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Head Teacher's Message

Hello, and welcome to the Autumn 2024 IWBS Newsletter!

It's been such a busy term (as you will see from all the photos and news items) and the holidays seem to have just crept up on us. A few new people have been appointed to the central education team since the last newsletter, and we were pleased to welcome the new Head of Education for ASN and Primary, Deborah Davidson, to the school for a visit in September.

As Deborah is based at the Falkirk Stadium across the road, she will no doubt be a frequent visitor! You can follow Deborah on Twitter/X at @ddavidson40. We also look forward to a visit from Jon Reid, our new Director of Education, in November when we return. Some of you may already know Jon from his previous post as Head Teacher at Larbert High School. Both Jon and Deborah will be supporting us in moving the service forwards while maintaining the great work that already goes on at IWBS.

Planning for our new campus is proceeding on schedule, and parents and carers will soon be asked to take part in a consultation with the council about the changes. Staff will be in touch nearer the time to alert you to the arrangements. I hope you all have a great holiday, and we will all return refreshed and ready to start a new term on Monday 28th October.

Yours,
Paul Stones
Acting Head Teacher
IWBS

PRIMARY NEWS

This term, our primary pupils have been on a whirlwind of amazing adventures throughout the curriculum! The staff have been cheerleading them on, giving the pupils every opportunity to shine bright and succeed!



HAIRS TO YOU MR STONES!

Mr Stones, our fearless Head Teacher, was ready to dive into some hair-raising shenanigans this term! One of our adventurous learners, in the midst of a messy play session, thought he could work his magic and whip up a brand-new hairstyle for Mr. Stones. Talk about a makeover in the making!

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Class 1 raised their hands for some extra chores, and have they been the tidy superheroes of the classroom! With their cleaning capes on, they've made the space sparkle and shine. These little tasks not only get things shipshape but also give the kids a confidence boost, making them feel like the champions they truly are!



YOUNG EXPLORERS

What a day of adventure! Pupils dove into exploring, spotted some feathered friends, built epic dens, and had a blast! These young superstars nailed following instructions and enjoyed chatting and exploring with the staff.

HI 5 AWARD

Pupils from primary have been setting off on an epic quest to kickstart their Youth Scotland Hi5 award with a splash of survival skills! Our adventurous pupils picked a spot on the map, and successfully navigated the group like seasoned explorers!



TATTIE PICKERS

Enthusiastic pupils became potato-harvesting champions this term, unearthing summer spud treasures! Our raised beds were bursting with potatoes, and the little farmers couldn't have been happier with their bountiful haul!

SONS OF SCOTLAND!

Mrs Fraser and her class have been learning about the Scottish Wars of Independence from 1286 to 1328! Recently, they embarked on a thrilling field trip across Falkirk, checking out John De Graham's grave and the mighty Wallacestone, where the fearless William Wallace rallied his troops during the legendary Battle of Falkirk in 1298!



DODGE, DUCK, DIP, DIVE AND DODGE...

Our pupils love bouncing around in the hall, but before the laughter erupts, it's crucial to lay down some ground rules. Dodgeball is a very popular game where there are lots of shenanigans and laughter between pupils and staff.

TUCK SHOP

The pupils from primary have been taking on responsibility for the tuck shop with Miss McLean and Ms Reilly! The pupil entrepreneurs hit the shops every two weeks, making sure no one goes without. Tackling those self-service checkouts can be a real pain but the class have totally nailed it!

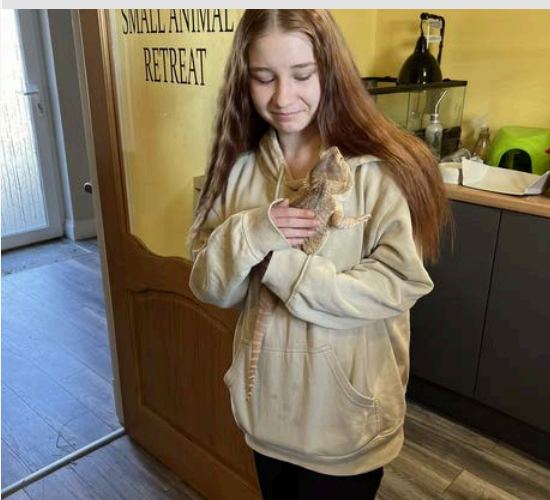
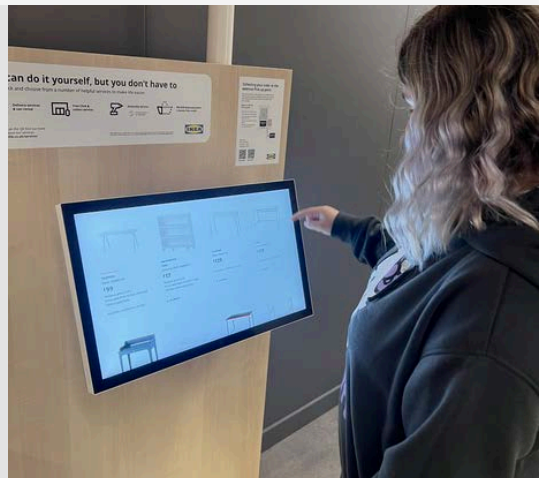


SINK OR SWIM

Class two recently had the chance to send Mr Hudson splashing into the pool during their epic end-of-term adventure at Perth swimming pool! With Miss McLintock and Mrs McIntyre cheering them on, the class had a blast and even feasted on a scrumptious lunch—definitely not your average school dinner!

SECONDARY NEWS

Recently, students got to flex their maths muscles at IKEA! They roamed the aisles, measuring a snazzy vanity unit and tallying up all the fabulous add-ons. Talk about putting maths to work in the real world—who knew shopping and learning maths could be so much fun? (Answer = Ms Dickins)



DOFE AWARD

This term, our budding volunteers for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award have mastered the fine art of serving Hector the sheep his five-star feast, whipped up swanky rabbit suites for some adorable baby bunnies, and even tackled some animal first aid.

GLOW SCOTLAND

Class Four pupils have been accessing Glow Scotland on their iPads. They navigated from the launch pad to Microsoft Word. Pupils unleashed their creativity, typing sentences and playing around with font sizes and colours.



BGE SUPERSTARS

This term, class four have mastered the art of teamwork! A big shoutout to Miss Collins, Mrs Cruse, and Mrs Dunlop for guiding the class through literacy, numeracy, and wellbeing adventures. The pupils have also splashed their way to success in swimming, teamed up for some epic fun, and conquered the great outdoors together!

TABLE TENNIS STAR

Mr Stones found himself facing off against a table tennis prodigy this term! The pupil has some serious skills that have seen him battling it out in tournaments like a superstar. As for the winner? That glorious detail has vanished into the fog of forgotten sports history!



NURTURE COOKING

Mrs Henderson has been on a kitchen makeover mission this term, whipping up some nurturing cookery magic! Students have dived into air frying, whipped up waffles, and crafted scrumptious healthy meals that mysteriously vanish before they arrive home! Another mystery!

WIDER ACHIEVEMENT

Mr Ross teamed up with the amazing Miss McGinty, our outdoor specialist, to take students on a wild ride along the cycling trails of Forth Valley! The focus has been on sharpening leadership skills, gaining wider achievement qualifications and mastering the art of giving way to unsuspecting pedestrians.

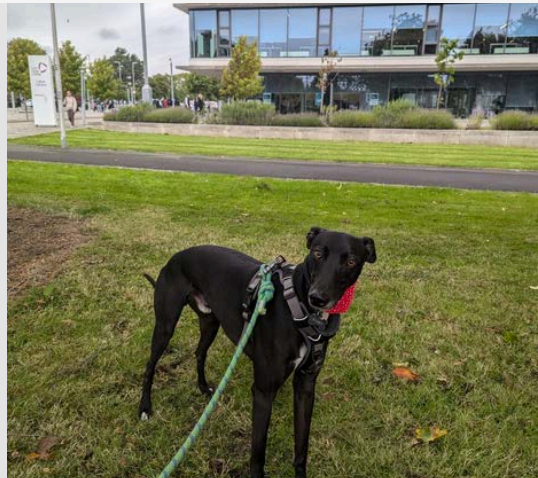


SURVIVAL SKILLS

Miss McGinty and Mrs Cruse have been on a woodland adventure every Thursday with the BGE class, trekking to the furthest corners of Falkirk to unleash those outdoor skills! Our brave pupils are definitely growing with confidence, thanks to their amazing teachers, and we couldn't be prouder!

TOBY VISITS COLLEGE

Toby, our fantastic school dog, strutted into Forth Valley College this term, ready to lend a paw to class two who have been looking to the future. Pupils have been diving into the college experience, checking out classes, mingling in social spaces, and enjoying the odd roll and sausage in the canteen.

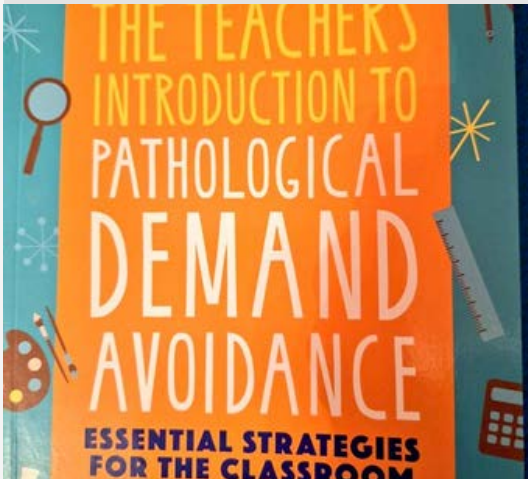


CLASS VR

Miss Hedges took class two on an adventure into the world of cells, comparing and contrasting animal and plant cells like scientists! With our ClassVR headsets and the magical MergeCube, pupils got to "grab" cells and explore every nook and cranny in a super cool, hands-on way!

THANK YOU!

This term, we waved a heartfelt farewell to Mrs. Cameron, our superhero in secondary. She sprinkled her magic across the school, making a difference to our pupils with her kindness and listening ear. Always ready to lend a helping hand to pupils and colleagues! Best of luck in your new adventure, Mrs. Cameron!



OUTREACH NEWS

Mrs. Edwards from the Outreach team is our professional reading star, with an epic library of educational treasures! She's the go-to for book and resource recommendations that help support neurodivergent young people. If you're on the hunt for some suggestions, swing by @MrsEdwards_IWBS on X.

GOODBYE TO CATHERINE

Mrs Catherine McLean has been a star in Primary and Outreach for over 20 years, supporting hundreds of students across Falkirk! This term, it's bittersweet as we bid her farewell. She's off to kickstart a brand-new adventure in nursing, and we're all rooting for her! As everyone who's had the pleasure of working with her would say... Catherine, you're simply AMAZING! ✨



SHARING PRACTICE

This term, Mrs Fraser and Mrs Edwards shared their insights with probationary teachers from across Falkirk! Sharing their extensive knowledge of managing challenging behaviour provided important, practical advice on decoding behaviours and supporting learners with empathy.



TREEHOUSE NEWS

What a rollercoaster of a term in the Treehouse! We've been throwing open the doors for fresh faces, jumping headfirst into thrilling new qualifications, and spreading some serious magic! Plus, we've been sharing our awesomeness with other local authorities all over Scotland!



SLIME TIME

One of our wise senior pupils decided to become the ultimate slime guru for some eager younger pupils! She guided them through the gooey magic, and those boys were all ears, nailing every single instruction like pros! Slime-tastic teamwork in action!

ANIMAL CARE

Treehouse pupils have been mastering the art of safe animal handling for our furry friends. Mrs Irvin and Mrs Hutchinson couldn't be prouder of these amazing girls— who have been like little animal whisperers, soaking up instructions and showering these creatures with all the love and care they deserve!



THE SMELL OF SUCCESS

Bertie the Frug is in the house this term, ready to wag his tail and lend a furry paw to our primary and secondary students on their quest for the Hi 5 award in animal care! Bertie has also been flaunting his fabulousness with the secondary pupils as they tackle their level 4 SQA award. If he could just stop passing wind - that would be great!