

# Monymusk Primary School Newsletter



## November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable October break and are all ready for a busy Term 2 ahead.

We started the term on Monday with a fantastic day of Hallowe'en activities. The whole school participated in creating, decorating (and eating!) themed biscuits, entertainment was provided by Monsters Inc., and then in the afternoon we all ventured up to the dam, where we worked in small groups to create spiders' webs.



**Hungry Haggis Café** – A huge thank you to all who came along to our recent Hungry Haggis Café. We raised an enormous £ 233.54 for our School Fund from your very kind donations.

**Save the Animals Group** – At the Café, our Save the Animals group made a whopping £90.63 from their crafts and homebakes stall. They have since donated their money to 2 charities – The Highland Wildlife Park and the Born Free Foundation. Well done to the group, who have received letters of thanks and certificates from the charities for their kind donations.

### **What's coming up...?**

**Rugby** - All pupils will take part in a rugby taster session on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November which will be run by Garioch Rugby Club.

**Student teachers** – This term we welcome 3 student teachers to Monymusk. Miss McKee will join P1/2/3, Miss McFadyen joins P4/5 and Miss Kidd has begun her placement in P6/7. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

**The Phone Box Workshop** – All classes will be working with Pam Cumming from Aberdeen University's Business School next week, to develop ideas on what the old phone box in the village could be used for. This is a perfect opportunity for our pupils to work with the community on an enterprise project. Let's wait and see what ideas develop!

**Armistice Day** – On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting, we shall be going to the War Memorial in the village for an assembly with Mr Glen.

**Children In Need Day** – Following a pupil vote, we will celebrate this day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November by coming to school in our pyjamas and onesies!

**Movie Night (P1-7)** – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 6-8pm in school. Our Children in Need Day activities continue with all pupils and staff invited back to school in the dark and still in our pjs and onesies to watch a film and have juice and popcorn! We will collect donations for Children in Need at the door, if you wish to contribute. More details to follow.

**Christmas Show** – Preparations are now underway to begin Monymusk School's Christmas Show! Entitled 'Jock's First Christmas', this will be a whole school performance with a Doric twist! We are very fortunate to have the Doric poet, Sheena Blackhall, on board with us to help with our scripts and songs.

**Parent Workshop** – All parents and carers are warmly invited to a Parent Workshop run by our Educational Psychologist, Fiona Seaton on Restorative Behaviour Practice and Building Resilience/Behaviour Strategies. This will be held in our school hall on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 1.30pm – 3.00pm. We will be providing refreshments for this event, so if you plan to come along, we would be grateful if you could let us know in advance.

**ALEC van** – visitors from the Aberdeenshire Life Education Centres (ALEC) will be visiting us on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. All pupils will attend one of their workshops, created in association with [Coram Life Education](#)

Finally...we all wish Mrs Farquhar the very best of luck as she takes part in the New York Marathon this weekend! Go on, Mrs Farquhar, you can do it!! We will be cheering you on all the way 😊

- **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Flu vaccinations
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Rugby taster sessions for all classes
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	PhoneBox workshops for all classes (see newsletter for details)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Armistice assembly at War Memorial with Rev Euan Glen
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Children in Need Day (PJs and onesies)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	6:00-8:00pm Movie Night P1-7 (details to follow)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>	<b>In-Service Day 2</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b>	<b>In-Service Day 3</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Tempest Photography – details to follow
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	1:30 – 3:00pm Parent Workshop with Educational Psychologist
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022	ALEC workshops for all classes
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Next instalment due for P6,7 residential visit
Week beginning Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas Show – details to follow
Week beginning Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Christmas parties – details to follow
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>School opens</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Hungry Haggis Café
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>In-Service Day 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>	<b>In-Service Day 5</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Final instalment due for P6,7 residential visit
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Tempest Photography – whole school vista photo
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	World Book Day/Mad Hatter's Tea Party
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Comic Relief
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b>	<b>School opens</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	P6,7 Residential Trip
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>	<b>School closes</b>

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher