

# BOTRIPHONIE BLETHER



April 2026

Dear families,

Welcome to our April newsletter.

As we move into the summer term, it's wonderful to see the children enjoying brighter days and new learning opportunities. This month brings exciting activities across the school, from outdoor learning to creative projects and upcoming events. We are proud of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all our pupils and look forward to sharing their achievements with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

**Average Monthly Attendance data: 87.93%**

## IDL

In the first half of this term, our Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) focus is "Same and Different," where pupils will explore the similarities and differences between Christianity and Hinduism. Through engaging activities and discussions, children will learn about key beliefs, traditions, celebrations and places of worship within both religions.

This topic encourages pupils to develop respect, understanding and appreciation for different cultures and beliefs. It will also provide opportunities for reflection on their own values and what makes each of us unique.

## Curriculum

### *African Drumming*



On Tuesday 24th March, we were delighted to welcome Chief Chebe from Ghana to our school. He led an exciting African drumming workshop, where the children had the opportunity to learn new rhythms and techniques.



The session was full of energy and enthusiasm and the children thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic musical experience.

### **Outfit Moray - Biking Skills**

On Monday 23rd March, the whole school took part in an exciting biking skills session with Outfit Moray. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their confidence and improve their cycling abilities in a fun and supportive environment.



Primary 1-4 enjoyed a cycle to Loch Park, while Primary 5-7 explored Fochabers Woods and challenged themselves with a longer ride to Gordon Castle. It was a fantastic day outdoors, with all pupils demonstrating great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout the activities.



### **RAF Stem event**

On Wednesday 25th March, Primary 3-7 pupils took part in an exciting RAF-funded LEGO Robotics Workshop. The session was led by Sarah Pinkney from Raising Robotic Ltd, who challenged the children to develop their STEM skills by designing and building robotic LEGO creations, before bringing them to life through coding. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this engaging and hands-on learning experience.



### **Earthtime**



*"On Tuesday afternoons we have been going down the woods to take part in Earthtime. I have been building dens, making sling shots and exploring the woods. I enjoyed eating popcorn and brioches with jam, which we made on the fire pit. I learned that to build a strong den, you first need to find a good location. I also learned how to tie a reliable knot." Sinan P6*

## Ethos and life of the School Community

### ***Botriphnie Easter Service***

On Thursday 26th March, the whole school visited Botriphnie Church for a special Easter Service led by Rev Wiekus Van Straaten. Rosie and Lexi confidently delivered a reading and the children performed *Springtime is Here Again*, which was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

### ***Maths Family Learning Event***

We recently enjoyed a fantastic Maths Family Learning event, bringing together children and their families for an afternoon of fun and learning.

During the session, families explored a range of practical maths strategies that are used in school, helping everyone to better understand the methods and approaches children are learning in class. It was wonderful to see such positive engagement and enthusiasm as strategies were shared and practised together.



There was also plenty of excitement as families took part in a variety of maths-based card games, reinforcing number skills in a fun and interactive way. Laughter, teamwork and a little healthy competition made for a brilliant atmosphere throughout the event.

Thank you to all the families who attended and helped make the session such a success.

## Opportunities for Personal Achievement



### ***Spring Show Success***

Well done to the whole school for displaying a 'Have a go, Jo' mindset and taking part in the competitions for the Spring Show. We are proud to report that we received 10 first place entries, 5 second place entries and 9 third place entries.



### ***Rotary Quiz***

Well done to Rosie, James, Amelie and Lexi who took part in the recent Rotary Quiz on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. I am delighted to share that Botriphnie Primary achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

## Lambing



Well done to James, Erin and Charlie for displaying a Have a Go, Jo Mindset and helping with lambing on their farms, gaining hands-on experience and developing valuable skills in animal care.



We are proud of Lexi, Lachlan, Erin, Rosie and Amelie for showing Resilient Ruby mindsets by taking part in the park run on Sunday at Cooper Park in Elgin. They earned points for Botriphnie Primary School in the Active Schools challenge.

## Achievement Assembly Cross Country



## Scottish Opera



## Value Awards and Marvelous Mathematicians



## Reading Challenge



Warm regards

*S. Chalmers.*

Stacey Chalmers  
Acting HT

## DIARY DATES

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May - Holiday

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - P6 Science Fair at KGS

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May - Science Workshop P4-7 am

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Botriphnie's Big Breakfast and Fishing  
Trip at Loch Park 10-12 noon

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June - Holiday

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day at Newmill park 1.00 pm

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Parent Council Coffee Morning at  
Botriphnie Hall 10-12 noon (Please spread the word.)

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thu 25<sup>th</sup> June - KGS P7-S1 Transition Days

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Trip to Huntly cinema and park

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> June - Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> July - P7 Outfit Moray

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Term 4 ends

