

## Summer Newsletter

Welcome back to Term 4! The last term is always jam packed with events, trips and taking our learning outdoors as the weather improves (fingers crossed!).

Keep checking the weekly bulletin which will keep everyone up-to-date with important dates and times for school and class events. There are lots of opportunities in the coming weeks to make memories, say fond farewells to our oldest pupils as well as welcome new and eager learners to Hill of Banchory. Exciting times ahead!

### **HOB Fun Run**

Preparations are well underway for this year's HOB Fun Run on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May. For more details and to enter, please following this link: [HOB Fun Run. - EntryCentral](#)

We would like to say a huge thank you to the committee who organise the event.

### **Health and Wellbeing**

#### *Citius, Altius, Fortius*

The Olympic motto of **Faster, Higher, Stronger** will shape our PE learning this term.

P1-3 will focus on running, throwing and jumping working hard to achieve personal best scores. P4-7 pupils will be working in teams as they progress through the athletics work in preparation for sports day. In their teams they will take on different roles of performing, time keeping, measuring, and coaching. Pupils will score points for their teams at various athletic events and get extra points for achieving personal best jumps, throws and running times. Teams will compete against each other to see which teams end up in bronze, silver, or gold positions.

Olympic team events will also be highlighted with learners developing skills such as rolling, catching and striking. Towards the end of term pupils will be put into teams where they will get the opportunity to create a team name, create a kit, design a logo for that team, mascot

and play an adapted cricket tournament. This links to the creation of the new "Hundred" competition that has recently taken place.

[The Hundred](#)

**Please remember that we now wear our red jumper uniform over PE kits and we no longer welcome football badges into school**

Long hair should be tied back and jewellery removed, earrings should be taped over.

Monday	P3E, P4R, P7B, P7R
Tuesday	P3M, P5L, P5M, P6B, P6F
Wednesday	P1L, P1S, P2/1, P3E, P4M, P5L, P5M
Thursday	P1L, P2/1, P2A, P3M, P4R, P6B
Friday	P2A, P4M, P7B, P7R

Our *Star Café* will continue to celebrate individual achievements every Friday and our P7 House Captains are doing a fantastic job in the planning and running of this.



## Nursery

A warm welcome back for all our children and staff who had time off over the Easter holidays.

We have been delighted to see the sun making an appearance recently and would like to remind all our families the importance of applying suncream before your child's session.

Term 4 is a very busy term for us with lots of exciting things planned:

### Pre-school trip



Our trip to Castle Fraser for the pre-school children ONLY has been re-arranged to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 (9AM-3PM). If your child is unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible.

### Sponsored walk

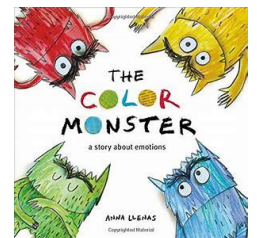
The staff are busy planning our sponsored walk, this was a great success last year and the children loved taking part. Please keep an eye out for confirmed plans on learning journals.

### Transitions

We are currently working with the school to plan for our primary one transition visits. If you have any questions the main point of contact for nursery is Sarah Fraser (EYLP). All transition plans will be confirmed soon.

### Emotional regulation/ The colour monster

Our learning focus for term 4 will be emotional regulation /expression, we have plans in place to use the colour monster story to support a child friendly approach. The aim is for all children to explore different emotions and build the confidence to speak about how they are feeling.



### Sports day

Please keep an eye out for nursery sports day plans, we are aiming to post our plans on learning journals by the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 2024- we hope to see you all there.

### Pre-school Graduation

We are excited to plan our Pre-school Graduation ceremony again this year, it is a lovely celebration for all our school leavers and their families to be a part of. The ceremony will be planned for closer to the end of term, please keep an eye out for your invitation.

### Primary 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are ready for a fun and exciting summer term in Primary 1!



In Maths this term we will investigate number sequences to 30 and beyond. You will see us having fun with fractions, exploring super symmetry and doing some marvellous measuring!

In Literacy our phonics fun will continue as we are introduced to more digraphs and common words to help us read, write and spell with greater independence. Please continue to help us by practising these regularly at home. We will continue to develop independent writing skills using the 'Talk 4 Writing' approach and we have an exciting text to explore.



We will spend the first half of the term finding out about the wonder of the universe and what exists beyond Planet Earth before turning into little explorers and investigating the wonder of nature closer to home.

We wonder what we will discover in our school grounds!

Throughout the term we will be taking our learning outdoors as much as possible so keep your fingers crossed for some lovely weather!



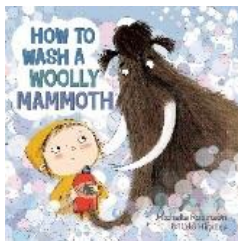
## Primary 2

Welcome back to the final term of P2. We have a busy and exciting time ahead!

How does your garden grow? This is the question we will be exploring next term. We will be distinguishing between living and non-living things, undertaking experiments with plants, exploring food chains and of course planting. We will even be heading further afield when we travel to the Duthie Park to complete a Fascinating Plant Trail with the rangers.



Maths this term will see us extending our number range and using these numbers when we add, subtract and solve problems. Now that we can count in 2, 5, and 10's we will think about how this links to beginning to learn our times tables. We will also be learning about time, playing games and exploring clocks to help us on our way.



Do you know how to wash a woolly mammoth? Through our Talk4Writing activities we will tell you how and then go on to write instructions of our own. Anything you need to know – we will break it down into steps for you!

We are looking forward to growing together this term!

## Primary 3

Welcome to Term 4 – the last in P3. Let's make it a great one. We kick off this term thinking about how our rights and responsibilities as citizens of Banchory, Scotland and the wider world. We will be on the lookout for ways to make our local area a safe and happy place for our community. We will also explore our own unique skills and talents, matching these with potential jobs and careers in the future. Watch out for opportunities for our grown-ups to tell us all about how they spend their day at work. Will we be the apprentices of the future?



As the weather warms up (hopefully) we will move on to explore food, it's sources and production. We will research local produce and farming methods as well as investigate food miles and eating seasonally. We won't forget links to healthy food as fuel during Health Week. All that learning is sure to make us hungry!

Our initial writing focus will see us explore newspapers and the style of writing used to report facts and stories. Fingers crossed... we will move on to writing our own wishing tales using the famous story of King Midas and his magic touch. Our imaginations will be called into action when developing our own main characters, bringing them to life through description. I'm sure the final pieces will have their own golden touches to make them great!



In Health and Wellbeing we will focus on how we continue to grow and change as we get older. Think of all the things we can do now that we are ending P3. Part of the focus will be looking at how we continue to change through RSHP inputs. More information will follow soon.

Numbers are the name of the game in maths as we sharpen up our skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. An ongoing target is always to increase the speed and accuracy of our mental maths. Sumdog is a great way to do this at home.

### **Primary 4**

It's almost the end of Primary four! Wow, time flies when you're having fun!





P4 will be using their maths time to be investigators and researchers. We will be gathering data from primary resources including other classes within the school, by asking questions and recording answers. We will then learn how to display this data in various ways, including block graphs, bar graphs, tables, Carroll and Venn diagrams. All our number work will be called into action when we apply our strategies and knowledge together to understand and solve word problems.

Do you know how to trap a troll? Well, P4 will be your guide as we learn how to be instructors. Are you on the edge of your seat yet? We will keep you on your toes as we learn skills in suspense writing.



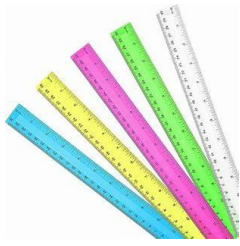
Engineers, biologists, and farmers- oh my! Through hands on experiments with electricity, P4 will be learning how electricity travels and its importance in our daily lives not to mention all the safety tips and knowledge we need to be safe around those sparks. Later in the term it is all about growing. We will be learning how to grow living things sustainably investigating food chains. We will learn how the food we eat is produced following the farm to fork philosophy. All our learning will come together when we create a menu and meal from right on their doorstep in Scotland.

It's going to be an exciting Term 4!

### **Primary 5**

Summer term means warmer days with hopefully lots of sunshine! We'll be taking full advantage and hope to have lots of exciting outdoor learning opportunities across the curriculum.

In maths we will be using games and challenges to explore measure using a variety of tools – for this, please make sure your child has their own 30cm ruler each day. We will investigate weight and volume through practical activities. Next, we will explore 'time' using digital and analogue clocks. We will use real life timetables and schedules to plan virtual trips and events – essential skills for life. Learning through problem solving is a great way to not only show off the skills we learn in measurement and data handling but it is also a great way to consolidate our number skills. Using the language of probability, we will decide the likelihood of events happening or not. We are certain that our numeracy will improve in the final term of P5!



We will continue to nurture our love of reading with weekly group sessions as well as our class novel 'Stig of the Dump'. Do any of you at home remember this literary classic? Our Talk for Writing will focus on recount writing and meeting tales.



Our Health and Wellbeing will continue to focus on key themes around friendship, emotional wellbeing and how we see ourselves positively.

Let's have a positive end of P5!

## Primary 6

Welcome back to our final term in Primary 6! We have lots of exciting activities planned and we can't wait to get started!



We will be exploring our school values further in our Health and Wellbeing by learning about many different aspects of Neurodiversity. Following this



we will extend our learning on relationships and parenting, helping us to understand more about our bodies as they change and grow. More information about this will be shared in due course.

In Maths it is time to learn about time! We will also be exploring money, expressions and equations, and patterns and relationships. We will be applying the numeracy we have already learned into these new contexts to sharpen up our skills!

In Talk 4 Writing we will be focusing on non-chronological reports, recounts and adventure stories. We will continue our focus on spelling and applying rules we have covered to our written work. Our research skills will continue to be honed when planning and preparing presentations to share with others.



In PE, we will get the opportunity to experience cricket. As always, athletics skills will be showcased on Sports Day during a fun packed Health Week. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

### **Primary 7**

Primary 7, welcome to your final term at HOB...Let's make it one to remember! Our aim for this term is to support everyone to feel excited and confident about their next step. We know it might feel like a rollercoaster of emotions for some (and we don't just mean the parents), but we will be with you every step of the way.



Bring on Pythagoras! In maths we will be looking at basic equations and developing algebraic thinking. We will recap strategies related to the four operations, measure, shape, position and movement and angles.

Our Talk4Writing inputs will centre on persuasive writing, debating and giving reasons for and against a current topic.

Health and Wellbeing will keep us busy as we look at the impact legal and illegal drugs have. As we grow and develop, we will reflect on the changes we have already gone through and prepare ourselves for what might happen next, we will find out more about relationships and the skills parents need to look after babies.

And before we say goodbye for one last time, we will have visits to the Academy to explore, meet our classes, our teachers and make new friends. We are looking forward to our adventure in Lagganlia where we will make memories and celebrate our achievements...and did someone mention a show?!? We better get started.....

