

# Dates For Your Diary



## Thursday 1st February

RGS Open evening for Y6 pupils

## Wednesday 7th February

Y3&4 Hockey tournament at RGS (4pm)

## Friday 9th February

Last day of this half term

## Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

School closed for half-term holiday

## Thursday 1st March

World Book Day

Author Peter J Murray visiting!

## Thursday 8th March

Lempen Puppet Theatre Group in school



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# Newsletter



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We hope you have all enjoyed a positive start to 2018! I've been very pleased to see how our pupils have returned to school full of new year resolution; they've been straight back into the swing of things and are enjoying their new topics!

At the end of last year we ran a parents survey via our website, and I'd like to say thank you to all of you who took the time to participate. We had a good response and you can see the results inside - I'm proud to say that the responses were very positive!

We'll still be looking to see how we can improve things though, and surveys like this help us to identify bits and pieces where we can develop further.

We're already planning ahead for the rest of 2018 and beyond, and I hope as many of you as possible will get involved and have your say about some of our new initiatives - by working together and sharing understanding we can provide the best opportunities for our pupils.

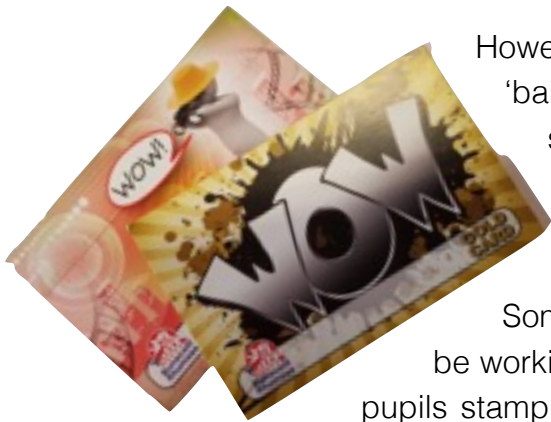


# Rewards at School

We're updating our rewards system at school!

A slight revamp to our reward system will mean that it is consistent across both buildings, with all pupils in school using a 'WOW' card to keep a track of the stamps they collect for good work or behaviour!

Each card has space for 25 stamps, which once completed may be exchanged for a reward at our new 'WOW' shop - children will be able to choose from a range of prizes.



However, pupils may also choose to 'bank' their stamps! The more stamps they save up, the better the prize they'll be able to choose at the shop!

Some of our Year Six pupils will be working as bankers to keep track of pupils stamp accounts, so we can be sure everything is above board and ship-shape!

We'll be setting up the bank and the shop over the next few weeks, and we'll be starting with our new and improved rewards system after the half-term holiday!

# Mokee Joe is back!



It's World Book Day on 1st March 2018, and to celebrate we're thrilled to welcome back author Peter J Murray to the school!

He's the author of the super-spooky (but always good fun!) 'Mokee Joe' books, as well as the 'Bonebreaker' trilogy, 'Scabberjack' and more!

He'll be visiting the school on Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Monday 5th March to speak to Key Stage 2 about his writing, his books and his latest (and final...?) 'Mokee Joe' novel. As ever, Peter's books will be available to buy at the school if you would like to make a purchase!



Thanks to everyone who took part in our Parent Survey! The results (as percentages) are below for you all to see - I've rounded to the nearest whole number, so some rows may not add to 100%! If you'd like to find out more about any aspect of the school, please get in touch and arrange a visit, we'd love to show you around!

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
My child enjoys going to school at Bunscoill Rhumsaa	76	21	0	3	0
My child makes good progress in their learning	47	42	5	5	0
Pupils behaviour at Rhumsaa is good	26	42	26	7	0
I feel well informed about what my child is learning about	32	50	8	8	3
Bunscoill Rhumsaa encourages a healthy lifestyle	63	32	0	5	0
Bunscoill Rhumsaa has a supportive, caring & positive ethos	50	37	11	3	0
I feel comfortable approaching the school to discuss my child's progress or any issues that may arise	63	29	8	0	0
Bunscoill Rhumsaa plays an important role in the community	39	47	8	5	0
My child receives homework which is appropriate for their age and ability	24	53	13	8	3
Homework should reflect what the children are learning about in class and be interesting, engaging and creative	68	21	8	3	0

# Fairtrade Conference

We were very pleased to send along another delegation of pupils to the annual FairTrade Conference this year! Miss Corlett took along four of our Year Six pupils to the event, which is held at the House of Keys in Douglas.

The children took part in lots of fun activities, including a debate in the chamber! The pupils were a credit to the school in both their behaviour and attitude, and made excellent ambassadors - well done to Caolan, Alf, Daisy and Rhianna!



# Asthma and Inhalers

Have you made sure the school has the latest information about your child's asthma?

It's really important that we keep our records up to date - if you're not sure, please get in touch with the school to check that we have an up to date Asthma Card and the right inhaler!

You can get an Asthma Card from the school, from your GP or from [www.asthma.org.uk](http://www.asthma.org.uk)

# New Starters 2018!

Do you have a child who is due to start at Bunscoill Rhumsaa in September? If so, please make sure you have registered with us at the school office! It's crucial that we have a good idea of how many pupils to expect in our Reception class in September - it means we can make sure we have the right staffing levels and resources etc for the coming year.

And if you know a friend or neighbour who might have children due to start school, please pass this message on to them, too! Thankyou!