

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 primary schools have been involved with in recent months:

Young Leaders

All primary schools in the network have now, or are in the process of, training their primary sevens and in the smaller schools the sixes have also been trained, to become Young Leaders. As Young Leaders, they will be responsible for delivering playground games to the P1-3 children one day a week.

Commonwealth Games Handover event

A number of pupils from the Banchory Network took part in a dance handover event taking place at Crathes Castle on October 14th. 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.

Cycling

Banchory Primary ran a successful cycling club after school in term one. The group was led by a class teacher who had undertaken a training course to lead the sessions. The club finished with a trip out of the school grounds around Banchory, both on and off road. The club will be returning in the summer term. Any other schools interested in doing something similar should get in touch with me.

Netball

The primary schools have been working on developing netball teams within the network with the view of festivals being held later in the year. Banchory Primary has started a team this term with other schools continuing with their teams. Active Schools will work with the remaining schools that do not have teams to put them in to a position to participate in the festivals. Any parents who are interested in helping should contact me.

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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Your Name..... Contact Number.....

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

Email Address.....