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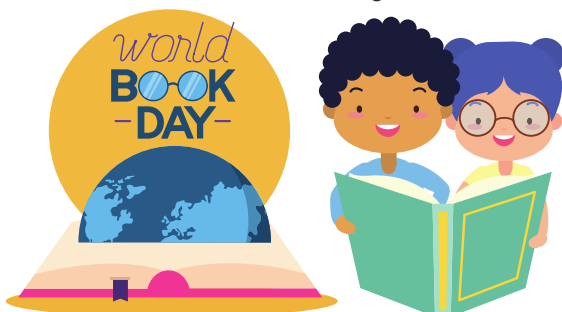
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I've just about got time to squeeze in one final newsletter before the end of term.

March has been a good month with lots going on in the school....

World Book Day

World Book Day took place at the start of March. This year the organisers had created a strange competition. Instead of dressing up, pupils were encouraged to decorate a potato as their favourite book character. I never really thought much about it until the day of World Book Day. The school was flooded with some of the most creative potato shaped characters I've ever seen. Initially they were to be sent along to the meeting room to be judged but the meeting room soon filled up and they had to be returned back to their class. Well done to everyone who took part. They were so creative and imaginative.



World Book Day Potato Competition Winners



Primary 1 - 3 Winners



Primary 4 - 7 Winners

World Book Day Picture Competition Winners



Primary 1 - 3 Winners



Primary 4 - 7 Winners

PARS Tackle Health

P.7 and P.6/7 were very lucky to have a visit from the PARS foundation to deliver their programme 'PARS Tackle Health'. This programme is delivered by two members of the foundation where they teach the pupils about the importance of diet and exercise. They also had a visit from 2 current players, Rhys Breen and Aaron Comrie. Both first team players spoke to the classes and clearly enjoyed being there. I couldn't let this go without a quote from one of the trust members who emailed me later to say:

"The children were enthusiastic, fully focussed and immaculately behaved throughout. They also demonstrated excellent knowledge of the H&WB Los (Health and Wellbeing Learning Outcomes)."

So well done to P.7 and P.6/7 for their behaviour and enthusiasm. You are a credit to the school!

Football

Following on from this the football team took part in a tournament at Woodmill High School. It went well although it has been a very frustrating time recently with a number of games as well as other tournaments being cancelled. There is a bit of a backlog so I expect Term 4 to be a busy time catching up with games.

Badminton Tournament

Miss Collins took a team of 6 pupils to the Dunfermline and West Fife Badminton Tournament. They performed very well and finished team runners-up losing out by only one point in the whole tournament. Although disappointed to lose out by one point they did very well and deserve great credit for their hard work and effort. It should be noted that Freddie Lee won a 2nd place medal and Louie Stevenson won a 3rd place medal in the boys' singles.



Congratulations!

Reading Ambassadors

The Reading Ambassadors visited the library across in Duloch recently. This was as part of the work we are doing in our School Improvement Plan on reading as well as trying to achieve the 'Reading Schools Accreditation' from the Scottish Book Trust. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and got a lot from it. A very positive outcome to the visit was that we received an email back from the library and I thought I'd share this with you.

"Your children were brilliant and so engaged!"

Well done to the Reading Ambassadors! Another group of pupils who are a credit to the school.

Parents Evenings

We had our Parents Evenings recently. Both were busy with a constant stream of people. It was good to see everyone in the school and I managed to have a catch up with quite a few people.



Classes 2024 / 2025

As the school continues to grow (it looks like we will be the biggest we have ever been after the Summer Holidays), I've been doing a bit of work on classes already. It is almost certain that in the Upper School there will be two straight P.7, P.6 and P.5 classes. Further down the school it is a bit more complex as this depends upon the number of P.1 pupils coming in which is in line with previous years numbers. I know there is always anxiety about classes so try to provide the information I can as early as possible. Staffing wise there will be a few changes but although the work has started on this it won't be finished until June. I will keep everyone up to date with classes and staffing as it develops.

Café Inc Easter 2024

I've been asked to include the information below in the newsletter.



Café Inc will be back across Fife during the Easter holidays for children, and young people under 18. Café Inc makes sure that the Kingdom's children and young people will have at least one tasty and healthy meal while our nurseries and schools are closed during the holidays.

There's no need to book, you can just turn up. All we ask is that children under 10 are accompanied by an adult, who can also have a meal. Café Inc venues will all be listed on our interactive map, which is available along with other advice and help with the Cost of Living: our.fife.scot/gethelp

Term 4 Dates

Monday 15th April	Pupils Return from Easter Holidays
Friday 26th April	Shared Start 9.10 – 9.40am
Monday 6th May	Public Holiday
Thursday 9th May	In Service Day (School Closed to Pupils)
Friday 17th May	Masterton Mile*
Monday 3rd June	Public Holiday
Wednesday 5th June	Sports Day (Weather Dependant)*
Friday 14th June	Reports Out
Week Beginning 17th June	Classes Out
Saturday 22nd June	Dunfermline Children's Gala
Friday 28th June	School Closes at 3pm for the Holidays

*The exact timings of when different classes will take part in Sports Day / Masterton Mile will be issued at the start of next term.

School Uniform

Just a quick reminder about school uniform. We encourage all pupils to wear school uniform as it is an important part of our school identity. Please can I remind you that the uniform is a white shirt (polo or original) with a Royal Blue cardigan or jumper (not Black). These items don't need to have a logo and can be bought from most stores. Trousers, shorts, skirts, pinafores can be black or grey. During PE days pupils may wear their PE kit to school. Please can I ask that cropped tops are not worn to PE. Thank you for your continuing support with this.

And finally.....

And that was Term 3. It always starts off dark and miserable and ends up bright and sunny. Well, I'm still waiting for the bright and sunny bit to take place....

Have a good holiday!

Regards

S Humphries
Headmaster

*Happy
Holidays*

