



# Alehousewells School Newsletter

NL 6 – End December 2023-2024



## Alehousewells School

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### Emergency Contact Details Update

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Diary Dates:

**Fri 22 Dec** – Last day of term. Church service at Bennachie church at Kemnay, 9.45am, all welcome. School closes for Christmas holidays.

**Mon 8 Jan** – Return to school and nursery.

**Tue 9 Jan** – Parent and Carers ALEC session 9-9.30.

**Mon 15 – Fri 19 Jan** – P1 admissions week.

**Mon 22 Jan** – Home school folders issued again.

**Tue 23 Jan** – Parent Council meeting, 6.30pm, all welcome.

**Fri 9 & Mon 12 Feb** – School and Nursery closed for Mid-term holiday.

**Tue 13 & Wed 14 Feb** – School and Nursery closed for In service training.

**Fri 23 Feb** – Wray Thomson fundraiser at Kemnay Village Hall, 7.30pm.

**Thur 7 March** – Parent council Disco, 6.30-8pm.

**Fri 8 March** – Written reports issued.

**Wed 20 March** – Parents' evening (phonecalls) 4-6.30pm.

**Thur 21 March** – Parents' evening (face to face) 4-6.30pm.

**Wed 27 March** – Dress as you please day.

**Thur 28 March** – Last day of term. Church service at Bennachie church at Kemnay at 9.45am.

**Mon 15 April** – Back to school.

## Dear Alehousewells families,

Here we are at the last day of this term so there are a few items of information I would like to share with you before we break up for the holidays.

### School Christmas Fair

Many, many thanks to everyone who came along and supported our Christmas Fair. It was really busy with a lovely atmosphere. Thanks also to everyone who donated items or helped on the day. We couldn't have had such a successful event without parents, staff and pupils' help and contributions. We raised a magnificent **£2825.96**, which is a fantastic amount in this current financial climate, and more than last year! This money is going towards the installation of our Sensory Garden and has meant that we now have enough to get this in place once the weather is better. Thank you to everyone who has helped us reach this target. Please find below a list of the main winners from the Fair:

#### Lucky squares

£100 – Zac Gibson P5/6

Bottle of gin – Magnus Gjessing P2/3

Tower of treats – Aoife Coull-Nicol P1

#### Hampers

Harley Hutchison P1

Logan Rawlinson-Yule P7

Zara Findlater

Gabriel Thorburn

#### Guess the Teddy's birthday!

Closest guess to the actual birthday of 8 December was Aoife Coull-Nicol P1 with 10 December.

### The British Red Cross

We collected £111.53 from the sale of programmes at the school shows, which combined with the £30.15 donations on Christmas jumper/ Dress as you please day, the collection at the Church today (£19.78), along with donations from staff in lieu of sending Christmas Cards (£50), this makes a grand total of £211.46 to go to the British Red Cross. Many thanks to everyone who contributed.

### The Gigantic Star and Primary School Christmas Musical

The children were amazing at their shows recently, and sang, danced, spoke and acted so well. We know that you enjoyed Primary School Christmas Musical from P4/5-7 and The Gigantic Star from P1- P3/4, as we have had some lovely comments from audience members. If you still would like to complete the Microsoft Form to give us your feedback, it is not too late! Click on the relevant form below.

#### The Gigantic Star

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ\\_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCxc9CysldDpBILAvtSuKu-tUQ1pBVldDRkqzWVdFV1Y1R0wxQVhVMFFTNC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCxc9CysldDpBILAvtSuKu-tUQ1pBVldDRkqzWVdFV1Y1R0wxQVhVMFFTNC4u)

#### Primary school Christmas Musical

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ\\_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCxc9CysldDpBILAvtSuKu-tURTZNVkdLV0hZNVJTVUvWSUxKQldSREZHWS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BpPZ_i1NCUSVndDttzBKCxc9CysldDpBILAvtSuKu-tURTZNVkdLV0hZNVJTVUvWSUxKQldSREZHWS4u)

### **Parent Council Facebook page**

The Parent Council can be found on Facebook under "Alehousewells Parents Page."

<https://www.facebook.com/AlehousewellsParents>

### **Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 15th January to Friday 19th January 2024.**

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 28th February 2025 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2024.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2024 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

Please bring the below with you when your child starts school:

- the child's birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;
- evidence of the parent/carer's home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).

### **Jasmine P5/6 stars in Kemnay Panto**

Jasmine Thomson played Snow White in the Kemnay panto recently to a full house both nights. She and the rest of the cast did extremely well and performed brilliantly for the crowd. Jasmine put in so much time and effort to make it a memorable panto. This included every Monday evening for months and a full weekend too for the dress rehearsal.

All funds raised over the weekend are going towards buying a trishaw for Cycling without Age Scotland Kemnay. This enables elderly and infirm residents of the village, and surrounding area, to get out in the fresh air and experience a cycle trip in the safe hands of a trained trishaw operator. A very worthy cause indeed.

Very well-done Jasmine (and ex pupil Morven Low for playing her Saxophone in the band along with her parents).



## Santa

The Christmas Parties were a huge success and not forgetting our special visitor who came on Wednesday into the playground and also to the P1-3 party. We are so lucky and grateful to have such an amazing Santa who comes to visit us each year. This is the first time he has managed to take his sleigh; it was such a special moment and a lovely memory for all who saw him.



## Rapunzel

Many thanks to everyone who was able to pay £10 for their child to see Rapunzel at The Arts Centre in Aberdeen yesterday. It was a great experience, and the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. A huge thanks also to the families who generously paid it forward, thus helping 18 families who are struggling financially just now. Your kindness is really appreciated, especially at this time of year. Finally, thanks to the Parent Council who contributed £600 for the buses, £153 for ice cream and will share the cost of the outstanding ticket balance of £190 with the school.



## Bike/Scooter racks

A parent got in touch this week to say that it appears that someone had tampered with their child's scooter lock while it was secured in the storage area in the school playground. Luckily, there was no damage to the scooter, but I am sharing this so that you too can be vigilant for any such behaviours. Thank you.

## Neil Johnstone Memorial Award for Creativity in the Expressive Arts for P1-3 and P4-7

Today, we proudly presented these awards at Church which were created to remember one of our parents who sadly died a few years ago. Neil Johnstone loved music and singing so an award in the Creative Arts (Music, Drama and Art) is most fitting. It was a difficult task to select only two pupils from the Nativity and Christmas Show as so many children displayed real talent.

Very well done to the recipients of the awards who were chosen for their contributions to our Christmas performances. There were many pupils to choose from but the awards this year go to:

P1-3 – Parker McRae P4-7 – Elly Oslavska.



## Joint Alehousewells school and Parent Council fundraiser at Kemnay Village Hall

Please see below. Early bird tickets at a reduced price of £13 plus booking fee are only on sale for a very short time, before returning to £17. Book now using the link or QR code below so that you don't miss out on a great night, raising money for Alehousewells school.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alehousewells-primary-fundraiser-tickets-774479869137?aff=oddtcreator>

**WRAY THOMSON**  
Alehousewells Primary  
**FUNDRAISER**

"AMASTERCLASS" "CHEEKS WERE SORE WITH LAUGHING" "SUPERB" "NEVER LAUGHED AS MUCH" "WILD"

**KEMNAY VILLAGE HALL  
FRI 23RD FEB  
7:30PM - MIDNIGHT  
COMEDY, RAFFLE, DISCO  
BYOB & SNACKS  
OVER 18S ONLY  
£17 + bf**

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## School values awards

At our Assembly recently, the latest round of children received our CARES school values badges. It was a lovely celebration with the children shocked, surprised, delighted and proud to receive a badge. Our pupils are showing in many different ways how they demonstrate our school values eg showing a growth mindset, emptying the recycling bins weekly, helping their classmates when they are stuck or hurt and excelling in their learning.

### P1

Caring- Neveah Reid  
Achieving- Jude Brown  
Responsible- Aoife Coull-Nicol  
Encouraging- Carson Sangster  
Supporting- Parker McRae

### P2/3

Caring- Charlotte Findlater  
Achieving- Maja Barcikowska  
Responsible- Magnus Harper-Gjessing  
Encouraging- Samuel Ogbonna  
Supporting- Scarlett Findlater

### P3/4

Caring- Rhiannon Black  
Achieving- Harley Shewan  
Responsible- Eva-May Drysdale  
Encouraging- Brodie McMichan  
Supporting- Calvin Gauld

### P4/5

Caring- Archie Walters  
Achieving- Jessica Lace  
Responsible- Holly Mackenzie  
Encouraging- Angelica Stewart  
Supporting- Lilly Asher

### P5/6

Caring- Kai Fleming  
Achieving- Emily Backwell  
Responsible- Leo Creevy  
Encouraging- Maisy Blair  
Supporting- Aidan Milne

### P7

Caring- Alan Hird  
Achieving- Orla Massie  
Responsible- Elly Oslavska  
Encouraging- Sonny Skene  
Supporting- Ellie Sorrie



### Staffing

Today we say farewell to one of our PSAs, Mrs McConnell, who leaves us to take up a permanent position at Kemnay Academy. We have loved having her as part of Team AHW for the past 2 years and thank her for her hard work and commitment helping the children here at Alehousewells. We will miss you!

### Christmas message

Thank you for your continued support of the school this term. Whatever your circumstances, I hope that you are able to enjoy some family time with a chance to rest and recharge your batteries.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

*Carol Hughes*

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**HEAD TEACHER**

You are invited to comment on the return pro-forma on any aspect of school whether as a comment/ suggestion, compliment or concern. These are responded to as and when necessary.

Comment/Suggestion, Compliment or Concern, End December 2023

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My name \_\_\_\_\_

My child's name and class \_\_\_\_\_



### Medical Information Update

Pupil: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition:

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### Newsletter Via E-mail

At Alehousewells Primary we like to save paper and the environment as much as possible. If you do not receive newsletters by e-mail at the moment, please provide us with an e-mail address so we can add you to our mailing list.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

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Class \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address

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