

# ECHT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE CREATIVE AND HAPPY TOGETHER

CREATIVE RESPECTFUL SELF-BELIEF TEAM PLAYER INCLUDED INDEPENDENT

Welcome to the Echt School termly class newsletter in which we aim to share the learning that we have planned for the term alongside the children, as well as key notices and dates for the term. Our curriculum has been recently refreshed to link closely with the 17 United Nations Sustainability Goals (SDGs) and the United Nation Charter for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We hope you find this newsletter useful.

## General information

With restrictions lifted, it's really good to gradually get back to our usual calendar of events. On the first school trip for quite some time, the P5-7 class had a great time at Findhorn, exploring the school theme of 'Community.' We also gathered as a school in the Echt Churchyard for Remembrance with the local minister, where the pupils shared some fantastic, thoughtful poetry. It won't be long till Christmas now and the children have been working extremely hard, practicing their songs and parts for the Christmas Show, 'Children of the World', which they are very excited about. There's a lot to look forward to in the weeks ahead, at this very busy time of the year. Please take note of all the dates at the bottom of this page. Further information will follow as necessary, as we progress through the term.

## Areas your child will be working on

**Reading** Use of Making Thinking Visible Thinking Routines to enhance the development of reading & comprehension skills.

**Writing** Instruction writing: structure, chronological order, imperative verbs, VCOP.

**Spelling** Phonics units as appropriate with tasks to support understanding of words (meanings, usage and spelling).

**Listening & Talking** Paired, group & whole class discussions. Rehearsals, being an audience & giving feedback to others.

**Numeracy** Money including problem solving, position & movement, CLIC challenges and Learns Its.

**Health and wellbeing:** Improving performance within interval circuit training.

## Our context for learning (theme) this term is 'Our Community'

### UN Sustainability Goals Focus

**Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities:** making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

### Links to Charter for the rights of the child (key articles)

Article 2: the right to non-discrimination; Article 3: best interests of the child; Article 12: respect for the views of the child; Article 13: freedom of expression; Article 14: freedom of thought, belief and religion; Article 15: freedom of association; Article 27: adequate standard of living; Article 31: leisure, play and culture.

### Key themes to explore

Community, religious faiths, spirituality, sustainable living; Christmas around the world – Malawi and America.

### Dates for your calendar (please continue to also refer to the bulletin)

**St Andrew's Day (pupils can wear a 'touch of tartan'):** Wednesday 30th November

**Forest School:** Friday 2nd December

**Panto at His Majesty's Theatre:** Wednesday 7th December

**Whole School Christmas Show and Christmas Stalls in Echt Hall:** Thursday 15th December 2pm start

**Christmas Lunch (pupils only). Christmas jumper can be worn to school:** Friday 16th December

**Christmas Party (all classes):** Monday 19th December

**End of term and pupil profiles on Seesaw:** Thursday 22nd December

### Weekly Timetable (a typical week)

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| Monday    | PE, Literacy, Maths, Pupil Groups             |
| Tuesday   | Maths, Phonics/Spelling, Literacy, Rehearsals |
| Wednesday | Maths, Theme, PE, Literacy                    |
| Thursday  | Writing, Maths, Theme                         |
| Friday    | Assembly, Phonics/Spelling, Maths, French     |

## What you can do at home to help

### Please encourage your child to...

- Be curious! Read all kinds of texts for enjoyment.
- Practice 'Learn Its' number facts (number bonds and times tables) to support many areas of numeracy.
- Complete homework tasks.

**Mrs Lennon teaches** - Monday, Tuesday, and 3 out of 4 Wednesdays

**Mrs Rennie teaches** - 4 out of 5 Thursdays and Fridays

**Miss Cochrane teaches** - Tuesdays (Maths), every 4th Wednesday, every 5th Thursday and Friday

