



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending 2nd February 2024



Dear Families,

We hope everyone enjoys a few days off for the mid-term holiday at the end of next week. Please be aware our next bulletin will be issued on Friday 23rd February. Updates and successes will continue to be shared via our Facebook page.



Please remember Hill of Banchory School and Nursery will be closed for half term on Friday 9th February - Wednesday 14th February. Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th February are in-service days where our staff will be focussing on developing school priorities.

Enjoy the well earned rest!

Languages Week Scotland



P5L used their technology skills to research greetings in different languages around the world and look at flag designs for the countries they chose. We discovered words in other languages some of us speak at home. We have been sharing and practising some of the greetings we have been learning!

Article 13 I have the right to find out and share information.

Article 30 I have the right to speak my own language and follow my family's way of life.

Thank you to everyone who let us know all the different ways our school community say 'Hello' in the language they speak at home. It's not too late to contribute, just let your class teacher know!

Hill of Banchory School and Nursery Facebook Group

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



Thinking Day 2024

Thinking Day is fast approaching in the Guiding calendar on 22nd February. On this day we would like to invite all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Girl Scouts to wear their uniform to school on **Thursday 22nd February** to celebrate and promote Girlguiding in our community.



Active Schools Round Up by Mark Borzoni, Active Schools Coordinator



It has been a great start to the school year at Hill of Banchory. At present there are 5 Active Schools extra-curricular clubs running for pupils in P4 – P7, with just short of 25% of the school roll in attendance. These clubs are run by a mixture of school staff, parents, and pupils from Banchory Academy, and have continued to go from strength to strength as the year has progressed. The school was also really well represented at the Active Schools holiday programme activities during the Summer and October breaks.

Looking ahead to the current term, discussions are continuing with Deeside Rugby Club with a view to their new Development Officer delivering both curricular and extra - curricular sessions in the Banchory network schools. In addition, contact is ongoing with representatives from Banchory Martial Arts, Aberdeen and District Table Tennis Association, and Scottish Squash, around running similar programmes in their respective sports. I'm also pleased to say that this year's Active Schools South Aberdeenshire Running Series has just launched, with pupils from P1 – P7 having the opportunity to enter 5 races across the area between the months of February and June.

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MARTIAL ART



Any ability to learn	Confidence & Self esteem	Challenge & Achievement
Focus & Concentration	Balance & Control	Motivation
Team & Teamwork	Discipline & Respect	Communication
Information & Evidence	Expert & Trainee	Drive & Fine motor skills

HIGHLY COMMENDED CLUB OF THE YEAR

FREE beginners introductory class

Banchory Town Hall

Tuesday 6pm - 7pm Thursday 5.15pm - 6pm

The North East's most popular martial art for adults and children.

CLUB SPORT Contact Master Bruce Wood : 07736 641985

Run Fun 2024

P1-P7 Cross Country Series

Aboyne Green, Aboyne - Monday 11th March
Mineralwell Park, Stonehaven - Wednesday 27th March
Mearns Academy, Laurencekirk - Thursday 25th April
Portlethen Community Woodland Park - Monday 13th May
Deeside Rugby Club, Banchory - Wednesday 12th June

Registration to close at 12.00pm at each venue with the first race starting soon after.
Approximate distances: P1 P3 (600m) P4 P5 (1km) P6 P7 (1.5km)

Book here: bit.ly/asabevents

ActiveSchoolsAberdeenshireSouth ASABerdeenshire

£3 per run!

QUIZ NIGHT

We will be holding a quiz night upstairs in Scott Skinners on Saturday 2 March to raise money for the school. We are very lucky to have local celeb AiberdeenMannie hosting it for us.

TICKETS ARE £20 PER TEAM OF 4 AND AVAILABLE HERE:

HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/HOBPTA/INDEX.CFM?EVENT=EVENTSEVENTID=75834

THIS IS AN ADULTS ONLY EVENT SO BE SURE TO BOOK IN YOUR BABYSITTERS AND GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER ASAP.



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

- 9th February - Local holiday
- 12th February - Mid-term holiday
- 13th-14 February - In-Service days
- 14th March - School Disco
- 18th - 22nd March - Reporting Week
- 22nd March - Tempest Photography Class Photos
- 25th March - Tempest Photography Nursery Photos
- 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