**Echt School Weekly Bulletin**

**November 3r 2017**

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| **P4-7**  This week P4-7 started researching engineering for our new STEM project. We have entered the 2018 Engineering Leaders Awards, which requires each pupil to design an invention in response to a problem that affects them, their family, their neighbourhood or the whole world.  Next week we will continue to explore engineering through the 'Egg Drop' challenge. For this, could each pupil please bring in one item they would like to use to protect an egg from smashing when dropped from a height. This will take place on Wednesday.  Further homework includes entering and taking part in the new Sumdog National Competition, which ends at the end of next week. | **P1-3 News**  This week P1-3 we were finding out about Diwali, the festival of light. The children each made a beautiful tea-light holder out of salt dough decorated with jewels!  The children also made hedgehog bread rolls! They had to weigh out all of the ingredients and knead their own piece of dough before shaping it into a hedgehog shape! What a great way to learn about weight! |
| **Code Club**  Code Club will start again next week on Wednesdays after school. Code Club finishes at 4.15pm and is open to P3-7 pupils. Children may come next week for a Taster Session but there after we would expect them to come each week if possible till the end of term. | **Healthy Group**  Healthy tuck is up and running again on a daily basis. Please see the price list below:  Frubes: 20p  Cheesestrings: 25p  Breadsticks: 25p  Raisins: 15p  Bananas: 25p  Apples: 20p  Toast: 10p (Monday & Thursday)  If your child is bringing his or her own snack to school, we would encourage you to offer them a healthy snack rather than one which is loaded with sugar and/or salt. |
| **Digital Leaders**  Our five Digital Leaders were on the road again this week, this time to speak to P5-7 at Durris Primary. Each of the children chose something to talk about - Being a Digital Leader, Code Club, Osmo games, Using the Green Screen - and they spoke so clearly and in such an informative way that I was really proud of them all! What an amazing life skill to have at such a young age, being able to speak so coherently to a group of people you’ve never met before! | **White Lines**  The lines for our netball court were painted in the October holidays as was a ladder in the back playground. The ladder was being used by Darroch, Hannah and Jacob for long jump practice the other day! It will also be very useful for counting, adding and subtracting! |
| **Assemblies**  We have organised a few speakers to come in to speak to the children about various things this term. Please keep an eye on the Blog Calendar and the news bulletin to see what’s coming up and when. Parents are welcome to come along and join us at any of these assemblies. | **Eco Group**  The Eco Group have ordered Toilet Hippos for all of the toilet cisterns in the school. These will help to save water. The Eco Group will be explaining to the rest of the school about the importance of saving water at an assembly, once the Hippos arrive in School! Please come along if you want to find out more!  We have also written to Joanna Stewart, Transport Officer with Aberdeenshire Council, asking her to come along to school to help us update our School Travel Plan. Our previous one is out of date due to the building of the houses across the road from the school.  We will also be collecting Christmas Cards after the holiday for recycling. |
| **Junior Road Safety Officers**  We will shortly be interviewing P5 pupils in order to appoint two JRSOs. The JRSOs will work closely with Mrs McRae to help promote road safety issues within the school and local community.  <http://www.jrso.com/curriculumforexcellence/activities> | **Junior Accountants**  Hamish and Fraser are our two Junior Accountants this year. Hamish worked alongside Owen last year and he is now training up Fraser! They meet up with Mrs McRae once a month to go over all their accounts. |
| **Christmas Cards**  As we are an Eco Schools Green Flag School, we are very aware of the need to keep the amount of paper we use at a minimum. With this in mind, please will you encourage your children to only bring **ONE** Christmas card into school this year for the class, if they want to bring one in. If they were able to make their own card, this would be even better!  The Christmas post-box will be out in school from Monday December 11th. | **Film Club**  Film Club will start on **Monday** 6th Nov. It is for all children from **P1-7** and will run **fortnightly** after school till 5pm unless you are otherwise notified. **Tickets** for Film Club can be bought up to and including the day of screening for **50p** and this will include entry to the Echt School Cinema and either ice-cream or popcorn at the interval!  LOOK OUT ON THE BLOG AND FACEBOOK THIS WEEKEND TO FIND OUT WHAT U FILM WILL BE SHOWING ON MONDAY |

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| **Note From Rural Rascals**  Rural Rascals is made up solely of parents from Dunchect Primary school children and whilst this isn't a problem in making sure the club runs smoothly, we may overlook or under appreciate the comments / concerns from the parents of the children from Echt Primary.  I know this year there aren't many children making use of the club from Echt as compared to other years, but I wonder if there are any parents who would like to join the committee to provide a more balanced view? We're planning to meet in the next few weeks at Jaffs and it would be good to have another volunteer?  Thanks in advance Andy Chair RROSC |
| **Dates for your Diary**  **November**  **Thursday 9th School Photographs – am**  **Monday 13 –**  **Tuesday 14th In-Service – School closed to pupils only**  **Thursday 16th TTT’s – Echt Hall 10-11am**  **Friday 17th P1-7 Trip to Vue Cinema – am**  **Wednesday 29th Flu Immunisations**  **Thursday 30th Alec Van P1-P7**  **TTT’s – Echt Hall 10-11am**  **December**  **Friday 1st Christmas Fayre – 6.30-8.30pm at Echt Hall**  **Wednesday 6th Nursery & P1 & P2 Trip to Tyrebagger for Xmas Tree**  **Thursday 7th Community Café @ Echt Hall 10-11.30am**  **Wednesday 13th Forest School**  **Thursday 14th School Xmas Lunch**  **Tuesday 19th Nursery & P1 & P2’s at Woodend Barn – 10.30am**  **Wednesday 20th Nursery and School Xmas Parties**  **Friday 22nd Last Day of Term 2** |