

## ABERDEENSHIRE EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 3! Please see below for events and activities this term.

### **Farewell Mrs Duncan**

Mrs Duncan's last day with us will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January. We wish her all the very best in her new venture. If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, then please donate by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Corum Life Education – ALEC Visit**

This term we are delighted to welcome back the LifeSpace tent into school on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January**. These workshops provide high-quality experiences and develop essential life skills. The sessions support the teaching of emotional and physical wellbeing in line with Scotland's Curriculum of Excellence. Please see below for the programme of events.

#### **Feelings – P1-P3**

This workshop considers what our bodies need to stay physically and emotionally healthy.

#### **It's Great to be Me – P4-P7**

Using the Wellbeing Wheel, the Five Ways to Emotional Wellbeing are explored. The workshop also considers how to ensure that online behaviour is healthy and balanced.

**P7 children only** will discuss the theme of drugs. They will consider how drugs have medical and/or non-medical uses. Tobacco, alcohol, cannabis and solvents – and any other drugs that children ask about – are all touched on in this programme. They learn about the basic laws on drugs and how drug misuse can affect a young person's future aspirations. Through the use of specially created films and role-play, the children explore aspects of peer dynamics and risk-taking in relation to alcohol and devise strategies for managing both influence and risk. Children consider the types of activities most young people enjoy doing which do not present the same risks as using drugs, legal or illegal.

Please see the video link below for parents that gives more information regarding Coram Life Education programme.

[https://youtu.be/AztpHJNo\\_Gg](https://youtu.be/AztpHJNo_Gg)

### **Playground Leaders**

Play leaders is a programme designed for the **P6/7** pupils. It is an introduction to leadership within sport and the delivery of games and activities to younger children. It builds pupil confidence when speaking in front of others and gives children the opportunity to learn about risk assessments and safety. Badges and certificates are awarded on completion of the course. Active Sports will lead this with our P6/7 pupils during January and February.

### **After School Running Club**

There is an opportunity for the **P4-P7** children to take part in an after school running club with Active Schools at Keithhall. This will start on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January until Wednesday 22<sup>th</sup> February between 3:15 pm and 4:15 pm. Please see the attached online form for completion if your child/children would like to join the running club for these sessions. If the weather is too bad for running outside, then children will remain in school for fun games and indoor gym. Please ensure that children bring to school suitable outdoor running footwear and clothes to change into on the day.

### **Bible Alive**

Bible Alive is a programme that teaches P4 – P7 children the whole story line of the Bible in a series of interactive multi-media lessons. It has been designed to contribute to the experiences and outcomes in the RME section of Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence. Bible Alive uses story-telling, music, drama, puppets, quizzes, activities, props and costumes to bring the Bible to life. This will be delivered by Mr Graeme Smith in school during January and February.

### **World Book Day**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a book character on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The day will be filled with lots of exciting ways to promote reading.

### **Scots Poetry**

All children will be learning a Scots Poem this term for our Burn's Day school competition. Heats will be held on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** with the final on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January**. Please practise this at home with children.

We would also like to invite parents/carers to a Burn's Assembly on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** to help celebrate Scottish history and traditions.

### **Parent Appointments**

Please note that there is a change to the original date for parent appointments due to the P6/7 residential to Edinburgh taking place.

### **P6/7 Edinburgh Residential**

Children, Parents/Carers are invited to attend an information and question session about the residential trip on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00 pm**.

Kind regards

Mrs Nicole Scott

Head Teacher

### Term 3 2023 - Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	School closed to pupils only
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	ALEC visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	P6/7 Play leaders to start
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan - Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	P4-P7 After School Running club
Starting Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	P4-P7 Bible Alive with Mr Smith
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 7:00 pm	RSHP Curricular Evening for parents/carers only
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2:00 pm	Burns Assembly – All welcome
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February - Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Holidays
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb and Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	In-Service days – school closed to pupils only
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 7:00 pm	Parent Council Meeting in school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 6:00pm – 7:00pm	Open Evening for all children/parents/carers
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 6:00pm	P6/7 Edinburgh Residential information
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief (Details to follow)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Reports issued
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Show (Details to follow)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Carer appointments
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	P6/7 - Edinburgh Residential
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day of term 3
Monday April 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	School Easter Holidays
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school – Term 4