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Auchtergaven Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Auchtergaven Families

I hope this finds all our Auchtergaven families well. As always it has been a busy start to the term and to 2023. We have extended a warm welcome to Alice Kinney Class Teacher for P7 and Catherine Maciver Early Childhood Practitioner in the nursery, this term. Rachel Whiteman has also returned to the Auchtergaven Team as Pupil Support Assistant and will be in school on Mondays to Wednesdays. We also welcome Elaine Morgan to our catering team helping Wendy and Yvonne serve school lunches.

A huge thank you to parents who gave up a bit of time this to join Miss Welsh and I to discuss aspects of The Auchtergaven Way at a recent Focus Group meeting. It was lovely to chat about parent's experience of school and to hear that pupils talk positively about their school experience. It was great to hear that pupils talk about the school values at home, and they are motivated to be ready, respectful, and safe through house points, over and above awards and being Pupil of the Week. It was good to hear that pupils value the opportunities to lead in school through committees and in lessons such as leading the warmup for PE.

We also talked about opportunities for parents to support after school groups and to volunteer in school. We welcome both and have invited Caroline Keith our Active Schools co-ordinator to school on Parent Contact evenings to talk to any interested parents. Some of our teacher led afterschool groups are scheduled to run soon and that they are received positively, particularly as it allows pupils to meet other class teachers and support building wider relationships in school. If you are interested in volunteering in school either as a one-off talk or on a more regular basis, please contact your child's class teacher via Seesaw.

We will be holding more Focus Group sessions in the future and I look forward to meeting with more of you then.

Best wishes *Catharine Findlay* Head Teacher

Diary Dates	
Mon 1.01.23 – 10.02.23	ELC Nursery Registration for August 2023
Mon 23.01.23 – 20.03.23	P6 & P7 Cross Country Club 8.15am – 8.45am
Tue 31.01.23 6pm	P7 August 2023 Activity Week Parent Info evening
Thu 02.02.23	P1 Dental Inspections
Fri 10.02.23	Library Bus
Thursday 9 th March	P7 Rotary Quiz PKC final at Salutation Hotel Perth at 6:30pm. Our entry in this is still to be confirmed. This would involve the Quiz

	team, but supporters would be welcome to come and watch if we get through to the final.
Wed 15.02.23	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Thu 16.02.23 & Fri 17.02.23	Mid Term Holiday
Saturday 25.2.2023	Bingo Tea (see below)
Thu 17.03.23	Library Bus
	Parent Contact
Tue 21.03.23	P6/P7 Cross Country Event -TBC Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm
Fri 31.03.23	Dress Down Day
Mon 03.04.23 – 14.04.23	Easter Holiday
Fri 28.04.23	Library Bus
Mon 01.05.23	Bank Holiday School Closed
Mon 15.05.23	Sports Day
Fri 26.05.23	Library Bus
Thur 08.06.23 & Friday 09.06.23	P7 – S1 BPHS Transition Days
Friday 9.6.23	Moving Up Day- pupils to spend time with new class/teacher
Tuesday 13. 6. 2023	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 28.06.23	P7 Leavers Assembly/Celebration of Achievement

Achievements



We really love sharing our pupils' wider and out of school achievements at Get Together on Fridays and on our Achievement Wall. Please continue to send in photographs or a message either through Seesaw or email to auchtergaven@pkc.gov.uk so that we can celebrate in school and fill up our achievement wall.

Bankfoot Community



Bankfoot Foodshare Pantry

Opened on Wednesday 18th January 2023.
Located in the grounds of Bankfoot Church Centre.

Bankfoot Community intend to save good food from going to waste and ask for your support. You will be able to select various items from the Pantry, free of charge. Please select the items you need and help to reduce food waste.


The Pantry will be restocked on Fridays and Tuesdays and replenished daily when stock allows. Items will vary daily.
Bread/Bakery, Fruit/Veg, Tins, Packets & Jars.

Residents can also donate items [not chilled or frozen foods].

Facebook: Bankfoot Foodshare Pantry

Email: bankfoot_foodshare_pantry@gmail.com

Parent Council Update

 This year the Parent Council and fundraising group aim to raise funds to go towards creating a new designated reading area for the pupils - but we need your help! Do we have any parents/carers/grandparents out there with any joinery



experience and willing to help bring the idea to life. Please contact auchtergavenptc@gmail.com or the school office if you can help



Bingo Tea - save the date Saturday (yes Saturday, not Friday!) 25th February at the Church Centre. Raffle prizes and/or baking donations as always gratefully received.

Thank you for your continued support, Parent Council and FAS

Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)



Every year pupils P1, P4, P7 complete online standardised assessments in literacy and numeracy as part of everyday learning and teaching. The assessments help to identify children's progress, providing diagnostic information to support teachers' professional judgement.

Children and young people do not have to revise or prepare for these assessments and there is no pass or fail. The assessments are as inclusive as possible to accommodate the needs of children and young people who require additional support with their learning.

Further information can be found here [National Standardised Assessments for Scotland](#) and if you wish to discuss the assessments, please contact the school.

Indoor Shoes



A reminder that all pupils from Nursery to Primary 7 should have a change of shoes for indoors. The shoes must be suitable for indoor PE. At February half term weekend, we will be sending all pupils home with their belongings including indoor shoes so that they can be checked for fit and condition before returning to school.

Reading Books



A plea from our teachers...

Please check at home for any school reading books you might have; we are noticing that sets of six books have some missing and this has a big impact of the variety and range of books we can offer pupils for learning in reading. They should be stamped inside with the school's name. Please return any books with your child as soon as possible. Thank you