

# HAPPY NEWS!

Strathmore P.S

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**CLUBS SPECIAL!**

## Netball Club!

A few weeks ago, P7 Strathmore Netball Team won several games at a friendly tournament held at the Community Campus! The friendly tournament took place on Friday 24th January between 1:30 and 5:30. The Netball team, coached by Mrs Robertson practise every week on a Thursday lunchtime in the gym hall. Well done everyone! If you are interested in trying out – please chat to Mrs Robertson!

## Welcome!

Welcome to the third edition of Happy News, the newsletter by the pupils of Strathmore Primary School. A lot has happened since the last issue went out. If you have any great news or ideas that you would like to be included in Happy News, please write it down and put it in the suggestions box which will soon be at the front reception. Enjoy!



## Badminton Club!

Strathmore Badminton Team, coached by Mr O, have an upcoming tournament, on 18th February, in Dundee. The badminton team have done well most years at tournaments, winning lots of trophies for our school! Mr O runs badminton training every Thursday evening between 3:30 and 4:30. Mr O puts a lot of time and money into the badminton club, and also spends a lot of time fundraising. A big thank you to the Strathmore Christmas Carollers who raised over £300, providing our playground with new badminton stands and nets, we ask you please to treat the resources with respect.



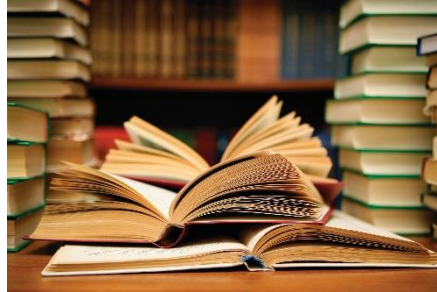
## Chess Club

Chess Club, run by Mrs Henderson in her classroom, is on every Friday lunchtime for P5, P6, and P7 pupils. It is an opportunity to enjoy lunch with friends whilst learning or playing chess (beginners welcome). Mrs Henderson very kindly paid for all of the resources with her own money so if you come along please show respect.



## Book Club!

Book Club is a Primary 7 club run by Mrs Ord and Mrs Florence on Tuesday lunchtimes in P7O/S. members enjoy a relaxing lunch whilst being read to by either of the teachers. At the moment, the book that is being read is 'First Aid for Fairies' by Lari Don. You can also read along with one of the multiple copies of books that have been paid for by the school. After the part of book has been read, there will be an art project related to the book to do if you wish to. It is a really fun, relaxing club to go to.



## Football Team!

On Monday afternoons, after school (until 4:30), Mr Grogan runs football training for the school team. It is a really fun club with lots of drills and practises to improve fitness and skills. The last tournament that the team was scheduled to play in at the Campus, in November, was cancelled due to bad weather, but the team are working hard for any upcoming tournaments.



## Sports Council!

The Sports Council have been working hard for a number of months to put together a selection of clubs for pupils at Strathmore Primary. The clubs, for the lower school will soon be ready, and are:

- **P1 dance club – This will be on at Wednesday lunches from 1-1:30. Only 15 people are able to come at a time but everyone will get a chance to go.**
- **P2 outdoor games club – This will be on at Tuesday and Thursday lunches between 1-1:30. Anybody in P2 can come to this club.**
- **P4 multi sports club – This will be on at Friday lunches between 1-1:30.**

Sports Council members will come to classes to collect names to see who will be in the club.

**P1 club will start on 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

**P2 club will start on 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**P4 club will start on 21<sup>st</sup> February.**



## Eco Council!

Strathmore Eco Council have been very busy. I spoke to one of the original members, Rhianna Valentine, to gather this information. The Eco Council have been organising a series of recycling boxes to help recycle water bottles, toothpaste tubes and crisp packets. You can get shredded paper from the Eco Council for nothing. It is a really good idea for small pets such as hamsters and guinea pigs. Mrs Howe shared a picture of her chickens having laid eggs on the shredded paper. The Eco Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has brought in recyclable materials and remind others to please do so. The Eco Council also reward those who help by picking up litter, using reusable plastic containers for snacks and other eco-friendly behaviour with medals at assembly. Thank you.



## Books of the Month: Warrior Cats

Warrior Cats is a sequence of books split into five series. It follows the story of young house cat Rusty, who discovers one of the four mythic Clans in his forest, Thunder Clan. The sequence follows the heart-warming story as Rusty becomes a member of his clan and fights to protect them from enemies. The first book in the series is 'Warrior Cats: Into the Wild'. Ages 8+

## Learning Website of the Month: Abacus

Everyone in the school should have an abacus login that can be accessed at home via the website *ActiveLearn* login. Abacus has a selection of fun maths games that can be allocated by teachers. You can play the games whilst collecting coins as reward to spend on furnishing a treehouse in the game!



## House Captains Round-Up



- Foodbank – The House Captains would like to thank everyone who brought in products for our monthly 'Can if You Can'. Our foodbank has benefited greatly from your generosity. Please feel free to take up to 6 items at a time from our trolley.
- Winners! – Last term, Ness won the House Competition for most house points won. Everyone in Ness was rewarded with a 'comfy clothes day'!
- New Coins – Recently, our school got a special delivery of House Counters! Now, a silver coin means 5 points and a gold one means 10! This was following on from a great idea by one of the teachers!

## Local Walk of the Month: Arbroath to East Haven

Arbroath to East Haven is an accessible walk along a well-marked path next to the seafront. You can access Arbroath from the bus stations on East High Street and board the number 27 bus to Arbroath. If you head towards Jumping Joeys there are clear signposts for East Haven which you follow to walk along a smooth path with occasional slopes. It is a relaxing walk with amazing views!

**Be: Ready**  
**Respectful**  
**Safe**

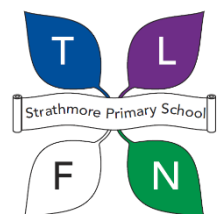
**We are Respectful.**

**We are included.**

**We work together.**

**We are Happy and Confident learners.**

**Learning is exciting and challenging.**



## Book Review — reviewed by P5/6 pupil

Madame Badobedah is a heart-warming book encouraging us not to judge people by appearances and to enjoy things while you can. The main characters are a little girl called Mabel and Madame Badobedah. Mabel is suspicious about Madame Badobedah in the start but they grow to be loving friends.

Madame Badobedah is by Sophie Dahl, the granddaughter of Roald Dahl.

## Sport Interview!

This is a new feature for Happy News this month. I chatted to ice hockey star Ethan Hardie, P7O/S, to find out about him and his sport.

Ethan plays for Dundee Stars Juniors in the SIHA Junior league. Ethan has also represented Scotland and Great Britain in games. He trains for 1 hour every day in his garage and he trains at the Rink once a week for 2 ½ hours. Ethan has practised hard since he was 7 years old and has to sacrifice lots of free and relaxing time to achieve as he does. He says that his greatest achievement so far was representing Scotland at Conference games. When he was representing Scotland, Ethan says he felt excited and nervous as well as very proud. His ambitions for the future are to become a professional and play in the NHL (National Hockey League). Ethan has won numerous awards, including Player of the Year. He has jerseys from very important matches such as the Scottish Cup and Conference finals.

**Ethan is a hockey star in the making and a pupil to be proud of!**

## Pom Pom Club!

Mrs Garnes runs Pom Pom club on a Monday lunchtime in her office. So far they have made 'Deedly Boppers' with one and then two colours of wool which was extremely successful. The members of the club really enjoy it and look forward to it. You may see them proudly wearing their creations!



**HAPPY NEWS will be back next month with more exciting updates!**