



Pitmedden News!

March 2022

Vision & Values

Our Vision at Pitmedden is to provide the highest quality education that ensures our Pitmedden family 'Work together to do our best.'

Our overarching values to achieve our vision are that every child is:

Included

Respected

Healthy

Responsible

Honest

Welcome to our March Newsletter! What a month February was – complete with storms and snow. Hopefully Spring will bring some calmer weather. As this term draws to an end we still have lots going on in the school and nursery on the lead up to the Easter Holidays.

Important Calendar dates –

- World Book Day Thursday 3rd March 2022
- Walk Through Easter Wednesday 30th March 2022
- Easter Holidays Monday 4th April to Friday 15th April 2022
- "May Day" Holiday Thursday 2nd June 2022
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Holiday Friday 3rd June 2022
- Occasional Day Holiday Monday 6th June 2022
- Summer Holidays Monday 4th July to Friday 19th August 2022
- Inservice Day Monday 22nd August 2022
- Pupils return Tuesday 23rd August 2022

World Book Day

This year for World Book Day we are inviting children to come dressed as their favourite book character OR to wear Pyjamas/Onesie to school. It would be lovely if they could bring their favourite book to share with the class too. We are also running a Great Pitmedden Book Swap where we would like to invite pupils to bring in their old books that they have finished with and pick up some 'new' ones. All book donations can be sent into school with pupils or dropped off at the main door of the school.

Every child will be given a Book Token to spend to mark World Book Day. We would like to point you towards local book shops in our community like Better Read Book shop opposite Aldi in Ellon. #shoplocal

Water Bottles

A quick reminder that children should have plain water in their water bottles. We are seeing a few children coming in with juice and we would like to try, as a Health Promoting School, to encourage plain water please. Juice can be difficult to get out of carpets when it spills and can be sticky. Your support with this would be appreciated.



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P3 Foodbank Collection

Primary 3 have been learning all about food and nutrition this term. As part of their topic they would like to do a foodbank collection and are inviting donations of In-date tinned and packaged food, including:

baby food;

biscuits;

cereals;

dried pasta;

instant coffee;

long-life fruit juice;

long-life milk;

microwaveable puddings;

pasta sauces;

rice;

shower gel;

snack bars;

tea bags;

tinned fruit;

tinned meat and fish;

tinned puddings;

tinned soup;

tinned vegetables;

toiletries;

instant noodles;

vegetarian options.

All foodbank donations can be brought into school with pupils or dropped off at the box at the main door. Last day for dropping off is Friday 4th March. Thank you for your support!

Paired Reading

As the covid restrictions ease, it is a great opportunity to develop links across the classes once again. To this end we have started visits from Primary 6 to the nursery which have been a great success so far. Primary 6 are starting to build good links with the nursery children which will really help them moving up to Primary 1 in August.

We will be linking older and younger classes across the school, starting on World Book Day, to share their favourite books and read stories. Hopefully this will become a regular part of our school week.

Uniform Recycling

As a Green Flag School we like to promote opportunities to reuse and recycle wherever possible. Before we get into a new term we thought it would be a good opportunity to recycle uniform that children had outgrown across nursery and school. We will be having a Uniform Recycling Day towards the end of term - details to follow.

This will have to be held outside and will be led by the Eco Reps and House Captains. Watch Seesaw, Groupcall and Facebook for more details.



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Eco Group Plea

We are hoping to start our planting soon and wondered if we could ask for donations of topsoil and manure? If anyone has any please contact the school office. Many thanks.

Easter Walk Through Pitmedden

P5-7 have been invited to take part in an interactive Walk through Easter at Pitmedden Church on Wednesday 30th March. This has been organised by the Formartine Youth Project and they had great success doing a similar activity in Tarves for the Nativity Story at Christmas time. Each class will be guided around by a storyteller introducing them to some of the key moments of Holy week: including sound effects, scene setting props, some adults in costume and plenty of opportunity for the children to engage in the story. All Covid safe.

Friends of Pitmedden – We have our next Friends of Pitmedden meeting on Thursday 3rd March at 6.30pm. This will be a virtual teams meeting, if you would like to attend, please email katie.bowes@aberdeenshire.gov.uk and you will be added to the meeting. We would actively encourage as many parents/carers to attend as possible. We want to ensure that Friends of Pitmedden continues to thrive, allowing parents/carers to have their voices heard and support the school in the best way possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school if you have questions

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