



NEWSLETTER

2023/2024 Term 1 September

Hello All,

Welcome to session 23/24. I hope you all managed some down time over the summer, no matter how small, among the work commitments and daily routines. We seem to be getting a bit of fair weather at last after what was quite a dull and wet summer. As I always say remember to be prepared for all weather and come to school with a jacket each day and as established parents know a big field leads to messy children so please consider this with shoe and coat choices.

It is good to see the children in the main all back in school uniform and we look forward to seeing the colour choices of the new P7 pupils when their leavers hoodies arrive soon.

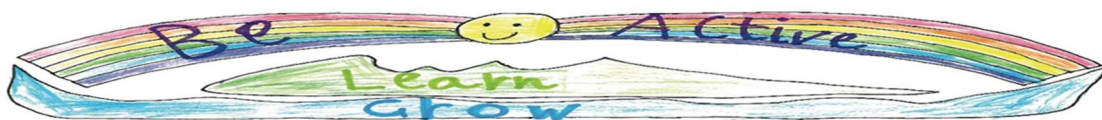
As usual we are always looking for volunteers so if anyone can help with gardening, baking or things like bikeability (sadly we were unable to run this last session due to lack of bodies) please let the school office know. If you can help occasionally with gardening just let us know when you are coming, and a bit of weeding is always helpful. A volunteer to trim back some of the nettles would be great as they have gone rampant over the summer with the lack of footfall.

This term ends on **Friday 13th October** and we return to term 2 with two in-service days on **November on the 16th and 17th**. We then finish for Christmas on **Friday 22nd December**

We are delighted to have our subscriptions to Sumdog and Accelerated Reader re-established and the children will begin to use these in school. You will have had emails with the privacy notices attached for each of these online platforms detailing how information will be stored and how it will be deleted. This process and sharing of the notice has allowed the services to return. We are very grateful to the parent council for their support in funding the return of Acc Reader.

Assemblies

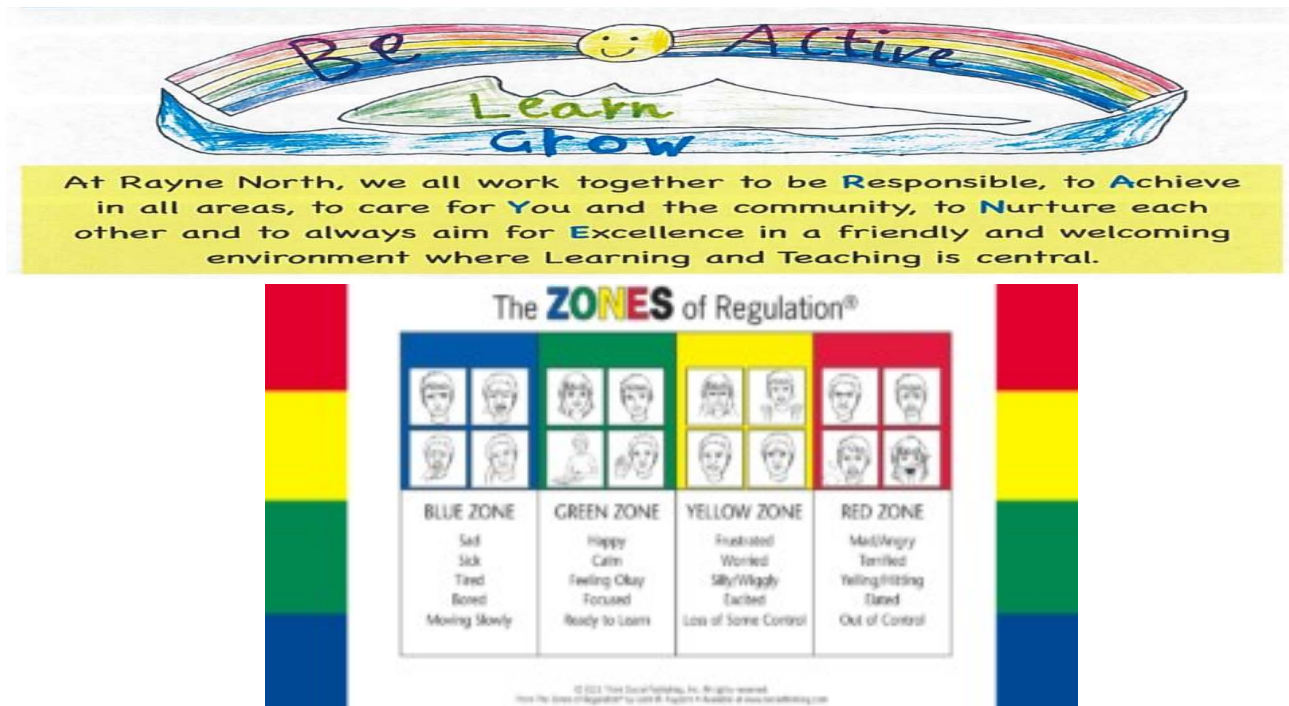
We are continuing to look at the ways we look after everyone in school focussing on how we aim to get it right for every child. We speak about being Safe, Healthy, Active, Nurtured, Responsible, Respected and Included. This is supported by the reinforcement of our school values, our school charter and our conversations around the Zones of Regulation. **The main aim being building of resilience and ability to regulate emotions and therefore actions. We aim to look at every occurrence individually and look at the impact for everyone with a view to positivity and repairing relationships.** Please reinforce this with children when discussing school issues and look at the whole picture of any given situation and the impact on everyone.



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General

As we start the session, we are already seeing brand new jumpers with no names and the pile of lost property items being added to daily. **Please have a look anytime you are in school.** We will continue to put up photos of things like snack tubs and shoes, if they pile up, as this seems to help rehome them.

Please name everything as items are very similar and are also similar sizes.

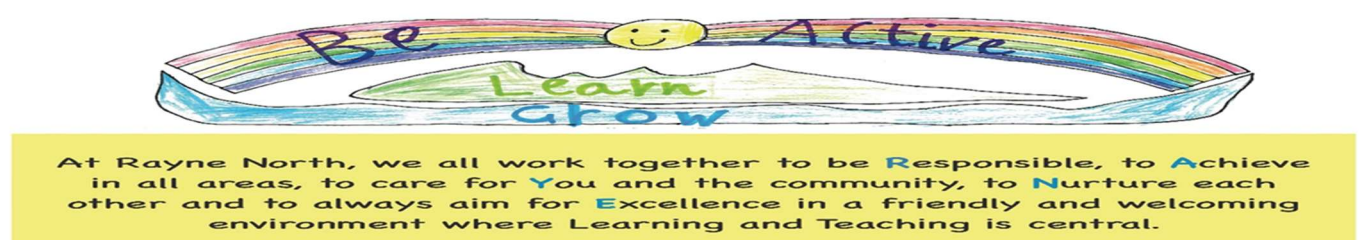
Staffing

Mrs McGuire continues in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday supporting all the classes.

Mrs Brown will be in school once a week supporting Class 1.

We have seen another reduction in our PSA time which results in Mrs Donald being at Old Rayne on a Wednesday morning as well as her Thursday in Rothienorman.

PSA allocation is something that will be reviewed more regularly rather than once a session and 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 at any given time. The PSA posts are seen as cluster posts rather than anyone being attached to a particular school.

Mrs Milne retires at the October holidays after many years at Rayne North. We have benefitted from her expertise and will miss all the little things that she does such as maintaining our lovely scrap books and keeping score on sports day which are added bonuses to the job. We wish her all the best for a long, happy and relaxing retirement. We are currently recruiting for a new school administrator and admin assistant and hope to have that completed before the end of term.



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 a crossover between Reading Schools and Talking Houses. The Talking Houses will give everyone an opportunity to take on a pupil council type role. We will continue to build understanding in these areas and develop what we do in school as we work towards recognition in the areas where that is a possibility.



Performances

We will have a singing performance on **Wednesday 13th December** this year. The school office will be in touch with details closer to the time. We will also have an end of term assembly in school with Mary. We are awaiting confirmation for **Friday 22nd December** and will confirm this asap. Mary will come to school on a couple of occasions before then to speak to the children in assembly time.



Sharing the Learning

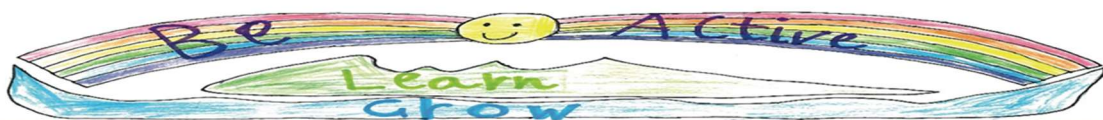
As with previous sessions there will be an opportunity throughout the session to see an assembly to share the learning or come into class to see and share the learning from each of the three classes. Each class will decide their own format and be in touch with invitations.



Open Sessions

We hope to continue building on the open sessions that we reintroduced last session. We will begin this session with a literacy open session. This will also be an opportunity to take your child's learning journey home to look at. This allows you to look at it, discuss it and fill it in together. There will be a short presentation and activities to join in with in each class.

This session on Literacy will take place on **Wednesday 15th November**.



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The presentation times in each class will be.

Class 1 - 2.00pm

Class 2 - 2.25pm

Class 3 - 2.45pm

The urn will also be on in the hall for anyone who wants to have a cup of tea and a chat while they are with us.

We will aim to repeat this in February with a Numeracy session on the 7th February.

Parent Interviews



We will have parent interviews in Term 2. These will be held on **Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th November**. Details of times and opportunity to select a day will come nearer the time from the school office.

House Captains and Achievement



PLEASE REMEMBER – We are starting to see more!

Our house captains (we will be voting in new ones in the next two weeks) 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 will also support 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 four successful house breakfasts last session. These seem to be the most popular outcome at the moment, but we will review this with the children.

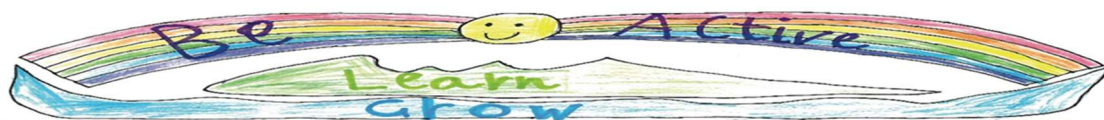
Coffee Mornings



We are back to having a mix of coffee mornings and afternoons this session which will hopefully allow for a mix of people to attend. We fully appreciate that not everyone can attend and we share this with the children and how important it is for mums and dads to be at work. I often say I wouldn't have made any at my son's school as I would have been here with the Rayne North children. We are happy to see anyone that can be with us when they can, it may be once it may be often. **We also very much appreciate the effort put in by all the bakers.**

As with last session if any of the classes have anything relevant to share they will use this social opportunity as a chance to share it. This may be a poem, some artwork or a song. This will not be the case every time.

The children are encouraged to remain calm, sit, eat drink and socialise while in the hall with suggestions such as asking people if they are enjoying their cake, saying hello and how are you to people they know and hello to all the younger children.



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Playground

We are encouraging simple messages in the playground at the start of session of **kind hands** and **feet are for walking/running**. We are encouraging all the children to reinforce this as there is a confusion with younger children when they see rough play or play fighting after hearing we don't hit and this undermines the message. If you have any opportunity to reinforce this at home please do. We are also reinforcing the positive message of how well everyone is doing and how hard they are all trying. This is particularly true for those of us who are brand new to everything. Your support with this is very much appreciated as your opinions impact on children's actions.

Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair is booked to be in school on **Monday 6th November** so we hope you can support it at some point that week. We have also requested whether we can have the delivery a bit early so it is there for the coffee morning on **Friday 3rd November** so we will keep our fingers crossed for that. This is good timing for a bit of Christmas shopping and every book sold adds to the number of free books the school will get at the end.



Gardening

We are into term 1 and hopefully some more mild weather before we head towards winter 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.** Call the school office or email if you can help.

Lego and Code Club

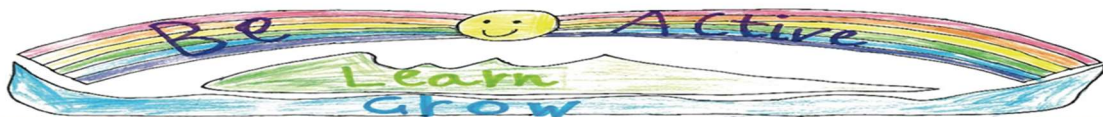
We are about to get started with Lego and Code Club with the children and we will communicate times for next term and beyond nearer the time. A text has been sent if you haven't replied yes or no to your child wanting to attend please do so. Can we ask that if you are in Code Club you bring £1 for the block towards a snack. If you are in Lego Club please bring 50p once for the block as this is a shorter block.

Nasal Flu Spray

We have already issued and returned flu vaccination this year due to the earlier start. They aim to be with us on **Wednesday 11th October**.

Charanga Music

As a school we have purchased an online subscription to Charanga Music to support the delivery of music in the school. Mrs McGuire is attending a training day which she will be able to share



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with all of us. We are delighted to have access to many songs, schemes of work and lessons on instruments so we can widen our musical ability.

Residential

We are again looking at a trip with Old Rayne and Logie Durno. This is in discussion currently with Old Rayne looking at possible dates and availability with our original destination choice last time. We will be in touch as soon as we can firm something up which is cost effective and meets the needs of all three schools considering the staffing requirements for going and any staffing requirement for children not attending.

Illness

Please follow guidelines for any illness and be mindful cold and flu symptoms could also be COVID as numbers appear to be rising at the moment. Please follow current recommendations particularly if there is a fever.

As has always been the case please follow the 48 hour rule for any incidents of fever, sickness or diarrhoea. In the case of fever this needs to be clear without the use of paracetamol.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/>

or Call NHS 111



Termly Calendar

Term 1

13th October Term 1 end

16th October to 27th October – October Holidays

Term 2

30th October Term 2 starts

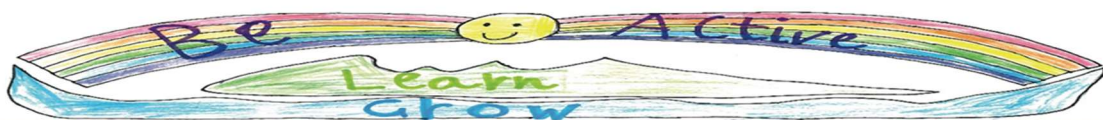
16th November to 17th November In-Service Days

22nd December Term 2 end

25th December to 5th January – Christmas Holiday

Term 3

8th January Term 3 start



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9th February Local Holiday

12th February Mid Term Holiday

13th February to 14th February In-Service Days

28th March Term 3 end

29th March to 12th April – Spring Holiday

Term 4

15th April Term 4 start

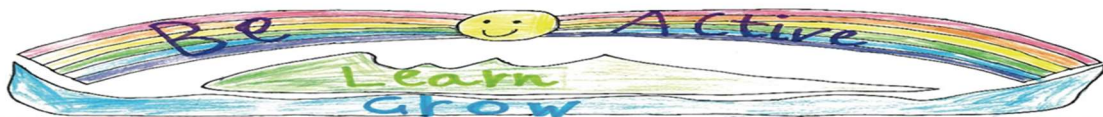
6th May - May Day Holiday

3rd June Local Holiday

5th July Term 4 end

8th July to 16th August – 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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