



May 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 4 is always the busiest and quickest term of the year! We have already started the term with a few good news stories.

Firstly, a huge well done to all our pupils who took part in last weekend's **Netball Tournament** at Cluny. They have only recently come together as a team, but thanks to their enthusiasm and fantastic teamwork skills, along with having a great coach (thank you Emily Veitch!), the team are demonstrating huge potential! We will continue to build on their great start throughout the rest of this term, however, if there are any parents/carers who would be willing to assist in running a netball club after school, please get in touch.



Our netball team, including the officials' choice for "Player of the Tournament", Leo

Football – This term we will also be starting a Football After School Club for P1-7, run by Mr Dougan, our student teacher in P1/2/3. Again, we will be looking for any interested parents/carers to help with this in the future. We have a lot of keen children in both netball and football and we would love to continue to support their enthusiasm and develop their skills.

Basketball – We have recently purchased some new basketball hoops and balls for the playground which are proving very popular with everyone! New netball stands will be following soon. We are very grateful to Monymusk Playgroup for a very generous donation from their Race Night proceeds, which has enabled us to purchase these items.

BP Climate Smarter STEM Competition – During the past term, P4/5 and P6/7 have been working collaboratively on a climate related topic. The project has taken them on a journey of investigation and experimentation to look at how they can tackle the climate emergency. The programme culminates in the pupils designing and building models of their future school, incorporating all their research into energy efficiency, smart controls, electricity generation, sustainable building materials and responsible use of water.

So, on Thursday this week, we shall be heading to BP in Dyce where 3 of our groups will be representing Monymusk School in the competition. They will give a talk on their model, answer questions and see the other entries from other schools. Good luck everyone!

360 Safe Scotland – As part of our ongoing annual review of online safety, we have registered with a self-review toolkit called 360 Safe Scotland and received a certificate of commitment. Over the next few months, we will be forming an Online Safety Group with some of our pupils and staff. If any parents/carers would be interested in contributing to this group, please get in touch.

New P1 pupils - In August, we shall be welcoming 8 new P1 children. This term they will be experiencing some transition activities with our current P1/2/3 class and also meeting their Buddies.

Parents' Evenings – Appointments have been issued for you to meet with your child's teacher next week. Appointments will be for the usual 10 minutes. If there are any issues which require a longer appointment, please discuss this with the teacher in the first instance. We look forward to seeing you all.

Scholastic Book Fair - Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Monymusk School. It will be set up in the hall and available for everyone to browse and purchase during both Parents' Evenings. Pupils will also be able to visit the fair with their class during the school day.



Dates for your Diary (note that dates marked ** have changed recently)

Thursday 2 nd May 2024	Science groups from P4-7 visiting BP Dyce for STEM Climate Challenge
Monday 6th May 2024	Holiday (May Day)
Tuesday 7 th May & Thursday 9 th May 2024	Parent Teacher meetings Scholastic Book Fair will be open during both evenings
Thursday 9 th May 2024**	9:30 – 10:15am P1 Induction Meeting 1 (parents & carers only)
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	P7 Link Day, Alford Academy
Friday 17 th May 2024**	Tempest whole-school photograph
Monday 20 th – Friday 24 th May 2024	Health week – in preparation and full details will follow separately
Tuesday 21 st May 2024**	1:10pm Sports Day at football pitches behind St Ninian's
Wednesday 29 th May 2024	1:30 -2:30pm P1 Induction Meeting 2 (Literacy & Numeracy Walk)
Monday 3rd June 2024	Holiday (Occasional Day)
Friday 14 th June 2024	Goblin Car competition, Grampian Transport Museum, Alford – details to follow
Friday 14 th June 2024	Doric Film Festival visit – details to follow
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st June 2024	P7 Link Week, Alford Academy
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	1:40 – 2:30pm P1 Induction Meeting 3 (pupils in class)
Thursday 20 th June 2024	9:15 – 12:15pm (approx) P1 Induction Meeting 4 (pupils in class, followed by trial school lunch with parents)
Thursday 4 th July 2024	6:30 – 8:00pm Disco (details to follow)
Friday 5 th July 2024	(TBC) 11am Church service, St Mary's Kirk, Monymusk. All welcome.
Friday 5th July 2024	School closes

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Jill Moir

Head Teacher