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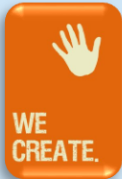
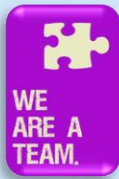
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I cannot believe how quickly this term is passing and there is a lot of exciting news to share. Our pupils have settled well into the term, using our School Vision of BEST to demonstrate our values throughout, working hard and developing their ideas through their Leadership Groups.

This year the Primary 7 pupils have taken on the role of Chairperson in each of the Groups:

**Rights Respecting Group – Beth Davidson**

**Health and Well Being – Isla Gerrard**

**Eco Group – Sofia McIntosh**

During our Leadership group time pupils have shown their abilities in our Skills for Learning, Life and Work such as team work, communication and critical thinking to discuss and implement their ideas. Each group will be creating a mini newsletter to tell you what they have thought of and what has started to be done in the school. We are incredibly proud of what they have achieved so far.

Pupils will also be starting their fortnightly focus groups looking at How Good Is Our School so they can help to self-evaluate and drive our school forward using the 5 different Themes: Our Relationships, Our Learning & Teaching, Our School & Community, Our Health & Wellbeing, Our Success & Achievements.



### Garioch Rugby

I have managed to secure 4 weeks of rugby training from the Garioch Development Officer. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to get involved with the sport especially with the World Cup taking place. This will be on a Wednesday Morning. If pupils wish to take extra clothing such as jogging bottoms and jumper then please do so as sessions will take place outside, weather permitting.

### Chalumeau Project

We have been fortunate to continue with our Chalumeau Project. Primary 4-7 will get the opportunity to learn to play this instrument which is a woodwind instrument that is the predecessor to the modern-day clarinet. This will take place on Thursday afternoons. I am aware that this is for the middle to upper stages and am discussing options of instruments that our infants could learn.





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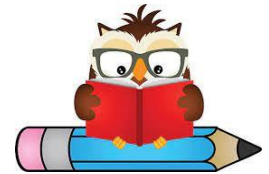
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### Learning Journals

As part of our School Improvement Plan (SIP) we wanted our pupils to be able to share their successes with parents and carers. This was something we as a staff felt was important and it was also fed back to us from yourselves from the SIP questionnaire. I have therefore made the decision to introduce Learning Journals which you would have received information about yesterday. We hope to have this up and running as soon as all our permissions are back from yourselves.



### Read, Write, Inc

We are very excited to have begun our journey with our new literacy approach of Read, Write, Inc. This will be developed in the infant classroom to begin with and eventually filter through to the senior class. As we progress with this there will be more updates and information sent out for parents and carers.

### Outdoor Learning Classroom and Play (OLCP)

I am delighted that we will be starting our official Outdoor Learning Classroom and Play. We are aiming to start this in the next few weeks as a whole school approach every Tuesday Afternoon. Pupils will need to come to school with appropriate clothing for that afternoon as we will be out in all weathers unless it is deemed unsafe. We will be in touch to confirm the start date as soon as possible so pupils can be prepared.

Senior pupils (P5-7) will be working towards their Junior Forester Award which will hopefully the lead to the John Muir Award. I have secured trees from the Woodland Trust and our pupils will be planting them in the Playing field area to create a more sheltered area in the coming years for OLCP. All pupils will be able to reflect on their learning and what skills they will be developing during this time.

### Success Wall



During our Assembly last week we discussed being able to celebrate our successes in and out of school and how we could display this in school, linking what we have done to our Skills for Learning, Life and Work. As a school we have decided to put our pictures on the wall in the hall and rename it Successes in our Skills for Learning, Life and Work. Pupils are welcome to bring in items or tell us about something they have been successful at. Examples of successes could be learning to ride their bike, tying their shoelaces, taking part in an event or charity work.



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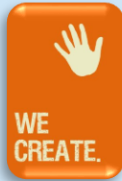
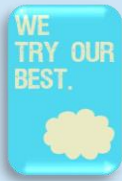
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### Open Evening

We are holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm – 7pm. This is a reporting opportunity where you will have the chance to explore your children’s work this term. We encourage the children to come along so they can lead their learning and show you all the different things they have been involved in. Mrs Newlands, Ms Karrim and Miss Davidge will be available on the night to share what has been happening this term.



### Scottish National Standardised Assessments (SNSA)

The curriculum in all schools in Aberdeenshire is planned and delivered based on national guidance (The Curriculum for Excellence). The assessment of children’s progress throughout primary school is based on teachers’ professional judgements.

The Scottish Government introduced a system of standardised assessment for all children in P1, P4 and P7 across Scotland. This is called the Scottish National Standardised Assessment (SNSA).

The assessments are designed primarily for the use by teachers. Data from the SNSA will add to the picture the teacher already has regarding how your child is progressing.

At Barthol Chapel School, SNSA will be carried out in Sep/Oct for pupils in P4 and P7 and in May for P1 pupils.

If you have any further question regarding SNSAs, please contact the school.







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### Term Dates for Session (2023/2024)

#### Term 1

- **OLCP** TBC
- **Flu Immunisations** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September
- **Open Evening** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October (6-7pm)
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**OCTOBER BREAK: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

#### Term 2

- **School Resumes** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October
- **Children in Need** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November
- **In Service Day** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- **In Service Day** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- **School Show** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (2pm)
- **School Show** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (6.30pm)
- **Christmas Lunch** TBC
- **Pupils Christmas Party** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

**CHRISTMAS BREAK: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

#### Term 3

- **School Resumes** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January
- **Burns Poetry Afternoon** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January (2.30pm-3.30pm)
- **Occasional Day Holiday** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- **Mid Term Holiday** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February
- **In Service Day** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- **In Service Day** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February
- **Open Afternoon** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- **Progress Reports** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March
- **Parent Interviews** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- **Last Day of Term** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**EASTER BREAK: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

#### Term 4

- **School Resumes** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April
- **May Day Holiday** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
- **Sports Day** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May (2pm-3.30pm)
- **Occasional Day Holiday** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- **School Disco** TBC
- **Primary 7 Residential Trip** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – TBC
- **Primary 7 Transition Days** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June
- **Celebration Assembly** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (2pm-3.30pm)
- **Primary 7 Leavers 'Treat'** TBC
- **Last Day of Term** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

**SUMMER BREAK: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024**