



# SPECIAL DELIVERY

Hill of Banchory School: Issue No. 73 – December 2014



As a Rights Respecting School, you will see that we match the Articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child to activities and events which happen in school. Pupils from the RRS Committee read the newsletter and match news to the relevant article.

## Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Sue Fox to Hill of Banchory as one of our P2 teachers.



## Helping Others

Thank you very much for supporting us.....

- We raised £153.73 for the British Legion through the sale of poppies this year. Mrs Read's P5 class made a wonderful poppy display with their school sweatshirts and shoes!



- 160 shoeboxes were collected for the Rotary Eastern Europe shoebox appeal organised by our P4 class and these will travel out to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas, giving some children the first present they have ever had.

*"The shoe boxes were really fun! I loved going round the classes and telling them about what they had to do." - Charlotte*

- The P6 class French café raised £25 for UNICEF's Ebola appeal.
- The sale of Children in Need cakes raised £57.

**Art. 31:** Every child has the right to take part in a range of activities

- Our Rights Respecting Schools Committee organised a Christmas sweater day on 11 December. We all got into the Christmas spirit and raised £338 in aid of Save the Children.

## Thank you for your co-operation....

- Children should come to school prepared for cold, wet, winter weather and must also take responsibility for bringing in any clothing that they leave in the playground at break or lunchtimes.
- There have been a few “near misses” due to cars being parked on the road immediately outside the main door of the school. Delivery vans and other cars struggle to get past these and have been mounting the pavement by the main bank of parked cars in order to get around the corner. Please ensure that you always use the allocated parking spaces.



## School News

- As part of finding out about “Make, Do and Mend” in WW2, the P7s have been learning to knit and crochet. Mrs Margaret Owen has kindly helped piece together our squares of knitting to make a beautiful blanket. We are currently deciding what to do with the blanket – some of us would like to keep it in school whilst others think we should send it to others in need. Thank you very much to Mrs Owen and her helpers for all their hard work.



**Art 31:** Every child has the right to take part in artistic activities.

- In addition, all the P7s visited Aberdeen Art Gallery and the Gordon Highlanders’ Museum as part of their topic on WW2. They had a tour of the gallery and learned about the different styles of art before they did some sketching of their own. At the Museum they learned about the impact of World War 2 on a local regiment.

*“The museum was great because it was very active and we enjoyed using the clues to work out who the soldier was” – Kirsty & Rebecca*



**Art. 29:** Education must develop every child’s personality, talents and abilities

- Some of our pupils took part in a training session in Aberdeen with the Scottish Thistles Netball team. The whole Thistles squad were there and the children had an hour of training, ending with a Q&A session and a photo/autograph opportunity. The Thistles were warm, friendly,



encouraging and hugely inspiring and were very generous with their time and the pupils loved the experience!

- The Travelling Book Fair was a great success and school has earned a generous commission – we will benefit from books worth a total of £1287 for the school classrooms and library. Thank you for all your support and the help of PTA members who manned the Fair for us.
- As part of P4's topic on "Our Community" the class found out about what it is like to be a blind person in Banchory. The pupils tried walking around the school with a blindfold on and a buddy to help guide them. They all agreed it was very strange and a bit scary. They heard from Brenda Ewan how she manages with the help of her very hard-working and amusing dog Quaker.

**Art. 13:** Every child has the right to information

- Our Fair Trade Committee sold Fair Trade goods totalling over £230 at the recent playtime bake sales – many thanks to all who supported this venture.
- Primary 4/5 have been extra busy this term! We have



*"Quaker is adorable!" - Laurie*

learning lots about the Titanic disaster and performed a class assembly to the whole school and parents to showcase our learning. The primary 4s have also had their Enterprise hats on, through the organisation of the shoeboxes for Eastern Europe.

- The Banchory Business Centre asked our P3 pupils along to sing carols to entertain the staff and the morning was enjoyed by both performers and their audience!

- P3S have had a busy term learning about Romans. They had an amazing visit from a Roman Centurion called Micinius and had the opportunity to try on Roman armour, investigate a range of Roman treasure and were taught how to march. They rounded off the topic with a Roman morning where children sampled a mini roman banquet whilst dressed in togas and Roman uniforms. They really enjoyed the topic and learned a lot about Roman life.



**Art. 28:** Every child has the right to an education



- Our annual Nativity show this year was "Angel Express", performed by all of our Primary 1 pupils. Great singing and enthusiastic performances ensured that the audiences had a great time watching the shows. Special thanks to the Primary 1 teachers, pupils and helpers who worked so hard to make the show a success.

On behalf of the staff and pupils at Hill of Banchory School, we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year

## DIARY DATES

<b>JANUARY</b>	
Monday 5	Start of Term 3. Whole school Scottish theme for 3 weeks.
Monday 12 – Friday 23	Enrolments for Primary 1 pupils starting August 2015
Thursday 15	P4/5 visit to Jacobite workshop in Aberdeen. Details to follow
Tuesday 20	P1 and P7 dental checks – details to follow.
Monday 26 – Friday 30	“Engineer Our Lives” week – workshops for whole school from Livewire Productions
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
Friday 6	P7G class assembly at 9:50am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are welcome to come along and join us on this day. UNICEF Day for Change – pupils may “dress down” on this day in return for a donation to UNICEF. PTA Talent Show in the evening – details to follow
Friday 13 – Wednesday 18 inclusive	Pupil Holiday (Staff in-service days on 17 and 18 February)
Friday 20	P3L class assembly at 9:50am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are welcome to come along and join us on this day.
Monday 23	Enrolments for Nursery places 2015 – 16 (until 6 March). Start of Fairtrade Fortnight
Friday 27	P4 class assembly at 9:50am. . Parents/carers of pupils in this class are welcome to come along and join us on this day.
<b>MARCH</b>	
Thursday 12	P7 Try a Sport Day at the Academy – details to follow
Friday 13	P2F class assembly at 9:50am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are welcome to come along and join us on this day. “Red Nose” day – the Pupil Council will plan activities and further details will follow. This will not be a “dress down” day.
Friday 20	School Discos (P1-3 pupils from 6:00 – 7:00pm and P4-7 pupils from 7:15 – 8:30pm. £2 per pupil.
Friday 27	P6 class assembly at 9:50am. . Parents/carers of pupils in this class are welcome to come along and join us on this day. Pupil reports issued to parents/carers.
Monday 30	P2 and P3 pupils football festival at Tillybrake field (10:00 – 11:30am)
Tuesday 31	Parent/teacher meetings from 3:30 – 6:30pm
<b>APRIL</b>	
Wednesday 1	Parent/teacher meetings from 3:30 – 6:30pm
Thursday 2	Easter Service at 10:00am in Banchory East Church. All parents/carers welcome to join us at the service. Final day of Term 3