

Newsletter...January 2022

A Happy New Year to all our Readers!

The Way forward

As you are aware, we have suspended Face To Face activities until at least the 24th January 2022. We hope to be in a better position by then to allow us to return to a regular 1st Buckie weekly programme. In the meantime, we will keep you informed via Facebook with regular updates.

“Wishing For” Tree: Our “Wishing Tree” was a great success with a cheque for £200 going to the ASN Education Unit at Buckie High School for the purchase of equipment to support the pupils. Again, many thanks to Seafield Estates for the donation of the Tree and to Andrew Murray Electrical for their support.

“Fun Evenings”: Due to the cancellation of our Anchor Boy Party, we thought we would try something different and for Anchor Boys and Junior Section, our Christmas themed “Fun Evenings” proved to be very successful – especially with the visit from Santa. So much so, that we have already been asked several times if this could be repeated next December.

Trampoline Visit: A great evening but sadly a number of call-offs due to boys being off school, isolating or COVID. Boys who were able to make it had an excellent time and are to be congratulated on their behaviour.

Pancake Making: We are aware that we haven’t managed to complete our “Pancake Making” Programme for the boys in the Company Section but will endeavour to complete all age groups before the end of the session.

Speakers/Visits: Usually by now, we have managed to invite a number of guest speakers or visit various places of interest. Sadly, as it stands, we are on hold until we get a clearer picture of the situation.

Camp 2022: Arrangements are now in place for our weekend camp in June 2022. All places are currently taken and hopefully we will be able to take the boys to camp this summer. Our Saturday trip will be swimming and 10 pin bowling in Inverness.

National Cross Country: No update!

Facebook: Reminder that we now have our own Facebook page and it is updated daily.

Change of Address/Circumstances: Please inform Jennifer McIntosh.

Armband: It is important that boys of All sections take responsibility of their armband. Boys’ name should be marked clearly on the inside of the armband. If the armband / badges are lost, please contact the Section Leader.

Jar of Coins: We are still accepting “jars of coins” to support a local charity, yet to be identified. Boys collecting more than £5 will be awarded a 1st Buckie Community Badge (2021/22). We have already handed out over 100 badges prior to holidays. Just a reminder that if a jar is handed in, it would be the next meeting of the section when your son would

receive his badge in a brown envelope. When returning the jar, please write your son's name and section on the label. Jars can be handed into any leader at this stage. To date, over £1200 has been raised to support a local cause.

Bench: The "jars of coins" for the past 12 months has resulted in the Company going ahead to provide TWO substantial benches at the top of the Bin Hill. Permission has been granted by Seafield Estates and we are in the latter stages of getting the benches to the top of the hill. We are indebted to the Crafty Wood Turner. Benches have now been made and we are waiting for the concrete base to be put in place. Hopefully, all in place for Easter so that you can enjoy a well deserved seat when you reach the top of the Bin Hill. Follow progress on Facebook.

CD's / DVD's: The Company, throughout the summer months, has been fundraising by collecting used CD's and DVD's that are no longer used by families. We sell them on to Ziffit or Music Magpie in return for funds for the Company. To date we have raised over £400 from sales. CD's/DVD's still being accepted. We are also indebted to the Buckie Community Charity Shop for their generous support.

Anchor Boy / Junior Section Booklets 2020/2021: We still have a number of 2020/2021 booklets to be returned. Boys who have not yet handed in their booklet for last session will have a last chance to do so. Replacement booklets will be circulated to boys (through the letter box) who have still to complete. **REMINDER** that if your son's book is NOT returned, he will be a year behind with his Junior Section Award. Please get in touch with Mr McIntosh if you have any concerns re this decision.

Banffshire Battalion: Congratulations to our Junior Section who won the Banffshire Battalion Junior Section Top of the Form. Boys taking part were: Scott Yardley, Tait Sudding, Nathan Kidd and Donald Allan.

Sadly, we have had to postpone the Battalion Badminton Competition but hope to have it rearranged. The next event (if it goes ahead), will be the Battalion Anchor and Junior Fun Afternoon in Buckie on Saturday 26th February at 2pm in the High School Games Hall.

Bible Class: No further developments with Bible Class at this stage. An intimation will follow in the next Newsletter.

Christmas Competitions: Well done to all our winners in the recent Christmas Card Competitions. We would also like to thank the others who were unsuccessful but participated.

Company Winners (1st placed cards were then forwarded to the Battalion).

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Primary 2	Cody Innes	Leo Lawson	Ollie-James Slowe
Primary 3	Kason Smith	Andrew Miller	Noel Ross
Primary 4	Fergus Slater	Oban McKay	Cason Sutherland
Primary 5	Malachi Duncan	Ethan Cowie	Jacob Shand
Primary 6	Jack Pickerill	Mason Hale	Luca watt

Battalion Winners

Primary 2	2 nd Place: Cody Innes
Primary 3	1 st Place: Kason Smith
Primary 4	2 nd Place: Fergus Slater
Primary 5	1 st Place: Malachi Duncan
Primary 6	2 nd Place: Jack Pickerill

North Scottish Area Winners

Primary 2	4 th Place: Ethan Coull	6 th Equal: Ollie-James Slowe
Primary 3	3 rd Place: Tommy Greig	4 th Place: Marley Whittle
Primary 4	2 nd Place: James Ritchie	3 rd Place: Jamie Findlay
	4 th Place: Cason Sutherland	5 th Place: Fergus Slater
	6 th Equal: Leo Forbes, Theo Watt.	
Primary 5	1 st Place: Jacob Shand	5 th Place: Malachi Duncan
	6 th Equal: Blair Combe	
Primary 6	6 th Equal: Mason Hale, Seth Coull.	

Christmas Stone: Thanks to the boys who entered the Christmas “Stone” Competition. Winners: **Anchor Boys** -Vidur Fadia, Louis Neil Grant, Cody Innes, Kenzie Simpson & Noel Ross. **Junior Section** – Theo Watt & Jamie Findlay. **Company Section** – Sean Consolati.



Dates for your Calendar:

Weekly meeting dates will be intimated through Facebook once we are in a position to re-start. We are provisionally saying the 24th January.

Battalion Events –

Saturday 26th February: Battalion Anchor / Junior Fun Afternoon, Buckie.

Sunday 27th February: Building Your Skills (For President’s Badge), Buckie.

Planning for the Future

Friday 18th March: Awards Evening (provisional), S & W Church.

Friday 3–Sunday 5 June 2022: Weekend Camp.