

# **BANCHORY ACTIVE SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER**

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## **Welcome**

Welcome to my first Active Schools Newsletter for the Schools in the Banchory Network. The purpose of this newsletter is to continue to raise awareness of Active Schools and to keep pupils, parents and staff informed of activities within the 6 cluster primary schools – Banchory, Hill of Banchory, Crathes, Durriss, Strachan, Drumoak, the secondary school – Banchory Academy and the local community. I have detailed below a brief overview of a few programmes that the academy has been involved with this term:

### **Training Courses**

Senior pupils have been offered the opportunity to participate in a number of sport coaching courses this term. These have included basketball, rugby and a power boat training course. Pupils who have undertaken the basketball and rugby courses will also be invited to help with these programmes in the primary school activities.

### **Girls Basketball**

Term one has seen the start of a girls basketball team at Banchory Academy. The team has 30 girls participating regularly with one or two more dropping in from week to week. The team would not be running if it was not for the support of Banchory Stags Basketball Club, so a big thank you to both Mike and Andreas for your support.

### **Commonwealth Games Handover event**

A number of pupils from Banchory Academy have taken part in a dance handover event at Crathes Castle on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was held as one of many taking place all over Scotland as a celebration of the handover of the Commonwealth Games from Delhi to Glasgow for the games in 2014.

### **Senior Pupil Volunteers**

Senior pupils have been working with some of the local primaries coaching a number of sports. Senior boys have been coaching basketball at Hill of Banchory and with the girls team. They will also be working with Banchory primary after the October break. The Community Sports Leaders will also be trained next term to deliver Club Golf to primary five children at Banchory primary.

If you would like more information on how you can be involved, please complete the slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return it to the address below, or to the school office:

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**Local Clubs**

To ensure that local pupils have the opportunity to continue their participation in a wide range of activities out with school time, the Active Schools Team is always on the look out to establish more School – Club links. These links can be mutually beneficial for all parties involved, with schools receiving expert knowledge from club coaches, pupils accessing the opportunity to try new and exciting activities, and clubs can boost their membership by attracting new members to their club sessions. If you are involved in a local club and would like to know more please get in touch.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers are crucial to the success of Active Schools and we are always on the lookout to expand our volunteer database. Opportunities are available in a variety of roles including activity coaching, coaching assistants, and assisting with administration tasks. If you can spare 30 minutes or an hour each week for a few weeks your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to find out more about opportunities that are available please fill in the tear off slip at the bottom of the page and I will contact you to discuss opportunities in more detail.

**Local Companies & Businesses**

There are opportunities for companies and businesses to play an active part in local schools. You may be involved in an organisation that specialises in sporting activities and would like to visit schools or be involved in a company of any nature that would like to sponsor local events. If so, please get in touch and we can discuss these opportunities in more detail.

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School/Club/Company/Business.....

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