



# NEWSLETTER

2022/2023 Term 4 April

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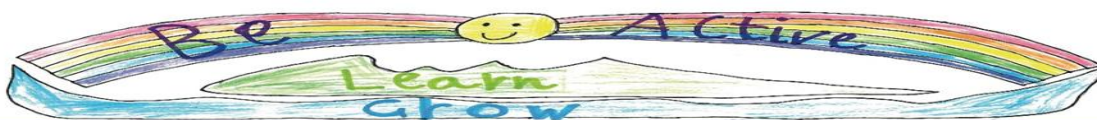
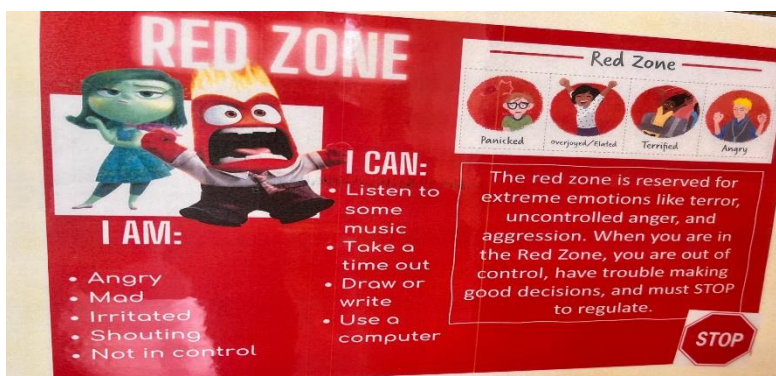
Welcome back to term 4. We seemed to be heading for sunny days last week but we are shivering in the snow this week! As we know with the Scottish climate a jacket is always a must as we can have four seasons in one day. I hope the Easter break allowed at least couple of days relaxation for everyone. This is a long term and is as usual split with the May Day holiday, occasional day and local holiday in June. This year we also have the additional day off to celebrate the coronation. **The school will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We finish for summer on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.**

We are continuing to discuss our vision and values at assembly and encourage the display of these in daily interactions. We are also discussing regulation and how we can recognise and work on our own emotions to ensure we are ready to interact with others positively. Please reinforce these when you can. As we have said they are values I would hope we would all aspire to to help us **BE ACTIVE, LEARN AND GROW** at Rayne North.

## RESPONSIBLE ACHIEVE YOU NURTURE EXCELLENCE



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## General

As is always the case the children will have access to the full school grounds so will inevitably be messy so **sturdy shoes are essential as is a change of shoes for inside**. Even as we move into better weather please remember to always have a jacket as rain is a possibility even on the sunniest of days.

**We have a lot of lost property so please remember to have a look next time you are in. Please also name things where possible as items are very similar and are also similar sizes.**

**P.E. Kits - We are having quite a few children without kits for P.E. If they bring a kit into school depending on age it does not need to go home every week. In the early stages it can stay a few weeks and go home as required as they get older. If indoor shoes are suitable for gym it cuts down on the number of things needed in school.**

## Staffing

Mrs McGuire has settled in and we are enjoying having Mrs Brown in to support Class 1.

We will soon receive our PSA allocation for the session which is informed by the need in the school, across the cluster and within the authority. This will determine how much time we have in school next session.



## Working Groups

The houses have split into working groups and will continue to meet throughout the session. A teacher will lead each house in learning around Eco Schools, Rights Respecting Schools, Digital Leaders and Global Development Goals. We will continue to build understanding in these areas and develop what we do in school as we work towards recognition in these areas.



## Open Session

We hope to continue building on the open sessions as we did pre pandemic. We began this session with a literacy open session. We will have a session this term which combines a few targets, giving an opportunity to look at all your child's work to date. allows you to look at and fill in together on the day or take home your child's learning journey for the term and gives some input on Numeracy. There will be a short presentation and activity in each class. You will then be able to look at pupil work.

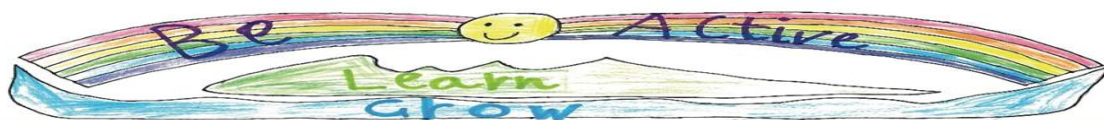
This session on Numeracy tips and ways to help at home will take place on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**.

Class 1 - 2.00pm

Class 2 - 2.25pm

Class 3 - 2.45pm

This follows on from recent class assemblies and sharing the learning opportunities which are also a form of reporting on learning.



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## House Captains and Achievement



### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

Our house captains can display any achievements your children are proud of on our school display. They can also support pupils to share these in assembly. These can be as simple as managing to walk up Bennachie to learning a new skill or passing a level. **Let us know what you are proud of, send it in or email a photo to the school office.** Our house captains are also supporting their house in all house activities, working groups and talking sessions as well as encouraging the sharing of our values in the playground. We have had three successful house breakfasts this session. These seems to be the most popular outcome at the moment.



## Learning Journey

We have a number of learning journey folders that have not come back to school. We would like these to go out again this term with an example of your child's current work. They are an opportunity to talk about learning with your child, a place to record wider achievement and an ongoing record of progress. If you still have the learning journey document in a book bag to look at or at home to complete please return them to school once complete so we can continue to add to them. If for some reason the document has gone missing please let the school office know so we can look into replacing it.

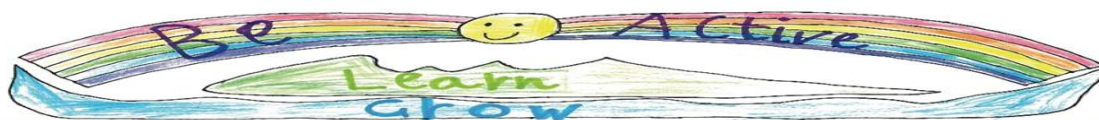


## Coronation Coffee Morning

We are having a coronation theme to our Coffee Morning on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**. The children will share some songs and we will have a crown parade for the crowns they are making at home. We also hope to have some entries for our coronation bake off which will be held on the day. The children are excited. We would hope the entered cakes could then be used at the coffee morning. Please let the school office know if you will be submitting a cake and drop it off on the morning of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May if possible. All crowns should be brought to school on the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## Assemblies

We hope to start a pattern of Mary the local minister coming in for assemblies again. She will be visiting us this week and we hope to see her a few more times this term and at the end of term.



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## Fun Day

Over the last few sessions we have had a whole school fun day supported by the parent council rather than a trip. This has been due to a number of factors, number of children, mix of ages and interests, covid and value for money due to increased costs all over in particular with fuel. We hope to have a fun day during the last week on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** this year and will share details from the Parent Council nearer the time.

## School Photographer

The school photographer is in school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** for individual, family and class group photos. Mrs Milne has been in touch to see who would like to bring in younger siblings. We will be using Pixel8 as our photographer again. This is a good fundraiser for the school.

## Class 3 Trip

We are looking at a day out trip for Class 3 as part of the transition process from P6 – S1. More details will follow in the very near future. This would be with Old Rayne and Logie Durno schools to continue the building of relationships which will be a supportive factor as they move to secondary education.

## Transition Activities

There will be conversations going on this term around transition for our P7. We will then move towards transition days in June which will be supported by additional days for some in the form of bridging groups. We have had a visit this term from Mr Pearce from the support for learning staff who had a conversation with the P7 group and answered some of their questions. We will also be having a visit from Community Learning and Development to see how they can support the transition.

The new primary one children will be visiting the school during this term to become familiar with the building. They have the coffee morning dates and will visit the class on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May and then again on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. There will also be a Parent Talk in the hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. They are also invited to bring a picnic and join us for sports day.

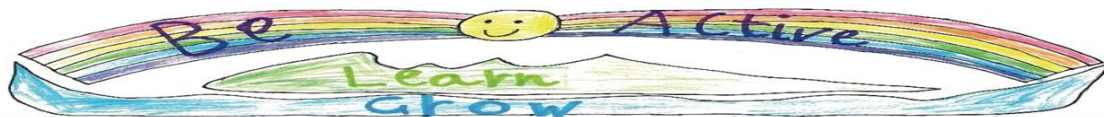
## Sports Day

We will have sports day on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. This date was originally decided before we knew the Meldrum Academy transition dates and moved to the 28<sup>th</sup> once we knew them. More detail around the day will follow nearer the time including information on how to order a school packed lunch for the day if required.



## Reports

Each class teacher will be working on reports this term and these will be issued prior to the open session in school. Issue will begin on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**. The reports now come by email for GDPR reasons and this will be done slowly to ensure it is checked before sending again to avoid any data concerns. The report still has space for parental comments and this can now be sent by email return. These will be printed and stored with your child's report. If there are any concerns that require action we will be in touch regarding a meeting.



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## Gardening

We are into term 4 and hopefully some spring like weather it would be great to have some volunteers to support gardening. This can be over a lunchtime or during class time supporting a class. **If you have any interest in gardening and are willing to help with some digging and planting please let us know. Also let us know if you are a good gardener and could give us some cutting of plants that give good ground cover or will grow well along the wall to take up some of the space usually filled with nettles.** We have one helper who we are very grateful for offering an hour to support children weeding and planting over lunch. This has helped stop things getting overgrown. We hope some of the bulbs we planted will start to appear soon.

## Haddo Event / Music Celebration

For those that have participated in the Haddo Opera event over the last few years including pupils past and present and their families there will be a celebration event at Haddo to mark the end of the project.

Haddo are happy to announce that they are planning a Community Music Event to gift the **Song to Haddo** project to the wonderful people of Aberdeenshire on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June** from 11am – 3pm at Haddo House.

There will be a variety of events happening, including

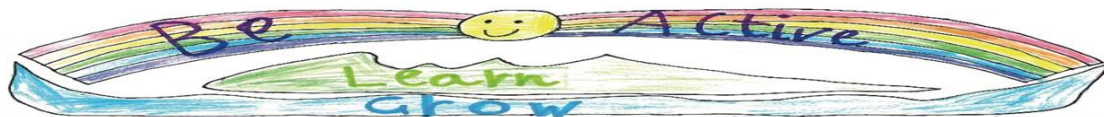
- Scratch **Come and Sing A Song for Haddo** sessions for all singers (and their friends and families) and instrumentalists, exploring 2 songs in each session (3 x 50min sessions)
- Pipes and Drums
- Street Band percussion and brass workshops for all
- Guided tours of Haddo House exploring the locations and background to the songs
- Wandering Musicians

We would love you, your pupils (past and present) and their families to make a date in the diary to come along and join us!

We will share any further information we get this term. It sounds like a good day out.

## Illness

**Please follow guidelines for any illness and be mindful cold and flu symptoms could also be COVID where current recommendations should be followed. As has always been the case please follow the 48 hour rule for any incidents of fever, sickness or diarrhoea.**



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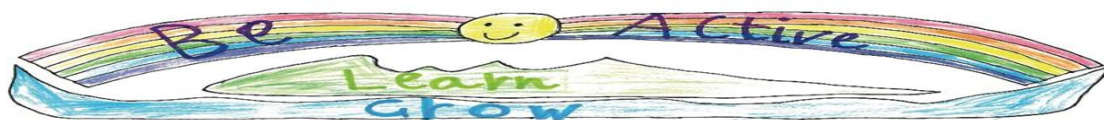


## Termly Calendar

Term 4

- 17th April 2023 - start of term 4
- 1st May 2023 - May Day holiday
- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – Coronation Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 – occasional day
- 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – local holiday
- 7th July 2023 - end of term 4
- 10th July to 18th August 2023 - summer holiday

*Please get in touch at any time with any queries or concerns. Thank you Mrs Stephen and the Rayne North Staff*



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