



Dear Families,

We hope everyone enjoys a few days off for the midterm 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: <u>Facebook</u> 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.



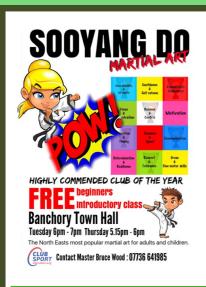
Active Schools Round Up by Mark Borzoni, Active Schools Coordinator



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.







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