



ISA Grade 3 Family Communication 2025-26

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21st November.

It has been a short week this week due to the inservice day and snow day but we have still managed to do lots of great learning!

Maths:

In math we have continued with our multiplication practice.

Literacy.

In literacy we have been busy this week preparing our presentation slides for our CFine food drive. We will be presenting to classes next week. We have also been practising for our assembly.

UOI.

In UOI we continued to look at the difference between weather and climate. We worked in groups to produce a climate chart of the world. This was a great opportunity for collaboration.

Cfine Donations

Grade 3 are collecting food for the Cfine Food Bank in Aberdeen. There are donation boxes in The Street and the Lower and Upper Elementary corridors until Friday 5th December. You can find out what you can donate [here](#). Thank you for your generous support.



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Message from the Year Book team:

Dear Parents,

Our yearbook club of students from G5-11 have been working hard at ensuring that all of our friends at ISA are equally represented in the book this year. Using a school device, Mr Felix, Ivy's dad (G4), has been helping us take photographs of each class as we are not able to take regular time off our lessons to ensure we have pictures of everyone. Mr Kajiware and Ms Fraser download these images into our school's yearbook drive for us to work from. We have been referring to the photo consent forms that have been completed, but if you would prefer for your child not to be included in the yearbook, please let your child's class teacher know. As Aberdeen is hosting Comic Con in March, we are excited to share that the yearbook's theme this year is Superheroes, in celebration of the upcoming event. More information regarding the yearbook will be shared next semester.

Thank you,

The Yearbook Team.

Reminders:

ES Ceilidh

The ES Ceilidh will take place on Friday 28th November at 13:15. Families are welcome to attend. Children (and families) can wear tartan, if they choose.

ES Winter Concert:

The ES Winter Concert will take place on Friday 5th December at 14:15 in the QET. Families are welcome to attend. More information will be sent to you directly from the school.



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14th November.

Dear families, we have had another busy week in Grade 3, here is a little about what we have been up to:

Maths

In math, we continued exploring area by calculating the area of squares and near squares.

Literacy.

In literacy, we focused on editing our eco invention writing. We practiced checking for spelling and clarity to improve our creative ideas aimed at helping the environment.

UOI.

In our UOI lessons, we created our own water cycles using plastic bottles and are closely observing them each day. We also explored the difference between weather and climate

Reminders

No school for students on Monday 17th November

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7th November.

It was a pleasure to meet with parents this week during the Parent-Teacher Conferences to discuss your child's progress. We appreciate your involvement and support. We look forward to continued learning and growth in the coming months!

Potential Sleepover.

We are excited to inform you that we are considering organising a sleepover at school for our Grade 3 students this spring. This event promises to be a fun-filled evening with a variety of activities designed to keep the students engaged and entertained.

To ensure a successful event, we have created a brief questionnaire. This will allow you to share your thoughts and raise any concerns you may have. Your feedback is invaluable to us.

Please complete the [questionnaire](#).

Maths: Exploring Area

This week in math, we continued our exploration of areas, focusing specifically on rectangles. Our task was to find different rectangles that have an area of 24 square units. It was a great challenge that helped us deepen our understanding of how area works.

Maths: Introducing Multiplication and Division Facts

This week, we did a baseline assessment of each students' knowledge of their multiplication facts. It is the intention that all students will develop mastery of all the multiplication and division facts up to 9×9 / $81 \div 9$ by the end of Grade 3. On Monday, each student will be given a set of multiplication facts to learn. They will join a Times Table Google Classroom where they will be able to find a variety of different ways to learn each multiplication table. Each Friday, there will be a quick quiz to check in on their progress.

Literacy: Eco Inventions



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In literacy, we began writing paragraphs about our eco inventions. This exercise allowed us to express our creativity while reflecting on the importance of sustainability.

UOI: Weather

In our Unit of Inquiry (UOI), we transformed into scientists! We conducted our very first experiment in Grade 3, where we investigated clouds and their formation. One of the highlights was making our own clouds in a jar, which was not only educational but also a lot of fun!

Trip to Dundee.

We are still waiting for a few responses for the trip to Dundee. Can you please complete the [form](#) asap.



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Grade 3 this week:

Maths: Exploring Area

This week in Maths, we dove into the concept of area! We learned how to calculate the area of different shapes, which was a fantastic opportunity for us to practice our multiplication skills.

Literacy: Designing Eco-Sustainable Machines

In Literacy, we began an exciting project where we will design our very own eco-sustainable machines. Over the next few weeks, we will be writing all about these amazing inventions, and we can't wait to see what creative ideas the students come up with!

Unit of Inquiry: Weather Experiments

In our Unit of Inquiry (UOI), we continued exploring our weather unit. This week, we conducted a fascinating experiment using air and syringes. The students learned about the properties of air and how it relates to weather patterns. It was a fun and engaging way to understand the invisible forces that affect our daily lives!

Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC)

PTCs for Grade 3 will take place on Monday 3rd November after school and all 8am- 4pm on Wednesday 5th November. If you have not booked your appointment yet then please do so using the links below:

[Mrs. Hughes](#)

[Ms. Smoor](#)

Please see the poster below:

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31st October

Field Trip to Dundee on Thursday 11th December 2025

On Thursday 11th December we will be taking the Grade 3 students on a field trip to Dundee. We will be attending the Dundee Rep Theatre to watch a performance of '[Jack and the Beanstalk](#)'. After the show, we will go to the Dundee Science Centre to have lunch and then spend time visiting the exhibits in the centre.



Please complete this [form](#) to let us know by Friday 7th November if your child will not be in school on the 11th December for any reason.

In order to arrive in time for the 10am performance, we will be leaving ISA by bus at **7:45am**. We understand this means the children will not be able to get the bus to school that day and we hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.

The children will **need to have a small snack which can be eaten on the bus on the way down and a packed lunch and water bottle**. During the interval, we are going to order ice-creams or ice lollies for the students. Please add their choice of treat to the form, and confirm that they have no related allergies. We will be eating lunch in the lunchroom at the science centre.

The bus will leave Dundee at 2:45pm for an estimated arrival back at ISA between **4:15 pm and 4:45pm**. On the day, there will be a message sent on the parent Whatsapp Group when we leave Dundee and we can give a more exact time of arrival.

We are really looking forward to this great trip venturing out of Aberdeen! The children will enjoy the experience of going to the wonderful Dundee Rep Theatre and watching a magical musical adaptation of the famous folk tale, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The visit to the Dundee Science Centre will include engaging science related exhibits as well as an array of hands-on activities.

Please contact us by email if you have any questions.



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24th October Update

****Links to sign up for Parent Teacher Conference:**

[Mrs. Hughes](#)

[Ms. Smoor](#)

We are thrilled to welcome everyone back to school after the October break! We hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends.

Grade 3 this week

This week in Grade 3 has been filled with fun and learning! We were delighted to welcome Ms Galvez to our classroom while Ms Smoor is away. The students have enjoyed getting to know her and have been actively engaged in their lessons.

Maths Adventures

In Maths, we continued our investigation into perimeter. The highlight of the week was taking our learning outside to use our trundle wheels! It was a fantastic way to apply our knowledge in a real-world context, and the students had fun measuring different areas around the school.

Literacy Progress

In Literacy, we've been focusing on paragraph writing. We are so proud of the progress the students are making! Their ability to express their thoughts clearly and creatively is improving every day, and we can't wait to see how their writing continues to develop.

New Unit of Inquiry

Finally, we introduced a new unit of inquiry this week! Our weather provocation was a hit, sparking curiosity and excitement among the students. We are eager to dive deeper into this unit and explore everything related to weather and its impact on our world.

Important Reminders & Updates



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Use Your Head - Hat & Hair Hooray!: On Friday 31st October, children are invited to wear creative hats and hair to school. More information will come to you directly from the school on Bright Arrow.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: These take place on **Wednesday 5th November between 08:00-16:00**. Information about registering for a conference will come directly from the school on Bright Arrow.

10th October update:

We've had a truly successful and engaging half term in Grade 3 — it's amazing how quickly October Break has come around! We hope you all have a restful break and we look forward to seeing you back on the 20th.

Important Reminders & Updates:

Parent-Teacher Conferences: These will take place on Wednesday 5th November between 08:00-16:00. There will also be an evening session provided that week. More information will be provided closer to the time. Information about registering for a conference will come to you directly from the school.

Book Fair coming soon to ISA: Please see the following message from our Library staff. Our Travelling Books book fair will be in school Wed 29th Oct-Mon 3rd Nov, with a great range of books for students in Preschool-Grade 6. The fair will be open 8-12pm and 1-3.30pm - parents are welcome to browse before and after school, and all Elementary School students will have a chance to visit during their library class. You can pay by cash or by card, and there are small stationery items available to purchase as well as books. **Please note Tuesday 28th - EARLY OPEN FOR G3!**

There is no need to buy a book, and it is up to each family to decide if they wish to do so. Students are welcome to bring cash into school for the book fair if you want - please put this in a labelled envelope for them. Most of the books cost between £5 and £10.

For every £10 that is spent at the book fair, we will get £4 of free books for our library, so the more books you buy, the more books there will be for ISA

If you have any questions about the book fair, please contact us in the library, or email library@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

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2 September 2025: Open House letter from Mr. Kajiwarara

[This letter](#) was sent out to parents/carers about the Open House evening this Thursday (4 September 2025, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm).

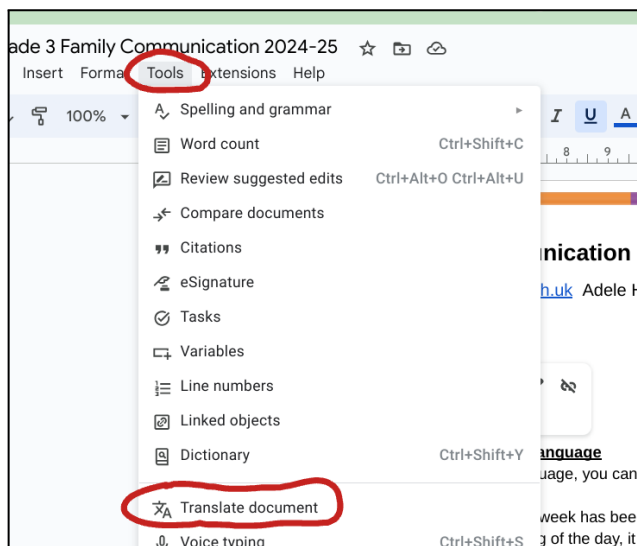
22 August 2025:: Home Learning Introduction and other general updates

Dear Parents

Here is information about how we do home learning in Grade 3, and some other items to update you on.

Translate this document to your home language

If you prefer to read in your home language, you can translate it by selecting **Tools**, then **Translate Document** - see image below. You will then be invited to select the language of your choice.



Quick Reminders:

Students must bring coats everyday. Even if it is warm at the beginning of the day, it is not guaranteed to stay.
PE Kit: G3H students will have PE on Wednesday and Thursdays, while G3S will have PE on Thursday and Fridays.

Library Bag: Bring on Tuesday

Grade 3 Parent Form

Thank you so much for the responses we have received so far. Your information is invaluable to helping your child settle into Grade 3. If you have not yet completed it; here is the [link](#) (don't worry: it is very brief so won't take long to complete!)

Home Learning

From Monday, 25th August, homework will begin for Grade 3.

All Grade 3 home learning will be hosted on Google Classroom. Students will need to have access to an electronic device to view the homework, but the majority of tasks will be completed in their homework jotters.

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1. To access Google Classroom, students should go to www.google.com.
2. They should sign in using their ISA username which is the first letter of the first name followed immediately by their full surname@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk. E.g. Lulu Smoor's username is lsmoor@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk
3. Their password will be a unique combination of *colouranimalnumber* which they should all know e.g. *pinkelephant51*.
4. Once signed in, they should click on the 9 small dots in the top right corner of the Google Homepage and select Google Classroom.
5. Then Select 'Home Learning 2025-26' classroom. NB If they have not joined the class, they can add it using the + in the top right corner, and entering the code: w2zb3bqz
6. Open the post called 'Home Learning wb 25th August' and click on the google doc to see the instructions for home learning.
7. All home learning is assigned on Monday with various deadlines throughout the week, e.g. sentences due each Wednesday, Maths on Friday, and reading for on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
8. Over the week, students are expected to work through the tasks in the first 3 columns: Spelling, Novel Study and Maths, and then have the option of completing some of the tasks in 4th column.

If you have any questions, please contact Adele or Lulu.

Prodigy Maths

From time to time, Grade 3 students will use the online maths game, Prodigy. It is a particularly good game as maths is tailored to each student's level and the students complete the maths tasks to help them succeed in the game. Prodigy is available free of charge and there is no need for parents to purchase the paid version (no matter what your child might tell you!)

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13.08.25 Grade 3 2025-26 - Welcome Letter

Dear Grade 3 Parents

Welcome to the new school year and to Grade 3. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this year. We have some information below which we hope will be helpful and get the year started smoothly.

Grade 3 Parent Survey

To help us get to know your children better, we would kindly ask that you complete this [form](#).

Community Hub

A place to access whole school information and keep up to date with life in the school is the [Community Hub](#).

Medical Information

It is extremely important that the school is informed of any relevant medical conditions/allergies. Make sure you have completed/updated your medical form on PowerSchool. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions: Frances Sibbett (fsibbett@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk)

Snack

We are an **allergy aware school**. Please ensure no products containing nuts are brought into school. Students will have the opportunity to eat a **small snack** in the classroom at approximately 10:15 am each day. We encourage students to make healthy choices, and to use reusable packaging to reduce waste.

Lunch

You can find a link to the current menus on the Community Hub. Here is a [link](#) to the menus until December. If your child is having school lunch, please discuss their choices with them before they come to school.

Recess

Please make sure your child has a named waterproof jacket for recess times **everyday**. We try to get the children outside in all weathers as much as possible!

Timetable

Here is a [link](#) to the Grade 3 timetables. Please note that there are slight differences between each class. It will help your child organise what they need each day.

What to bring to school

To help your child be ready for school, here is a list of the suggested [supplies](#). Please bring 2 boxes of tissues. Over the year, please check regularly that your child has sufficient pencils and erasers for class.

Each day your child should bring a small, healthy snack and a water bottle. They can also choose to bring a packed lunch or eat lunch in school. You will need to set up an [account](#) on iPayimpact to pay for school

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lunches.

Home Learning

From 25th August, Grade 3 students will be set home learning each week. All details will be on their Grade 3 Homework Google Classroom. Students will be responsible for checking their Google Classroom account to see their homework assignments each week.

Art

On Wednesday and Thursdays (G3S) and Thursday and Fridays (G3H), students will have art. They would benefit from wearing something appropriate, so that if a little paint or other art medium gets on to their clothes then it's not a problem. Aprons are provided in the classroom but older clothes are a perfect choice on these two days.

PE

G3H students will have PE on Wednesday and Thursdays, while G3S will have PE on Thursday and Fridays. They must bring a PE kit to school to change into. Please check the [supply list](#) for details about the kit. Students should have a black Dri Fit PE T-shirt which can be ordered from [Spirit Wear](#) on the Community Hub. Please order this using the spiritwear form and it will be delivered to class. They should also bring shorts, sweatpants/ joggers or leggings - these can be any colour, a sweatshirt or hoodie which they have not worn to school. If students are waiting for their PE T-shirt to arrive then they should bring in an alternative T-shirt. They can wear their trainers to school, but these should be clean, and not muddy!

Library

Your child will visit the school library each Tuesday. They should bring their library bag with them to school on Tuesdays. New students will receive their library bag at their first Library class. Please encourage your child to read at home.

Encore Afterschool Activities

Here is the current [schedule](#) for afterschool activities at ISA, from August until December. Sign up for clubs using the form on Powerschool.

[ENCORE!](#) is also available for extended school care until 6pm.

Please contact Zou Fraser at zfraser@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk if you would like more information.

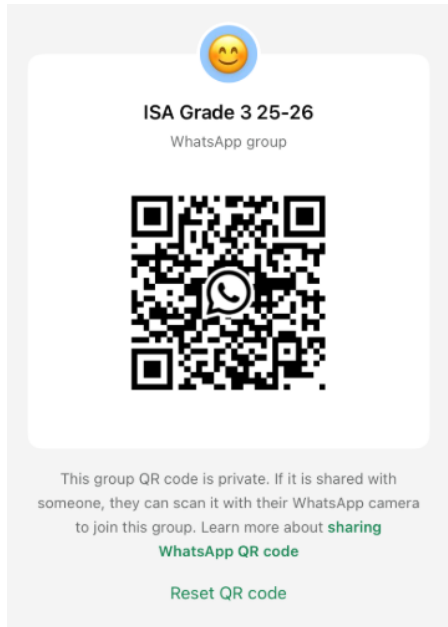
CEC

We are delighted to have Elspeth Fraser and Fanny Aubertulb as our Grade 3 Class Events Coordinator (CEC) this year, who acts as a liaison between the teachers and parents. Their contact details are: mobile phone number Elspeth: email: elspeth.george@googlemail.com, mobile +44 (0)7753 676262 and Fanny: email: mobile: to follow

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There is a Grade 3 parent WhatsApp Group. Here is the link to join:



Student Absence

Please notify the class teacher and Diane McBain (dmc bain@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk) if your child will not be attending school, or if the End of Day Arrangements change.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We are always available to contact via email and can easily set up video conferences/phone calls/in person appointments as necessary. If you wish to contact us directly, our email addresses are:

Adele Hughes: ahughes@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

Lulu Smoor: lsmoor@isa.aberdeen.sch.uk

With kind regards,

Lulu and Adele