

8<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers



I am excited to share that our EYFS will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week next week. We have a number of activities planned throughout the week to support the children in developing their language and literacy skills and we would love you as parents to be involved with this fun opportunity too.

We would like to invite you to our special **Stay and Play Forest School** Session on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. The session will start at 9.15. We ask that you wait at the front of school after dropping your child off so that we can register and get the children ready for the session. During this session we will sing nursery rhymes sat around the campfire and you will have the opportunity to engage in fun activities focussed on different nursery rhymes. If you would like to attend this session, we ask that you add your name to the sign up sheet. There will be one at the entrance to Reception and Nursery. Unfortunately, we will only be able to accommodate **1 adult** per child but there will be many more events planned throughout the year for you to enjoy with your child.

We will also be sending home activities for you to complete with your child. We would love to see what you have been getting up to by adding an observation of your child onto their **Tapestry** account. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page too as there will be lots of updates throughout the week.



Next week the children will also be taking part in Anti-Bullying week. This week will serve as an essential opportunity for us to come together as a school community, developing our awareness and celebrating difference.

This year's theme is "Make A Noise About Bullying." The purpose of this theme is to encourage students, teachers, parents, and the entire school community to speak up against bullying, to raise awareness, and to actively work towards a more inclusive and empathetic environment. It's a call to action, reminding us all that our collective voice can make a significant impact.

Throughout Anti-Bullying Week, we have planned a series of activities and initiatives aimed at fostering understanding, empathy, and respect among our students. These activities will include:

#### Odd-Socks Day



All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on **Monday 13th November**.



#### A Themed Menu

- Following the success of our taster menu during Black History Month, the kitchen team have pulled together a themed menu for **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. The menu will be emailed to all parents/carers and can also be found on our website [www.grampian.anthemtrust.uk](http://www.grampian.anthemtrust.uk). It will be uploaded to the School Money app for pre-ordering.

#### Children in Need Day – Fancy Dress (Spots or Pyjamas)

- Children in Need Day falls on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. As is tradition, children are invited to attend school in spots or their pyjamas for the day. We are a cash free school, so a voluntary donation of £1 can be made through the School Money app to support our fundraising for this important charity.
- Our School House Captains will also be leading a cake sale after school on this day. Cakes can be bought for 50p each.
- Could we kindly ask for your support through cake donations, baked or bought, that can be sold on the day. If you donate, please ensure any storage containers are well-labelled if you would like them returned.
- Our choir will come together to perform during the cake sale, providing their first audience of the new school year.



We thank you for your support in making this week a success, and look forward to seeing many of you during the week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Murfin  
Headteacher