

- Lovely to start on good news: well done to Sophia in P2 who has won a competition for the Game and Wildlife Conservation trust Art Competition. Well done Sophia! We all love a competition – so our latest is creating and designing a ‘thank you’ card that the school can produce and use for the year to come. Winners will be picked next week and will have their work copied onto nice card and we’ll be excited to send these out to the lovely folks who support the school. Likewise, we’re limbering up for the annual Christmas Big Art competition in PKC, with winners’ artwork going ‘live’ on the outdoor wall near Marks & Spencer. Exciting.
- Pupil Leadership groups...we had our 3rd session this week. Highlights included:
 - the Digital group learning how to use programme called ‘Book Creator’ on the iPads and will soon be showing the others in their classes how to use that;
 - the Eco Group planting daffodil bulbs at the classroom doors;
 - the Community Group enjoyed doing their good deed of a litter pick around the streets and park in the village;
 - the Citizenship group were learning some greetings in Afrikaans and have begun to create a video of our school and community to share with our partner school in South Africa – Bongani, High School;
 - the Happy and Healthy group talked about Mental Health and devising ‘playlists’ that make us happy as well as exploring the Place2Be site, which supports wellbeing;
 - the Rights Respecting Schools group found out about World Children’s day, which is a day to think about the rights of every child, and the role that the grown-ups play in make the rights real;
 - the Playground Games group went ‘shopping’ with the catalogues to spend the Tesco money (£1000) for outdoor play and their list is now winging its way to our Parent Council and will appear in the playground soon.

What fantastic learning opportunities across the school, developing children’s leadership, promoting thinking skills, working together and broadening exposure to the wider learning curriculum.

- A reminder to all parents please – the school car park is not ideal for pick up parking at home time. We ask that you share this information with grandparents/friends who pick up on your behalf. To keep children safe, we’d prefer if parents and carers didn’t ask children to walk through the carpark to go home. I appreciate the pick up zone is very busy, but it’s a good idea to stick to the habit of walking on pavements where possible.
- The Nursery have a wonderful new addition to their room with a joinery workshop in full swing. Thanks to the in-service day STEM workshops staff attended last week, our ECP team were inspired to create the workshop and encourage our youngest children to enjoy working with wood and tools. Their engineering dreams have taken off in an amazing way. If you have any off-cuts of wood, any shape/size, please do drop it in for us.
- Tayside Contracts have issued another change to the menu: Wednesday 26 November, for P1-7: instead of Quorn dog in a roll, the option will be chicken burger in a bun. On Thursday 27 November, for P1-7 and Nursery: instead of Sunshine Quorn Curry the option will be baked potato with beans. They apologise for this but are having supply issues.

- Miss Miller has been preparing the Christmas Show and has now issued parts and script to P5/6/7 pupils. She would like families to note that although costume ideas are noted in the script, please don't go out and buy anything special. We'll see what families already have, first, then take it from there. We are having 2 shows on Monday 22 December – the early one starts at 10am and the later show starts at 2pm. Nursery children will also feature on the stage this year, again, so please know that all families are welcome to enjoy the performance. We'll send out 'ticket' info in a few weeks. Tickets are free.
- A message from the Team at Perth Museum has sent a reminder..... The pupils showcase display at Perth Museum on the top floor called "*Be Seen Be Heard*" will be closing after this weekend. Families are welcome to pop by this weekend to see it. [Be Seen, Be Heard - Perth Museum](#) Also don't miss out on seeing "*Perthshire Illustrated*" where some Abernethy children helped create the labels for the temporary (free) exhibition closing on the 8th of December. [Perthshire Illustrated - Perth Museum](#)
- The school disco is on tonight.....Nursery to P3 children 6 – 7pm (Nursery parents, please stay – there will be seats available for you); P4-7 for 7.15 – 8.15pm. Children who bring some coins can buy from the tuckshop and temporary tattoos. Karen has also, by popular demand, produced more donuts and Christmas tree treats for £1 each (ridiculously cheap!) Entry to the disco can be paid in cash or using the tap and go device. The discos are always very well attended and lots of fun. We hope to see children tonight!
- Ally, from Walk, Wheel, Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) has asked me to send this message to families: Please can you complete this survey for parents/ caregivers around the I Bike project: <https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/sustrans/i-bike-parent-and-carer-survey-2025-26-perth-and-kinross>
 This year, our school is again part of the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust's I Bike project. I Bike delivers a variety of classroom-based activities and events. These include active travel competitions, learn-to-ride, scooter/ skate sessions, led walks and rides, bike ramp days, Dr Bike, bike loans, maintenance and more.
 This survey is collecting data for the purposes of evaluating and monitoring the I Bike project. We are interested to see the impact it has had on you and your child and your thoughts on what could make active travel easier for your child.
 Active travel is when a journey is made by being physically active, such as walking, wheeling, cycling and scooting/skating. The results may be used to influence and support further local and national funding bids and help define the health value of physical activity and active travel. It will help to understand and continue to improve the project. Specific comments on local infrastructure will be noted but are beyond the scope of I Bike.
 The survey closes on Friday 12th December 2025. It should take around 10 minutes to complete. If you want to find out more you can contact us at IBikeMonitoring@walkwheelcycletrust.org.uk
- There's a Parent Council meeting next Wednesday 26th November at 6.30pm. Please join us if you can – all are welcome!