



Old Rayne School News

Working Together and doing our best for success!

Session 2016/17

February 2016

Term 3

We're well into our new term and your children are working hard and having lots of fun. This is my favourite time of year because, although Christmas and summer are great, right now we have a really good long term to get our teeth into learning, especially the more academic parts of the curriculum. It's often the time of year when we as teachers get to see your children make the most progress.

We say goodbye to our student teacher Miss Barr this week. She has worked very hard with the children over her last three placements and we'll be sad to see her moving on. I'd like to take this chance to wish her all the very best of luck with her next challenge.

Mr Ferguson

School Website

We've started to update our school website. I hope to turn it into a useful resource for you and the children.

Over the next while I intend to make sure all the pictures and documentation are fully up to date but I'd like to take a moment to draw your attention to a few things we've recently added.

- **Snow Day Activities** – If we are forced to close due to weather, there's a host of useful activities and resources on there now all split into ages and stages. There are recommendations as to what you could do and it will be easy for us to keep this up to date and relevant for the children.
- **Class Learning pages** – Each class page has a list of things the children will be covering this term as well as some suggestions as to how you can help your children at home if you wish.
- **School Handbook** – Our latest handbook is on there. It's a lengthy read and you probably know most of what's on there but it's a worthwhile resource if you're curious.

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Old Rayne School

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Old Rayne School is a small rural school situated in the heart of the village of Old Rayne. It lies approximately 9 miles north of Inverurie just off of the A96.

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News

- Council to set budget for the year ahead
- Autism information morning in Allford for parents with pre-school children
- Aberdeenshire to welcome HRH The Princess Royal to officially open Midmill School
- Update from the meeting of the full Aberdeenshire

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Primary: 1-3 hours over all!

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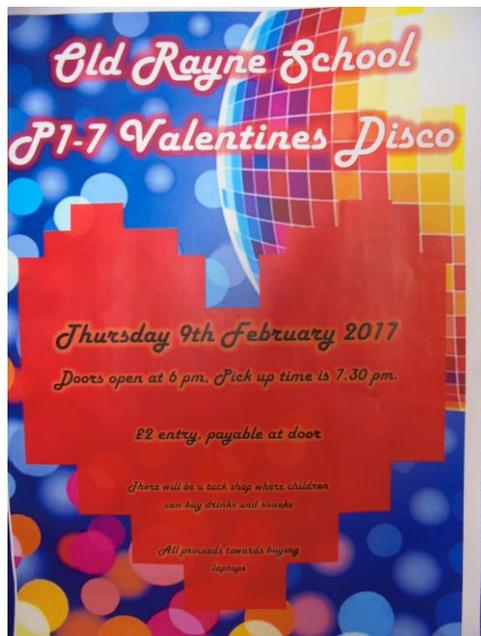
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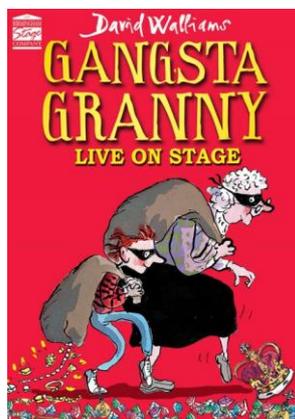
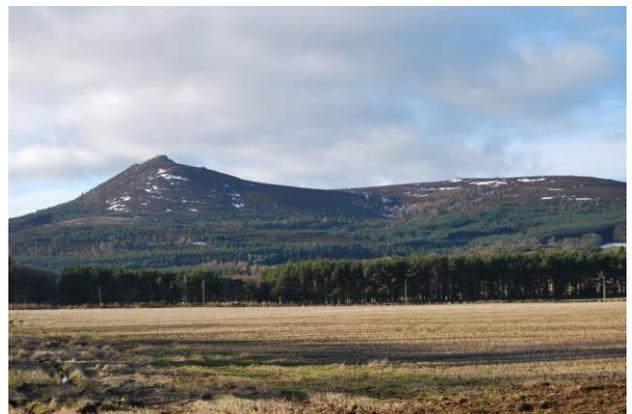
Our Parent Council have kindly been organising a school disco for the children.

The disco will be on Thursday the 9th of February from 6:00 - 7:30. There will be a tuck shop for children to buy drinks and snacks and an entry charge of £2 payable at the door. It will be in the school hall.

All the money raised will be going straight towards buying new laptop computers for the children.

School Trip – Bennachie Rangers

Both classes will be busy getting their science on this term. From different perspectives, both classes will be looking at local ecosystems. We will be heading off to Bennachie on the 22nd March to meet with the rangers for the day and doing a range of activities on and around the mountain tied into our topic work.



Theatre Trip

We've been lucky enough to be able to organise seats at HMT to see 'Gangsta Granny', the play based on David Walliams book.

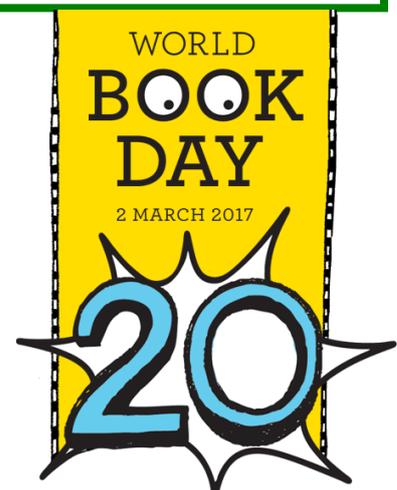
This will be in the last weeks before the summer so it's a while off yet but I wanted to let you know in case you saw it and thought to book it for your children.

David Walliams work is regularly compared to Roald Dahl and the children are sure to have a great time – a nice treat to end the year.

World Book Day

On the 2nd of March this year we celebrate the 20th world book day. We'll be dressing up as characters from our favourite books and really focussing on reading for pleasure.

We also intend to have a big book swap. If anyone has books that they no longer want they can take them in on the day and choose new ones from what other people have brought in.



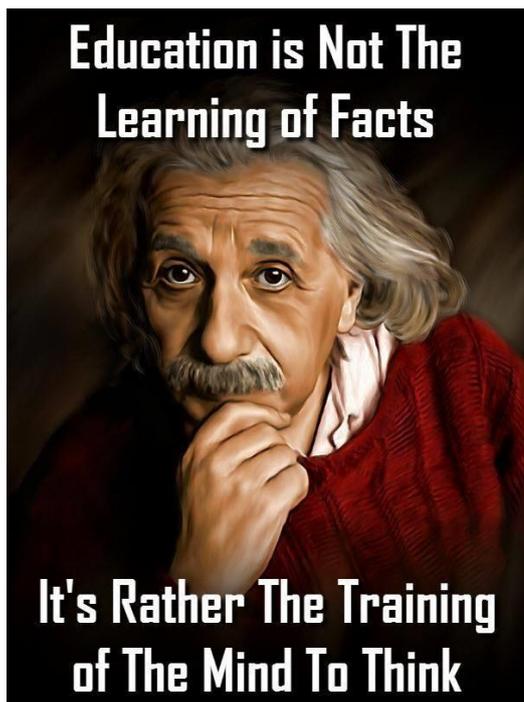
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Red Nose Day

The 24th of March is Red nose day. Our plans are in a very early stage just now but we can't let this cause pass us by without doing something fun! We'll let you know exactly what we're thinking as soon as we can.



**Education is Not The
Learning of Facts**



**It's Rather The Training
of The Mind To Think**

This month we are learning...

This week, if you don't already have them, you will receive a class newsletter which will go into a bit more detail regarding what your children will be doing this term. It's also available on the school website.

As we go through the year I will ensure I keep you updated in this newsletter regarding the main topics in each class each month.

How you can help...

As ever it's a big help if you have the time to ask your children what they've been learning regularly. Initially I wouldn't expect the responses to be very detailed (or enthusiastic, my son's stock response for a long time was, 'I don't remember, we did stuff') but as we go through the year, the more your children are able to reflect on and discuss their learning, the more they will be able to engage with it in school. We are currently working on this quite a lot in class so questions like, 'what did you do?', 'Why did you do that?' 'Were you successful and how do you know?' would be very helpful. Well regarded studies have shown that there are few things that will make children more effective learners than encouraging their ability to self-reflect and self-assess their own progress.

Upcoming Dates

- Valentines Disco – 9th February
- Mid Term Break – Last day is 9th February and back in school on the 16th February
- Next Rag Bag Collection – 21st February
- World book day – 2nd March
- Engineering Challenge day – 8th March (Cardboard/plastic/junk required)
- School trip – 22nd March
- Next community café – date TBC ASAP but looking like the second half of March
- Red Nose day – 24th March
- Next Parent Council meeting – 29th March

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