



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending 1st March 2024



Dear Families,

It has been a busy week here at HOBS, the feeling of Spring is definitely in the air!

Bakes and Cakes - a Pupil Enterprise

We are a small business called BakesAndCakes and we are baking cakes. You can buy a cake for only 50p because we are helping the school to get some brand new equipment. We are selling the cakes on Thursdays at breaktime.

P4 and P5M can buy cake on **Thursday 14th March** at breaktime

P6 and P5L can buy cake on **Thursday 21st March** at breaktime

P7 can buy cake on **Thursday 28th March** at breaktime

Only 50p a cake

P3 Visitor

This week the world of work visited HOBS. It was a pleasure to welcome Kelly Brazewell to P3E and P3M this week. You might recognise Kelly - she works at Banchory Library!



P3 were learning all about how libraries are organised, the alphabetic system for finding books and how you borrow all the different resources on offer. Kelly spoke about all the different clubs and groups that use the library, it really is the heart of the community.



Our learners then got the opportunity to ask many questions before they set up a HOBS library in the Imagine zone.

Thank you so much to Kelly for giving up her time.

We always welcome parents into our school to talk about the world of work. If you are interested in sharing your experiences, please email the school.

Hill of Banchory School and Nursery Facebook Group

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



Staffing News

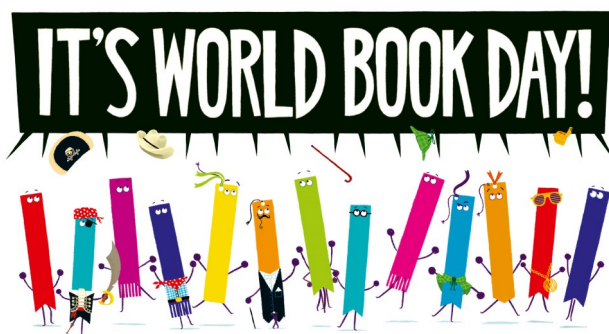
We have recently welcomed Mr Underwood and Miss Payne from the University of Aberdeen who are working alongside teachers in P3E and P1L respectively. We hope they enjoy their experience at HOBS.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs McClure who will be joining the teaching team in P3E on Monday 11th March. She is looking forward to meeting the class next week. We have also said a fond farewell to Mrs Wyness, one of our yellow ladies. Mrs Wyness worked across many of the classes at HOBS and was a popular figure in our playground. We want to thank her for her hard work and wish her well for the future.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on *Thursday 7th March!* Don't forget our Eco-Committee Big Book Swap. If you want to take part bring along a book to donate then swap it for another title you haven't read before!

We would like to invite everyone to bring a book to read on World Book Day. There will be special bing-bongs at random times where everyone will D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read!). Everyone in school will also receive their £1 book token which used in a variety of shops. Look out for the special £1 books from some of our favourite authors.



Parent Council

The next parent council meeting is on Tuesday 5th March, 6.30pm. You can join in person or online using the link:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 361 351 190 693

Passcode: jAuAEz

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

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