

# Gordon Primary School

## October Newsletter 2023



### Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for supporting us in another successful term. Time has flown in and it is hard to believe we are almost at our October holidays.

P1-3 have had a successful term our P1 pupils have settled in and feels like they have always been part of the GPS family. P1-3 have had assemblies looking at our school values and have been learning to use Makaton in class and school.



P4-P7 have had a successful term settling into their new classes and adapting to new routines.

They have taken part in assemblies also looking at our school values and meeting the expectations when moving around the school. We have started looking at Makaton across school and we have seen children practising this across the school. We have celebrated lots of wider achievements including kickboxing, skiing and acting classes.

P4, P5 and P6 have had a fantastic time taking part in Cricket Skills. A number have shown real talent in hitting the ball.

P4 have also had a demonstration on playing the cello by Music teacher Sara Matthews.

Should anyone be interested in taking up cello then please complete .....

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/music-lessons/music-tuition>

### Star of the Month – October 2023

Let us introduce our Star for October... Leon Jamieson.

### Semi- Star – October 2023

Winner of the Semi Star for October is Isabella Stirling for winning a trophy for Skiing! Well Done Isabella!

### PTA Halloween Disco

This will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Children can dress up as they choose but no masks or weapons please. Crisps and juice will be provided and the cost of entry is £2.50.

P1-3 - 6pm-6:45pm

P4-7 - 7pm-8pm



### Dress up Day for Charlie House

Please encourage your child to dress up on the last day of term (either Halloween costume or another outfit). We are raising funds to support building a new centre for Charlie House in north-east Scotland. A £1 donation is suggested but there is no obligation.

**Parents' Portal** – a reminder attached for those who are not yet on Parents' Portal with information about it and how to do it. Thankyou.

**Childminders required** – please see information overleaf.

Have a lovely holiday when it arrives.

Kind regards

Debbie Ewen, Headteacher



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### Dates for your diary:

**PTA Halloween Disco** – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Halloween Dress up day** fundraiser for Charlie House – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

End of term - 13<sup>th</sup> October

Return to School -  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

**P7 Remembrance** at the memorial 10.50am  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need** - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Inservice Days** - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
November

December dates to follow

### Aberdeenshire Council

#### Childminder call-out.

The Employment Support Team, at Aberdeenshire Council, is looking to support new, or existing childminders in your area.

You can be at the start of your childminding process, we'll work with you from the ground up, at any stage. This is also for childminders that may have already started, and were forced to stop during the pandemic – get in touch, if that is you.

Along with organisations from our Employability Partnership, we'll support with all the different areas that come with setting up a childminding business. There are various different benefits from working with the Employability Team from funding, to business support, training courses, qualifications, and access to the wider employability network throughout Aberdeenshire.

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact, Sam at:  
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