



## WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending 19th January 2024



Dear Families,

A huge thank you to all our families for their patience and understanding this week. It is always a difficult decision to make changes to the school routine, we consider many different factors in doing so. A delayed start to the day allows our school community to travel safely without too much disruption to learning. When school does have to close we minimise this disruption by providing tasks and activities to do at home through email or using Teams (P6-P7).

We were delighted to see so many pupils engaging with learning online. We are aware that some families (P1-P5) did not receive an email with the daily plan. We use a system call 'Groupcall' to send messages from school, they do not come directly from the school office. If you are having difficulty with the system, please contact the school office ([hillofbanchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:hillofbanchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)) so we can look into this for you.

Again, thank you for your support this week, it is very much appreciated.

### Touch of Tartan Day

This year we will be celebrating Burns' Day by inviting everyone to wear a touch of tartan.

This will be on Thursday 25th January.



### Fun in the Snow

Snow brings an extra dimension of fun to our playground. It gives opportunities for creativity, cooperation and teamwork!



## Hill of Banchory School and Nursery Facebook Group

Use this link: [Facebook](#) or scan the QR code to find our page.



This has been a very useful tool for communication this week!

## Spotlight on... UNCRC

Our Rights Respecting Pupil Group spoke confidently at the whole school assembly to update everyone on our focus this year as a UNICEF Rights Respecting School. They were excited to let everyone know that we are now working towards our Silver Award! The group launched our newly designed HOBs articles, which share many of the rights of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) with everyone.



Please look out for these when you are in school!



The group reminded us that ALL children, no matter who they are or where they live, have these rights. You may have seen on the news that Scotland is the first nation to make the UNCRC part of law.

Calling all adults! Did you know that you are 'duty bearers'? The Rights Group also reminded us about this important job. Duty bearers need to help all children to be healthy, safe, listened to and able to reach their full potential.

We already do lots at HOBs to make sure we all respect our rights. The Rights Group are starting to share more ideas with their classes for our Silver Award so please look out for our next update! You can read more about UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools and the UNCRC at:

[UN Convention on the Rights of the Child - UNICEF UK](#)



## Parent Council Meeting

The next parent council meeting will on Tuesday 23rd January, 6.30pm in the staff room. All welcome!



## **How to discuss any concerns:**

If you have a concern about your child, please request a phone call from their class teacher in the first instance. Staff will return the call as soon as possible. Should the matter require further discussion, please contact the relevant member of the senior management team. Mrs McNelis will be the point of contact for children in Nursery, Mrs Burr will be the point of contact for P1, Mrs Cooper will be the point of contact for children in P2- P4 and Mrs Lawson will be the point of contact for children in P5-7.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Please find below link that will allow you to download the school calendar to your phone: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/27286/2022-2023-school-holidays.ics>

The occasional days will not be automatically updated by using the above link however they are detailed below:

### **Term 3**

23rd January— Parent Council Meeting 6.30pm

25th January—Burns' Celebrations

9th February - Local holiday

12th February - Mid-term holiday

13th-14 February - In-Service days

14th March - School Disco

18th - 22nd March - Reporting Week

28th March - Term ends

### **Term 4**

15th April - Term begins

6th May - Holiday

21st May - Sports Day

28th May - Sports Day reserve

13th June - School Disco

3rd June - Local holiday

5th July - Term ends