

BOTRIPHONIE BLETHER

September 2026

Dear families,

Average Monthly Attendance data: 86.90%

Curriculum

Learning About Sustainability Through Enterprise

On Tuesday 1st September, Matt from Veolia visited P4-7 to deliver an engaging session exploring the importance of the circular economy and its impact on both the environment and businesses.

Pupils worked in groups to create their own small businesses, designing logos and making paper hats to sell to the "shop". They were paid for each hat they produced and then looked at the waste created through the process. This led to discussions about the importance of reducing waste, reusing products and making better use of our resources on a global scale.

The pupils then bought back their hats and got creative by transforming them into paper aeroplanes, which they sold back to the "shop". Finally, they calculated their profits and used their earnings to buy sweets!

It was a fun and practical way for pupils to develop their understanding of sustainability, enterprise and the circular economy, while also linking directly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and our STEM learning. A big thank you to Matt from Veolia for an exciting and thought-provoking session!



Roald Dahl Day - Friday 11th September



"On Roald Dahl Day, we all dressed up in blue because that was Roald Dahl's favourite colour. We took part in a treasure hunt for golden tickets. Demi and I found golden tickets and Erin found the winning one. We got to design our own sweets or chocolate and made an advertisement for it. Thank you to my mum, who came in and read Fantastic Mr Fox to us." Rosie P7

Scottish Children's Health Week

We celebrated Scottish Children's Health Week (7-13 September) and its special 50th anniversary, focusing on children's health, wellbeing and rights.

Our pupils have been learning all about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and what children's rights mean in everyday life. During Tower Time, we have been exploring a new 'Right of the Fortnight', helping everyone understand, discuss and celebrate their rights.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils becoming rights-respecting, confident and informed young citizens.



Maths Week Scotland

During the week beginning Monday 21st September, we celebrated Maths Week Scotland. We watched a video from Edinburgh Zoo to learn how maths is used by the zookeepers in their daily work.

P1-P4: We discussed lots of different jobs and explored how maths is used in each of them. We were surprised to discover just how many jobs use maths every day!

P5-P7: We enjoyed solving a variety of maths puzzles throughout the week and put our problem-solving skills to the test. We also took part in the exciting 'Mission M Possible' challenge.

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Author Visit - Corrina Campbell



We were delighted to welcome local author and illustrator Corrina Campbell to our school. Corrina came in to tell us all about her journey as an author and how she brought her story, *The Girl Who Stole the Stars*, to life.

Corrina shared how she wanted to create a book with her own illustrations, but when she discovered that hiring an illustrator was too expensive, she decided to teach herself how to draw. She showed us that you don't have to be an expert to begin something new. With practice, determination and a positive attitude, you can develop new skills and achieve your goals.

Corrina read *The Girl Who Stole the Stars* to us and inspired us with her story of perseverance. We learned that sometimes things can be difficult or don't go to plan, but it is important to keep trying, learn from mistakes and never give up.



Her visit was a fantastic reminder of the importance of having a growth mindset. We can all learn new skills if we are willing to practise, persevere and believe that we can improve.

A huge thank you to our Parent Council for funding this wonderful visit and giving us the opportunity to meet Corrina, hear her story and be inspired by her creativity and determination.

Ethos and life of the school as a community

International Dot Day - Tuesday 15th September

"On Dot Day we delivered jars to people in the village with happy messages. We also gave them an envelope containing a template with a dot in the middle for a drawing competition.

We made biscuits decorated with icing and Smarties. We wore dotty clothes and some people even had dots on their faces!

We took part in dot art and completed a 12/30 Dot Challenge, where we had to create pictures using circles." Luna P6

We were especially touched when one of our neighbours sent us a thankyou card to let us know that our positive thoughts jar had made her day. It was lovely to hear how a small act of kindness can make such a big difference to someone.

We have also been delighted by the fantastic response to our Dot Drawing Competition. We have received lots of creative and colourful entries from children and members of our community, which has been a real bucket filler for us all!

A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part, shared a kind message, entered the competition or simply helped to spread a little happiness. It has been fantastic to see our school and community working together to make a positive difference and brighten each other's days.

Opportunities for Personal Achievement

- Rosie and Erin received wristbands for completing 10 parkruns, showing a fantastic Persevering Pete mindset.
- James completed his first parkrun, finishing 14th overall and showed a great Have a Go, Jo mindset. He also scored two goals playing football for Keith FC against Rothies.
- Charles demonstrated a Resilient Ruby mindset when he helped his dad cut barley.
- Keziah and Luna displayed Persevering Pete mindsets as they received certificates from the local library for completing the Summer Reading Challenge.



Well done to everyone for showing such fantastic determination, resilience and enthusiasm!

Warm regards

S. Chalmers.

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DIARY DATES

- Friday 9th October- Term ends
- Monday 26th October- Term 2 starts
- Friday 30th October- Parent Council Halloween Party (6-8 pm)
- Friday 6th November- Parents' Meetings
- Monday 9th November and Tuesday 10th November- In Service Closure
- Thursday 12th November - Parent Council AGM
- Friday 4th December - Panto at Eden Court