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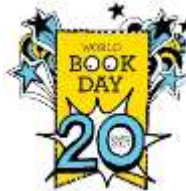
Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has just flown by! There have been lots of exciting events happening in school over the past few weeks and there has been a lovely buzz around the school. As we approach the Easter break, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a restful holiday.

Heather Grant
Head Teacher (Acting)

World Book Day

Thanks to the Bervie Bookworms for organising lots of great events for World Book Day! It was great to see everyone dressed up as favourite book characters and hunting for Where's Wally. Primary 6 also held a fantastic Community Café to raise funds for the Scottish Book Trust. The children were excellent hosts and we had lots of happy customers!



Curriculum Evening

Many thanks to those of you who attended our Curriculum Evening on 22nd February. The theme was supporting learners at Bervie School. There was lots of positive feedback from the evening, with the majority of people agreeing that they had a better understanding of the range of ways in which we support learners. A leaflet has been emailed to you and is also available on our website.

Groupcall Xpressions App

We will begin to use our new communication system, Groupcall Xpressions from Monday 13th March. Many thanks to those of you who have already downloaded the app. The new system allows us to send information in a variety of ways including via push notification. From Monday, if you have not reported your child's absence by 9.30 then you will receive a message from the office asking you to contact the school. As always, if your contact details change, please inform the school office.

Upcoming Events

March 14

P7 Ardeonaig Information Session – 6pm

March 21

Join the Learning Sessions

March 24

Red Nose Day

Earth Hour Activity

March 29

Celebration Assembly

March 31

Dress as you please / End of Term

#FeedbackBPS

We are using the hashtag #Feedback BPS to collect feedback from school events on Twitter. We love to hear your feedback and this is a quick and easy way to give it. Specific issues or queries should be reported to the school office to ensure we can respond appropriately and maintain confidentiality.

Head Lice

We have had several reports from parents and carers of cases of head lice in school this term. We follow Aberdeenshire's policy on this as outlined in our school handbook:

Please check your child's head regularly and notify the school if you find head lice. Current advice on the treatment of head lice is available from your local pharmacist. Aberdeenshire Council has an authority wide policy for dealing with cases of head lice in schools. These procedures are followed in Bervie School as follows:

- 1. When a parent notifies the school that a child has head lice, the parent will be offered the NHS Health Scotland information leaflet.*
- 2. Parents of other pupils in the class will not be notified unless 10% of the pupils have been noted as having head lice within a two week period.*
- 3. When head lice are detected in a child by school staff, the NHS Health Scotland information leaflet will be sent to the parent concerned.*
- 4. Children need not be excluded from school before the end of the day and should return after the first treatment has been applied.*
- 5. The School Nurse can be contacted for help and advice if necessary.*

I have attached a letter from the school nurse which was issued to all families in November as a reminder of advice for dealing with head lice.

Comic Relief

The Business Brains are busy working on arrangements for Red Nose Day which will be held on Friday 24th March. Look out for more information coming soon!



Eco Group

The Eco Group are looking forward to Earth Hour Activities which will be held in school on Friday 24th March. There will be a range of activities for children to take part in which involve looking at ways to save energy. All activities will happen during the school day and will be free of charge.



P2 on World Book Day with Mary Poppins!

School Holiday Dates

March 31

End of term 3

April 17

Easter Monday - Holiday

April 18

Term 4 begins

May 1

May Bank Holiday

June 30

End of term 4

In the news...

Keep an eye on local newspapers! Our work on the Cutty Sark for the community museum is being given lots of publicity in the local press. Look out for familiar faces!



Road Safety

Our Junior Road Safety Officers are working on a presentation about scooter and cycle safety which will be shown at assembly soon. A few concerns have been raised recently about the safety of some children on bikes, particularly on the main road. We ask that you remind your child of the importance of wearing a helmet and following road safety guidelines.

Homework

We will shortly be sending home information about changes to homework. We will be trialing a new approach to homework between Easter and Summer as part of our work on Visible Learning.



Staff Development Days

The two staff development days in February were very busy! Our work focused around our Improvement Priorities for the year. The majority of teaching staff attended a seminar with James Nottingham, the Visible Learning 'Guru' at Meldrum Academy. This was an excellent session which really everyone enjoyed. Following the session we evaluated our current actions in Visible Learning and planned next steps. Other staff attended sessions on Numicon, Calm Training and French sessions. Teaching staff also continued to develop numeracy planners and consider resources needed to support learning and teaching in numeracy.

Join the Learning

We are hosting Join the Learning sessions on Tuesday 21st March. A formal invite will be sent to invite you to come along and join in with your children's learning in class. Our Join the Learning sessions are part of our annual reporting activities and allow you to see your child's learning in action! We look forward to seeing you all.



Annual Reports and Parent Consultations

Staff have been busy working on the children's annual reports. The reports will be sent home on 18th April. We will hold parent consultations on 26th and 27th April. A letter with details of appointment times will be sent to you nearer the time.



P7 enjoying the Samba Workshop



Community Group entertain residents at Hanover Court

Message from Friends of Bervie School



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