch.
- Anne Wake who cycled from London to Paris in September - 300 miles over four days. "This was in a team of seven ladies called Team WoW (wifies on wheels). The original idea was to challenge myself for the year of my 40th, to get fit and raise money in doing so. We fundraised for Team Jak and CLAN and raised just over £12,000. Worth noting that Team WoW will carry on as a result of this and have more events planned for next year."
- Nathan Mery who competed in the Ironman event in South Africa.

House Points and House Captains:

Dalmaik – House Captain: Finlay Robertson 657 points

Drum – House Captain: Aedan Dufton 766 points

Dee – House Captain: Rosie Beaton 838 points

Park – House Captain: Niamh Smith – 803 points

Deeside Photographics – I am hoping that the order forms will be issued this week with a return date of next week for orders.

Next week:

Work Experience Pupil - We have a former pupil, Bethan Watson, with us on a work experience placement. She will be supporting classes throughout this week.

On Monday pupils will showcase to each other their Kodaly pieces.

On Monday morning Primary 1 will be visiting the SSPCA. Letter has been distributed today.

On Tuesday P5 to P7 Badminton Club will start – forms have been issued today to interested pupils. They need to be returned as soon as possible.

On Wednesday 10th the Nursery class will be visiting Crathes Castle.

On Thursday 11th you are welcome to attend a Stay and Play in the Nursery session.

Term 2

Class 6/7 trip to Gordon Highlanders – Wednesday 31st October. Pupils will be visiting this museum as part of their conflict topic. (Letter to follow)

During term 2 we have teaching specialists in French (Mrs Canessa), PE (Mr Witt) and Drama (Mrs Jardine).

School website

The school website is being updated – this week we will insert the new layout for our Vision, Values and Aims. Also we will place a copy of this year's School's Improvement Plan and a parent copy of a review of 2017 /18.

Residential trip reminder

P6/7 pupils – if your child is able to go on the residential trip, we will require the deposit before the October holidays.

Monday 05 November – Bags2School

Drumoak Eco Committee have organised a Bags2School collection for Monday 05 November. Bags to put your unwanted clothes, shoes and material will be distributed before the October break. This is a good exercise in reusing and recycling and also raises money for the school's environmental projects.

Dates for your diary

Friday 2 nd November	Bags2School collection day
Monday 5 th November	Annual Pantomime 9.30am
Tuesday 6 th November	School Council meeting 6.30pm
Monday 12 th November	In-Service Day
Tuesday 13 th November	In-Service Day
Wednesday 21 st November	Book Fair arrives
Wednesday 5 th December	Enterprise Fair 6pm
Friday 14 th December	Nursery Nativity 10am
	Interim report issued
Wednesday 19 th December	Primary 4 - 7 party 1.45 pm
Thursday 20 th December	Nursery party am. Primary 1 to 3 party 1.45pm
Friday 21 st December	Community Church Service 11.15am – End of Term 2

Sharing Assemblies – November

On November the 9th Class 5/6 and 6/7 will be presenting a Commemoration Sharing Assembly.

On Friday 23 November Primary 2 will be presenting their Sharing Assembly.

Paper attachments: Messy Church and P1 trip Letter.

Email attachments: Ranger Service and Teenage Poster for P6 and P7.