



WEEKLY BULLETIN Week Ending 8th March 2024



Dear Families,

HOBS can Disco well! That was the quote of the night from our DJ. Thank you to everyone for supporting our Spring discos. Special thanks also goes to the many parent volunteers who helped the evening run smoothly and joined in with the fun.



Hill of Banchory Survey 2024

At Hill of Banchory we are committed to working together and seeking the views of pupils, staff and parents about the work of the school. It's important we recognise our successes and identify our next steps for improvement.

With this in mind, The Pupil Council invite you to take part in our annual survey.



An email will be sent with the link for the survey and a short video from The Pupil Council. Thank you!

Bakes and Cakes - a Pupil Enterprise

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

Hill of Banchory School and Nursery Facebook Group

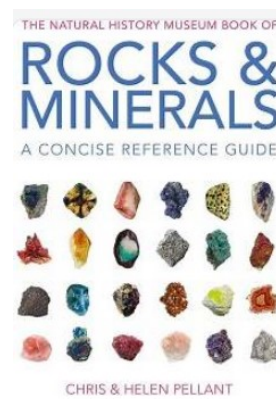
Use this link: [Facebook](#) or scan the QR code to find our page.



Spotlight on... Our Library

Over the past few months a team of amazing volunteers have spent time updating, refiling and refreshing our library area. It is great to see new signage that helps us to find what we are looking for. Look out for new titles hitting the shelves soon too.

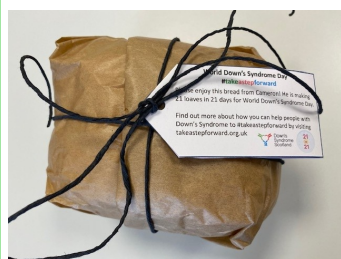
With this in mind, Mrs Killeen had a great idea! Some of the children have shown interest in learning about different countries, attractions and holiday destinations. If you have any guide books from attractions or countries we would be delighted to receive them to stock up this part of the library! Leave any donations at the front office.



World Down's Syndrome Day 2024

HOBS will be celebrating World Down's Syndrome day on **Thursday 21st March**. We would like to encourage everyone to wear odd socks on the day - the brighter the better!

A big well done to Cameron (P7R) who is almost through his challenge of baking 21 loaves of bread in 21 days - many of our staff have been lucky enough to receive a loaf, they are delicious!



For more information about how you can help people with Down's Syndrome to #takeastepforward by visiting takeastepforward.org.uk



P5 Visit Curl Aberdeen

Both our P5 classes enjoyed the experience of a visit to Curl Aberdeen. Kitted out in our cosy clothes, the first thing to learn was how to move safely on the ice. Before we knew it, we were learning new skills of 'throwing' the stone, controlling the speed of it by sweeping, and playing friendly, competitive games! It was a challenging, exciting and fun morning for everyone - well done, P5!



Links to UNCRC...

Article 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, respect for others' rights and the environment.

Article 31: I have the right to relax and play.

Albyn Cross Country Event



On Friday, a team of HOBBS Hurricanes took part in the Aberdeen and Shire Cross Country Event at Balgownie, Aberdeen. The recent rainy conditions meant the course was challenging with sticky mud ankle high in some parts.



Our team represented the school wonderfully, with some superb performances. A special mention must go to the P7

girls team who just missed out on the bronze medal.

Thank you to all the parents who help to train the Hurricanes and who gave up their time to supervise at the event and to Mr Witt for organising.



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

21st March World Down's Syndrome Day
22nd March - Tempest Photography Class Photos
25th - 28th March - Reporting Week
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