

# FEBRUARY/MARCH NEWSLETTER



*Our vision for Auchnagatt School is a secure, happy place to learn where everyone is encouraged to take pride in themselves, those around them and their work and where everyone's efforts are valued and celebrated.*

Dear Parents/Carers



## Community Cafés

It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of our school at the February Café enjoying a blether and a fine piece. The

Rights Respecting School Group also organised a book stall with a section of books for adults and a section of books for children. Please remember we always have a selection of donated books for adults and children in our foyer. These are all free to take away and are refreshed by the RRS group on a weekly basis so it is always worth popping in to see what is available.

Our next Community Café is on **Friday 26 April 10am - 11.30am**. I hope many of you will be able to come along, the P5-7 pupils love serving in the café and gain so many life skills in doing so.

We also have Café's on:

**Friday 31 May** - this will also be an open morning  
**Friday 28 June** - this will also be an open garden.

## Class Photos

Tempest Photographer will be in school tomorrow, Thursday, 29 February, to take **class photos**. Pupils are asked to wear their school uniform for this. This year the photos will be in the contemporary format.

## Student

We are delighted to welcome MA4 student Ms Abbie Taylor to our school. Ms Taylor will be working mainly in the P1-3 class for the rest of this term and a further 4 weeks next term.

## Curricular Event

Just a reminder that our Curricular Event on writing takes place on **Wednesday 6 March 3.15 - 4.15pm**. We aim to give you a very brief overview of how we teach a writing lesson in school before breaking into workshops so you can experience some of the activities we use in school to teach different aspects of writing and how these are developed as pupils progress in

their learning. Thank you to those parents who completed the Microsoft FORM to let us know they are able to attend. Unfortunately we have had a very disappointing response with only a few parents able to attend. If you and your child(ren) do wish to attend please contact the school directly.

## Library

As you know, we received funding to purchase both library furniture and new library books last session. We have been busy refurbishing our library and ordering lots of lovely new books. We will be holding a grand opening of our library for pupils only on **Wednesday 6 March**, prior to the Curricular Event. There will then be the opportunity for parents to visit our library and see the new books we have available during the Curricular Event.

## Class Visits

All classes are planning visits related to their topic work this term. More details will be sent out directly once these are finalised.

## World book Day

World Book Day falls on Thursday 7 March this year. Pupils will be issued with the Scholastic Book Club leaflet and World Book Day Tokens on Friday 1 March. World Book Day Tokens can be used as part payment for any books ordered through the Scholastic Book Club or can be used in any participating book shops. Further details, including the link for online ordering will be emailed on Friday.

## British Science Week



British week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths from 8 - 17

March. This year we have planned a whole school collaborative week of STEM activities on this year's theme of 'Time'. Each day the children will work on a different challenge in their mixed stage collaborative groups. On Friday 15 March they will use the skills and knowledge they have built up over the week in a final challenge.

Further information on British Science Week and how families can get involved can be found here:

[Education | Family engagement this British Science Week | British Science Association](#)

### Comic Relief

We will again mark Red Nose Day on Friday 15 March with activities in school which the Pupil Council are planning. They would like to invite pupils to wear something red or Comic Relief related, more details will be issued by the Pupil Council soon. We have ordered Red Noses to sell in school on Friday 15 March, please note we **only have enough Red Noses for one per pupil.**

### Reporting to Parents

As part of our reporting to parents process your child has already brought their Numeracy Jotter this term. Next **Friday, 8 March**, pupils will bring their French Passports home to give you a flavour of what your child has been learning in school, to discuss this with them and support them to share their knowledge and skills with you. You will have the opportunity to comment on their learning on a feedback form.

Written reports will be issued to parents on **Monday 18 March** with an open afternoon on **Tuesday 26 March from 2 - 3pm**. Parents' evenings will be held on **Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 March**. Parents are invited to make an appointment either on the Tuesday or Wednesday, sign up information for these will be issued with your child's report on Monday 18 March.

### Rugby

P5-7 are currently receiving rugby training organised through Active Schools. The aim is to hold a Rugby Festival for the Mintlaw Cluster Schools on Tuesday 26 March. More details to follow.

### Headlice

Head Lice are a common problem in school aged children. They can't be prevented, but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. Parents and carers should check their children's head once a week during hair

washing. You need your usual shampoo, conditioner, and a detection comb - ask your local pharmacist to recommend a suitable one. Remember that you are looking for living moving lice, the only evidence that your child is infected. If you find a living louse, ask your local pharmacist, school nurse, health visitor or GP for advice regarding treatment.

### Childhood Illnesses

There are a number of bugs on the go at the moment so I thought this link may be helpful for reference: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

### Parents Portal

Parentsportal.scot is a digital service to help replace the traditional school bag run by providing direct communication to parents and carers through a growing selection of online services.

As parentsportal.scot is securely linked to your [myAberdeenshire](#) account it also makes it a one-stop-shop for digital services already available in Aberdeenshire.

Click on link for further information

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/parents-portal/>

If you have not already signed up to this service I would encourage you to do so, if you have any problems please contact Mrs Crawford in the school office for support.

### Online Safety

I have again included the ThinkUKnow website which has a wealth of trusted information for parents and pupils which is regularly updated as well as advice on where to go for help.



[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=03f521e658-TUK ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME 21 04 20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-03f521e658-54385293](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=03f521e658-TUK ONLINE SAFETY AT HOME 21 04 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-03f521e658-54385293)

As well as this Parent Club have a resource to help keep children safe online - see below for further information:

[Online Safety | Parent Club](#)

## Diary Dates

Thurs 29 Feb	Tempest – Class Photo
Wed 6 Mar	Library Grand Opening
Wed 6 Mar	Curricular Event – Writing
Thurs 7 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8 Mar	Modern Language to go home
Mon 11 Mar	Modern Language returned to school
Wed 13 Mar	P1-3 & P5-7 Skelmonae Wind Farm Visit
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 18 to Wed 20 Mar	P7 – Loch Insh Residential Trip
Mon 18 Mar	Written Reports issued
Wed 20 Mar	Ellon Academy Parents Evening
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Rugby Festival
Tues 26 Mar	Open Afternoon 2-3pm
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evening
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evening
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of Spring Term
Fri 29 Mar	Holiday
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April - Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>
Fri 26 April	Community Café 10-11.30am
Mon 6 May	Holiday
Fri 31 May	Community Café & Open Morning 10-11.30am
Mon 3 June	Occasional Day Holiday
Fri 28 June	Community Café & Open Garden 10-11.30am
Fri 5 July	End of Summer Term
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Holiday
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> August	In Service Day
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	New School Year Starts

Holidays – school closed to all

In-service days – school closed to pupils only

Yours sincerely

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