

# Kilmaron Newsletter

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## Inset day

The team were working hard on the inset day last week. We were delighted to welcome Jo and Maria from the Assistive Technology Support Service who delivered a fantastic session on how we can use technology to support our learners. We looked at switch technology plus a range of software. As a school we have spent a significant amount of PEF budget on technology such as switch operated toys and activities to be shared in the school and this helped us consider how best to use them.

We also had a session on sensory support taking forward work from earlier in the year. Again our PEF spend went to good use on a range of new sensory equipment for classes with light, sound, touch and movement being a focus. This links to our work with Richard Hirstwood and our new sensory profiles we are using.

Lastly we had a focus on staff wellbeing considering how else we can support each other and what will help us be the best for ourselves and our learners.

## School building

We are continuing our own working groups where the team have school wide responsibilities. Clearing out, organising and identifying gaps. As a result we now have a new shed and outdoor equipment to provide more structure and play opportunities in the playground. During the break we had new lights fitted in Class 1 and 2 which have brightened the space considerably. We are also looking at plans around the windows and accessibility with a visit from a structural engineer to consider tracking. We will keep you posted on developments.

## PE

You may have noticed an increase in PE photos in seesaw. We again used our PEF funding to finance a whole new storage cage and filled it with new rainbow themed PE equipment. All classes will be striving to incorporate more physical education into the week and with the better weather, this is even easier.

## Massive thank you

We received a massive donation of £1000 in Bob Lockhart's name and are incredibly grateful. Our plan is to use this money to go towards our new reading schemes which will have online and book options as well as teen interest books for our seniors! Thank you so much!

## Suggestions

Just to remind everyone, we love your suggestions and ideas for the school. Please just get in touch if there's anything!

Many thanks and happy Friday!

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