

Hecklegirth School— Newsletter for June 2018



END OF TERM NEWS

Thursday Prize-Giving

We have a few extra seats available for prize-giving on Thursday at 1.30pm. Please book a seat by calling the school office— please do not arrive without pre-booking as seating is limited.



AROM winners!

Well done to Dylan and his football team who won the Annan Riding of the Marches school competition this week.

Well done also to our handwriting and poster competition winners who entered the AROM schools' competition. Special mention to Ava from P5 who will be the Mini Chieftain—please go and cheer her on at the Highland Games!

Staffing changes

Good bye and good luck to staff members moving in to pastures new after the holidays— Miss Tulloch is moving to Perthshire, Mr Malin is moving to Kelloholm, Mrs Murray is moving to Newington, Miss Murray is moving to Elmvale and Mrs Moore is waiting to hear where she will be posted to next. We welcome Miss Smith into P6, Mr Brown as our new Additional Support for Learning Teacher and Ms Woodman as Behaviour Support. All change!

School holidays

School closes at 3pm on Fri 29th June and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 21st Aug at 8.55am.

Please advise the school if your child is absent this week or if you will not be returning in the new school year, either by email or leaving a message on the answer machine.



Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) from the

Pupil Equity Funding is additional funding allocated directly to schools and targeted at closing the poverty related attainment gap. It allows schools to deliver activities, interventions or resources to provide targeted support for children affected by poverty to achieve their full potential. Although the PEF is allocated on the basis of free school meal eligibility, Headteachers can use their professional judgement to bring additional children in to the targeted interventions and approaches. Currently we have 19

families in receipt of Free School Meals but not all those eligible have applied and so the amount schools receive is not always a true reflection of the need. This year we were allocated £38,000 for PEF and used it to provide staff cover for training and to facilitate small tests of changes in all classes for interventions that helped improve attainment in areas such as working memory, fine motor skills and number bonds. We also used funding to purchase texts and online reading resources such as News

First and Accelerated Reading. Funding was also used to create some new extra-curricular clubs and support school trips.

If you have ideas for how the school can use the PEF for the coming year to ensure all children get a fair chance to access learning opportunities, please contact the HT. You may know of ideas other schools are trialling or have seen something online— just let us know and we will research the benefits for our school.

An information session will

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be held in the new school year to gather more ideas and we hope you can drop in to help us support our learning community, especially at this time of financial uncertainty in our town.

Leavers' Disco for Nursery-P7

Wed 27th
from 6.00-7.30pm.

£1 entry

(P7's are free!)

N/P1 pupils must be accompanied by adult.