



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Week Ending 22nd March 2024

Dear Families,

This will be the last Weekly Bulletin this term. Hill of Banchory School will close for P1-7 pupils and staff on Thursday 28th March returning on Monday 15th April. Our nursery is closed only on Friday 29th March.

We wish all our school community a restful break. We are already looking forward to a fantastic summer term, the last in session 23-24. To those families who are moving on from HOBS - we wish you well for the future.



Staffing News

We would like to extend a warm welcome to new staff members here at HOBS.

Mrs McClure has enjoyed her first couple of weeks teaching in P3M. She has settled in to the P3 teaching team perfectly.

Mrs Swords and Mrs Lungah have joined our wonderful team of 'Yellow Ladies'. They will be working alongside teachers across our school as well as supporting pupils in the playground.

Reporting Week

Next week is our reporting week. You will receive your child's annual report via email. Alongside this, your child has been reflecting on their own learning by preparing a Learner's Statement. Both documents will help you to understand and celebrate your child's learning journey this session.

Bakes and Cakes - a Pupil Enterprise

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.



HOBs musicians perform with famous violinist Nicola Benedetti!

Abigail, Anya (both P5) and Rosanna (P7), some of our talented musicians, took part in amazing experience last weekend at the 'Benedetti Sessions' in the Music Hall in Aberdeen!

This included workshops to develop their violin skills and performances of several pieces of music with an enormous string orchestra. Learning from and playing alongside the extraordinary Nicola Benedetti was an inspiring opportunity for the girls.



Odd Socks Thursday -

World Down Syndrome Day 2024

Thank you to everyone who brought a little more colour to HOBs on Thursday. It was great to see everyone wearing their odd socks with pride. HUGE congratulations to Cameron who finished his baking challenge successfully. The bread was delicious and appreciated by everyone.



Parent Council Easter Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the Parent Council Easter competition. The foyer looked fantastic with all the imaginative created displayed. We hope the winners enjoyed their prizes. A HUGE thank you to the Parent Council for providing the prizes and treat for everyone who entered.

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

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