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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are at the end of another busy term and I am quite sure after rehearsals, performances, parties and lots of other events, everyone will be looking forward to a break.



SCHOOL SHOW



We just wanted to pass on our appreciation for all the support you gave to our recent School show. We are very proud of the performances the children gave. They once again showed that Rephad Primary School has a vast amount of talent across all the stages. We also appreciate the support you gave in purchasing show tickets and raffle tickets. We raised almost £3000. Some of these funds will offset costs for class parties, presents from Santa, treats for the movie afternoon props/costumes and scripts for the School Show and a variety of other items required during this busy season.

We are currently also covering costs for a variety of site licenses such as SumDog and Purple Mash that are used at school and home. These are very direct ways that money goes back towards supporting the children.

PUPIL COMMITTEES

Recently, voting took place for our Pupil Committees. In a change this year we kept on the members of the previous committee to help the transition into the new school year. Our new committees will all meet in the new term and start their own ideas for gathering views from pupils and taking ideas forward. Our new Sports Committee will be supported by Ms McClymont, Mrs Hamilton leads the Eco Committee and Mrs Logue supports the Pupil Council and Reading Committee. All the new committee members received their badges at assembly last week and we hope they wear them with pride.

ECO Committee				Pupil Council			
P1	Callie			P1	Vikki		
P1/2	Olivia D	P4/5	Anna and Carla	P1/2	Adam	P4/5	Raven and Abbie
P2/3	James	P5/6	Amber and Arran	P2/3	Rose	P5/6	Lily B and Miller
P3	Rory	P6/7	Poppy and Hamish	P3	Jessica	P6/7	Leo and Erin
P4	Alli and Arran	P7	Miley and Martin	P4	Jai and Samuel	P7	Scarlett and Grace

Reading Committee				Sports Committee			
P1	Sofia			P1	Jim		
P1/2	Noelle	P4/5	Ayda and Lexie	P1/2	Lexie	P4/5	Cady and Finley J
P2/3	Teddy	P5/6	Emma and Thomas	P2/3	Bethany	P5/6	Charlotte, Ellie, Austin
P3	Halle	P6/7	Hunter and Kelsey	P3	Anna May	P6/7	Leah and Danny
P4	Alistair and Elliot	P7	Amelia and Oliver	P4	Ross and Callum	P7	Luke W and Ben

HMIE AND CARE INSPECTORATE VISIT

Recently we had a return visit from HMIE and Care Inspectorate. They have seen progress in areas and we continue to support the nursery in furthering the recommendations made. A letter will be shared in February further describing their findings.

STAFFING

Two weeks ago we had interviews for the .2 DHT post created when Mrs Baird dropped a teaching day each week. The preferred candidate for the post is Mrs Gratton, and the recruitment process is in its final steps. We want to congratulate Mrs Gratton on her promotion and look forward to her supporting the school in even wider ways within the management team.

Donna Linton will join as a nursery nurse, and Shona McColm will join us as an EYSA in the nursery from the 8th January. Mrs Harvey has joined us in the school office. She has been with us for two weeks now and is settling in well to her role. We also have several students working within both the school and nursery in classes, the nursery setting and the office. The experiences gained by the students is very important through their own learning but it also helps us think about how we can support them in the early part of the future careers.

We especially want to congratulate Miss Dewar in the birth of her son Ally last week. Everyone is doing well.

*Rephad Values: Aspirational; Creative; Hardworking;
 Inclusive; Resilient; Respectful*



POPPY APPEAL

We received the following email, thank you for your support of this annual charity.

Hello,

I am writing to let you know the amount you raised this year for the Poppy Scotland Appeal was £110.07.

A very big thank you to those in school who organised the collection and especially every single person who donated.

Our overall total was £7,084.78, so your contribution is invaluable!

Thank you so much for participating. Your support is invaluable to the work Poppy Scotland does with serving and veteran military personnel.

Thank you,

Bisa Brown

Poppy Convener

NEW TERM

Burns poems will be a focus as we return after the holidays. Golf opportunities will also start with Stuart Fisher giving each class 3 lessons over January into February. P5-P7 pupils will also get a chance to be involved with Scottish Opera and they will put on a performance near the end of the term. More information will follow in January. We also have Feis Rois returning to work with P4 and P4/5 as part of their annual Arts Support. We will continue to update you on other events as they are arranged.

FUTURE BUILDING WORKS

We have been informed that Rephad Primary School is due upgrades to windows, external doors, boilers and various other aspects. This work is due to start March 2024 and will continue for about a year. At a point over the next year classes will be decanted into Port-Cabins for 10 weeks or so. I have no further specifics about the works but these will be made clearer in the new term when meetings take place with authority representatives. We will do everything we can to ensure children are supported during all the transitions to and from the portacabins but we do anticipate some changes to routines. We will contact you with information closer to the time.

P1 and Nursery registration

Registration will be coming up in the new year for new p1 pupils and any 3 and 4 year olds due to start/continue nursery after the summer holidays. We will update you on these dates as they are confirmed.

INCLUSION SURVEY

When we return, a survey will be sent out to gather your views on Inclusion work across the school. Pupils will also complete a survey. Staff have already completed theirs. We will collate all the results and share them with you in the new term.

TOOTH POCKETS

We had a wonderful surprise a few weeks back when Finlay and Adam's gran brought us in a bag of tiny Tooth Pockets. When a child loses a tooth, they will receive one pillow that they can keep for future loose teeth. This is a really kind gesture and we already have had some candidates for their own tooth pockets who were delighted.

FINALLY

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing the children return on Tuesday 9th January. Enjoy your time with family and friends.

In regards,

Karen Logue, Head Teacher