



October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where on earth has this term gone?! We can't quite believe that the October holidays are at the end of next week, it has passed so quickly!

We have several good news stories to tell you this month –

House Captains and Vice Captains – We are pleased to announce that our House Captains and Vice Captains this year are

Mither Tap – Annabelle & Jessica

Craigshannoch – Isabella & Carly

Millstone – Skye & Carla

Oxen Craig – Izzy & Lola



Scots Language Awards – Just in case anyone has missed the news(!), Monymusk School won the Scots School of the Year 2023 at a ceremony held in Johnstone, Renfrewshire. To celebrate, plans are underway for a community party – Friday 1st December, Monymusk Village Hall, in the evening is where everyone needs to be! More details coming soon!

Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2023 – The awards took place last week in Meldrum House where our choir 'The Musical Monymusketeers' were nominated for the 'Future Award'. We are delighted to tell you that we were in the final Top 3 and although we didn't win, the children who participated in the choir this year have done themselves proud and truly represent inspiration across Aberdeenshire. Well done everyone!

Doric Poetry Competition – This was our second year of holding this event in school and what a great performance we saw and heard from all the children. Our judges were extremely impressed with how well the children recited their poems and they had a very difficult task of choosing the winners. However, Max in P1-3 and Sofia in P6-7 came out on top and received the winners' trophies and their names engraved on the school shield. Thank you and well done to everyone at home for helping the children practise their poems!

Hamewith Concert - This was held at the Alford Heritage Centre last week and several of our pupils gave excellent performances of their Doric poems in front of other schools and a very receptive audience!

Bake Sale – A group of our P4/5 boys demonstrated great teamworking skills by holding a Bake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support – they managed to raise a fabulous £206! Their home bakes looked and tasted amazing! Great work boys!!



Hungry Haggis MacMillan Coffee Morning – Many thanks to all who came along and supported our fundraiser. The classes did a great job in making all the 'fine pieces' and serving all our visitors.

Our total donation to Macmillan Cancer Support from both the Bake Sale and our Community Café is a whopping £504.08 !!!

P6/7 Friendship Workshop – Parents and pupils of P6/7 were recently invited to an evening in school where the work they have been doing recently on Friendships was displayed.

Clevertouch Boards – Recently, each of our classes were fitted with our brand new Clevertouch Boards. They will add a whole new dimension to the learning and teaching which happens in school – both for staff and pupils. Staff have completed a CPD session and are now looking forward to incorporating the boards and its many functions into our school life.

Happy teachers with the new Clevertouch Boards 😊!



What's happening in the next few weeks?

ALEC sessions – We will have our annual visit this Friday (6 October) from the Aberdeenshire Life Education Centre, when each class will take part in a Health & Wellbeing themed related workshop.

P1,2,3 Visit to Monymusk Kirk – Mr Glen has kindly agreed to open up the church for the class to learn about the features of the building.

SCAA Charity Walk – You will have received information from Mrs Lamb regarding the whole school walk for the Scottish Charity Air Ambulance fund raiser. Parents/carers are invited to join the boys and girls at 9.30 am on Wednesday 11th October.

Parents' Evenings - Wednesday 11th October and Thursday 12th October. Pupils have been issued with times and dates.

First Aid – P6/7 will be attending a basic First Aid course at Echt School in the morning of Thursday 12th October from 10am-12pm.

Students – After the holidays we will be joined by two Aberdeen University students who will carry out their placements at Monymusk. Miss Aimee Scott will join Mrs Farquhar in P6/7 and Miss Sarah MacDonald will join Miss Kilmurry in P4/5. We wish them both successful placements.

That's all for just now, other than to wish everyone a happy holiday! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and we will see you all again on Monday 30th October for the start of Term 2.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 6 th October 2023	ALEC visit – sessions for all classes
Tuesday 10 th October 2023	9:45am P1,2,3 visit to Monymusk Kirk
Wednesday 11 th October 2023	9:30am – 12:15pm approx. Whole School walk for SCCA
Wednesday 11 th & Thursday 12 th October 2023	Parents' Evenings (times TBC)
Thursday 12 th October 2023	P6,7 First Aid Training by British Red Cross
Friday 13th October 2023	School closes
Monday 30th October 2023	School opens
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	Hallowe'en Dress-up Day
Thursday 2 nd November 2023	6:00-8:00pm Hallowe'en Disco
Friday 10 th November 2023	11:00am Remembrance Service, The Square, Monymusk
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	Movie Night for Children in Need (details TBC)
Thursday 16th November 2023	In-Service Day 2
Friday 17th November 2023	In-Service Day 3
Tuesday 21 st November 2023	Tempest Photography visit (TBC)
Friday 1 st December 2023	Christmas Jumper Swap Shop (details to follow)
Friday 1 st December 2023	7:00 – 9:00pm Community Celebration of Scots School o the Year Award, Jubilee Hall, Monymusk
Friday 8 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Fayre/Open Afternoon (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th December 2023	Sleeping Beauty pantomime, HMT Aberdeen
Monday 18 th December 2023	Whole School Christmas Outdoor Learning
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Christmas Lunch Evening –Carols in the Square
Thursday 21 st December 2023	Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December 2023	Christmas Church Service (time TBC)
Friday 22nd December 2023	School closes
Monday 8th January 2024	School opens
Friday 9th February 2024	Holiday (Occasional Day)
Monday 12th February 2024	Holiday
Tuesday 13th February 2024	In-Service Day 4
Wednesday 14th February 2024	In-Service Day 5
Thursday 28th March 2024	School closes
Monday 15th April 2024	School opens
Monday 6th May 2024	Holiday (May Day)
Monday 3rd June 2024	Holiday (Occasional Day)
Friday 5th July 2024	School closes

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

Kind regards,

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Scots School o the Year 2023!