


<p>Turriff Primary School Newsletter</p> <p>February 2024</p>		<p>School Office 01888 530855</p> <p>turriff.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk</p> <p>Absence text number 07860 029109</p> <p>https://turriff-pri.aberdeenshire.sch.uk/</p> <p>We are on Facebook, X and Instagram @turriffprimary</p>
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House Treat

Craigston, the blue house, are the winners of the third of six house treats this school year. The house treat will be on Tuesday 20th February. The pupils belonging to Craigston can enjoy a non-uniform day and in the afternoon, they will be invited through to the hall for a movie, cookies and milk (or water/ juice.) Pupils can take in a blanket for this if they wish. Congratulations Craigston House!

World Book Day

TPS will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 7th March when we will promote reading through whole school and in class activities. Here are some activities to be aware of

- Every pupil will take home a £1 book token to spend on a new book which you can pick up at your nearest bookseller or supermarket.
- On Thursday the 7th we invite all pupils and staff to wear their PJs, onesies, loungewear and oodies to school so they can snuggle up to read or listen to a good book!
- On the school's Facebook page (@turriffprimary), we would like to see photos of the best place to read a book, a post will be shared on the 7th that you can comment and upload photos on to. Some of the more original and amusing ones will be shared at our school assembly on the 8th.
- At the Open Evening on Thursday 7th March from 5pm – 7pm, the Scholastic Book Fair bookcases will be set up in the canteen. Payment for books can be in cash or scan the QR code and pay online.

Here is a bit more about what World Book Day is all about

Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. We want to see more children, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them. <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Open Evening

We are delighted to welcome you into the school and to your child's classroom for our open Evening for Parents and Carers on Thursday 7th March from 5pm – 7pm. Your child will guide you around the learning in the classroom so they can report to you on their learning. All teachers will also be in attendance so there will be the opportunity to chat informally.

A message from the Public Health Team

Measles is on the increase, with a rapid rise in the number of cases seen in parts of England, and a confirmed case in Scotland. It is a serious illness, but the MMR vaccine is proven to safely offer high levels of protection. It is given in two doses; if you are not sure if your child has had both doses, you can contact your GP practice to confirm.

If your child has never had the MMR – or hasn't had the complete course – you can contact our vaccination teams to arrange. Aberdeenshire telephone: 01224 555333

Childhood vaccinations offer protection against many serious illnesses, and you are encouraged to ensure your child is up to date with all of them. Further information on vaccinations can be found at: [Vaccines - Immunisations in Scotland | NHS inform](#) Further information on measles can be found at: [Measles | NHS inform](#) and [MMR vaccine - Immunisations in Scotland | NHS inform](#)

Parent Council

The next TPS Parent Council meeting is on Monday 11th March at 6.30pm. Please do come along to the Community Room at the school then to join in and find out more about the work of the Parent Council. Part of the Parent Council's work is fundraising, their fundraising efforts has recently help pay for the prizegiving award engraving, excursion funding, Friendly Friday resources and they paid for the 6 new playground markings in their entirety. Their most recent fundraisers have been the Christmas Fayre, Coffee Morning, the creation and sale of the 2024 TPS calendar and discos. The committee also help me as a Head Teacher review school improvement planning and policy. Please do come along and get involved. To find out more about the TPS parent council click [here](#)

School delayed opening/ closure

Winter - the time of year again when the adverse weather and roads may stop us from opening at 9am or from opening at all. There are a few ways that we communicate when we are closed/ delayed opening/ transport not running -

- School Text – You will receive a text/ groupcall message from the school
- Online – Using the Aberdeenshire Council School Closures page <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-closures>
- Aberdeenshire Council App – download this [here](#) to receive notifications
- Radio – local radio takes the information from the council website and update
- Social media – @turriffprimary on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for updates

FOCUS ON...

Every month we will focus on an aspect of school life to share with our TPS Families.

Community Café

The class community cafés are more than just a cup of tea! The cafés are another opportunity for the pupils to report their learning to their families, for pupils to bring learning in class to life through an enterprise project and for the development of skills for learning and life. Pupils have shared learning at cafés in the past through display boards, talks, posters and newspaper articles. Each class undertakes an enterprise project setting up a business in class, normally a make and sell project. Our 'Learning Powers' relate to the café enterprise planning where pupils develop meta skills. These skills are shared in assemblies and talked about in class, see the example of Team Playing Tiger below. A remind of café dates for 23/24 can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Communicating

Communicating is the ability to openly and honestly share information in a way that creates mutual understanding about thoughts, intentions and ideas between all parties involved.

The ability to communicate can include:

- **Receiving information:** Understanding and mentally processing verbal or written communication
- **Listening:** The ability to actively understand information provided by the speaker, and displaying interest in the topic discussed
- **Giving information:** Giving written or verbal communication in way that can be best understood by those receiving the communication
- **Storytelling:** The ability to tell stories that persuade, motivate and/or inspire as well as bringing the sharing of knowledge to life through examples and illustrations



Collaborating

Collaborating is working with others. It is about working in coordination with others to convey information or tackle problems.

The ability to collaborate includes:

- **Relationship building:** The ability to identify and initiate connections and to develop and maintain them in a way that is of mutual benefit to both one's self and others
- **Teamworking and collaboration:** Working with others towards shared goals. Creating group synergy in pursuing collective goals
- **Social perceptiveness:** Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do
- **Cultural competence:** Sensitivity to and awareness of different cultural settings



Feeling

Feeling is considering the impact on other people by being able to take a range of different thoughts, feelings and perspectives into account.

Examples of demonstrating feeling include:

- **Empathy:** The ability to take the perspective of others into account in order to understand their feelings and motivations
- **Social conscience:** A sense of responsibility and concern for wider society



TERM THREE		
Tuesday 20 th February	House Treat 3/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 22 nd February	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P1/2 & P2A
Wednesday 28 th February	P1 and P7 dental checks in school	Pupils only
Monday 4 th March	Wider Achievement Day	Pupils Only
Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th March	Whole class Tempest photos	Pupils only
5 th – 8 th March	Scholastic Book Fair	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – Cosy up with a good book. Bring in a favourite book and wear loungewear/ pjs	Pupils only
Thursday 7 th March	Open Evening 5pm – 7pm The Scholastic Book fair will be open 5pm – 7pm in the canteen	Pupils, Parents and Carers
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day Fundraising and Awareness raising day. More information from the Rotakid pupil group soon.	Pupils only
Thursday 21 st March	P5 from P4/5, P5A & P5 from P5/6 Assembly	P5 Parents and Carers only
Friday 22 nd March	9.30 – 10.30am Community Café	Parents & Carers of P3A & P3B
Tuesday 26 th March	House Treat 4/6	Pupils Only
Thursday 28 th March	Church Service 9.30am led by P4A, P4B & P4 from P4/5	P4 Parents & Carers
	Last day of term three	
Friday 29 th March	HOLIDAY	School closed to all

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COMMUNITY CAFÉ

10/10/23 P7A & P7B
23/11/23 P4/5 & P5A
13/12/23 P5/6 & P6A
31/01/24 P2/3 & P6/7
22/02/24 P1/2 & P2A
22/03/24 P3A & P3B
10/05/24 P1A & P1B
06/06/24 P4A & P4B



Find out more about what your
child is learning whilst enjoying
a cuppa and fancy piece

9.30am - 10.30am in the canteen.
All funds raised will go to the class 'Culture Fund'
and/ or to a chosen charity