



Newsletter Autumn 2016

From Yvonne Gribben
Head Teacher



TERM 1

Term 1 was packed full of activities and fun learning experiences. Some of the highlights include: Interdisciplinary Theme 'Journey Through My Body', Sensory Poetry Day, School Captain Elections, Class Assemblies and a variety of Citizenship events.



We welcome a number of new permanent & temporary members of staff onto our team, including:



Mrs Johnson
Teacher



Mrs Ward
Teacher



Miss Mitrou
Teacher



Mrs Inglis
EYP



Mr Wright
Classroom Assistant

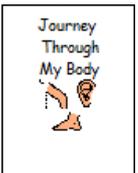


Mr Bowen
Classroom Assistant



Miss Gemmell
Classroom Assistant

JOURNEY THROUGH MY BODY



Last term our interdisciplinary topic in Primary has been 'Journey Through My body'. The focus for learning was on experiences and outcomes in Health & Wellbeing. Learners have been engaging in a variety of 'active'

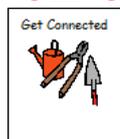


movement opportunities including: Fit 15 and indoor and outdoor gross motor activities as part of their learning.

This term the focus for Primary will be 'Celebrations Around the World' and for the Secondary 'Growth and Changes'. Our senior phase pupils will be busy carrying out a range of activities relating to their National Qualifications, Citizenship and Personal Development.



'GET CONNECTED' DAY



Thank you to Mr Law, our Janitor, for nominating the school to receive a 'Get Connected' Day! This will take place on 11 May and volunteers will carry out a range of work activities to improve our school grounds. We will receive an outdoor class, willow screening and a tidy up in the Sensory Garden as well as painted playground games.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE SCHOOL MINIBUS

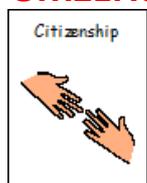


A huge thank you to the Parent Council members for their recent fundraising efforts. The school year kicked off with a Race Night and raised £1741. Mr Cooper ran to Great Scottish Run and achieved a total of £264.50. Finally prior to the November weekend the Parent Council organised their annual Christmas Shopping Evening. This event was very well attended by friends old and new and raised £664. I also received a telephone call from The Blair and I'm delighted that we have been selected again to receive the proceeds of their Ladies Week.



Christmas Shopping Evening

CITIZENSHIP



As well as donations being received, the children and young people have been busy participating in a number of activities to fundraise for others. Over the course of Term 1 and to date we have raised money for:-



Ice Bucket Challenge: £80 raised for Jeans for Genes



Non-Uniform Day for “Stand Up To Cancer”: £45 raised

Senior phase pupils have also sorted and gathered items for the Shoebox Appeal and the majority of pupils brought a £1 to our remembrance day assembly to donate to Poppy Scotland



WORK EXPERIENCE

The Senior Phase learners are currently taking part in work experience organised by Eglinton Park. As well as experiencing the World of Work, they are contributing to improving their local environment.



Please could you continue to support this by ensuring your child has appropriate footwear and warm clothing on Tuesday mornings. Thank you!

VISIT FROM EDUCATION SCOTLAND

Peter Hamilton from Education Scotland visited on Tuesday 15 November as part of the consultation process regarding the proposal to close down the 4 existing ASN schools and build a brand new purpose built provision for North Ayrshire.

Mr Hamilton met with a focus group of parents, staff and learners. Thank you to those parents who attended. Well done to our learners, they were stars sharing their views using 'Talking Mats'.

CHANGES TO REPORTING

This session parents/carers will receive reports as follows:-

Mid-November	—————>	Termly Report 1
Mid-February	—————>	Termly Report 2
May	—————>	End of Year Report

The end of year report will replace the annual review report. However, annual reviews will continue to take place on a cyclical basis. Teachers will

provide an overview of current strengths and achievements as well as discussing concerns, if any.

Your contribution is greatly valued too and it would be extremely helpful for you to share important achievements and suggested goals by completing the "Your Views Are Important" sheet in advance of the review meeting.

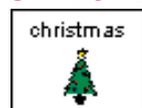
We aim to make the annual review meeting as person-centred as possible and to take time to celebrate the successes made by your child both at home and in school.

HAYSHOLM GLOW BLOGS



Please remember to keep a close eye on Haysholm Glow Blogs for all of our latest school news.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE: FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER : 10.00 – 11.30



Well done to Mull Class for their super poster (copy attached) advertising the Christmas Fayre. Please come along and support this event on Friday 25 November.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18 November	Children in Need : Wear Spots to School Day <i>Pupils can wear something spotty & donate £1</i>
Monday 21 November 9.45 a.m.	Parent Council Meeting <i>All parents/carers welcome to attend</i>
Friday 25 November 10.00 – 11.30	Christmas Fayre <i>All parents, families & friends welcome to attend</i>
Wednesday 30 November	St Andrew's Day Lunch for Pupils
Friday 2 December	Draw for the Christmas Raffle
Monday 5 – Friday 9 December	Arran Class are collecting non-perishable food items to donate to the North Ayrshire Food Bank this week.
Wednesday 7 December	Bute Class: Xmas Shopping at Braehead
Monday 12 December (morning)	Primary Pupils at Funbox "Christmas Wonderland" (formerly Singing Kettle) in Troon Concert Hall. <i>Pupils can wear a Christmas Jumper & bring a torch to light up the sky!</i>
Monday 12 December (afternoon)	Senior pupils to attend the annual Variety Club Party at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glasgow
Friday 16 December 10.00 a.m.	Nativity Performance "A Miracle in Town". <i>Parents/carers invited to attend</i>
Tuesday 20 December 2.00 p.m.	Christmas Service in Haysholm <i>Parents/carers invited to attend</i>
Friday 23 December	School closes at 2.30 p.m. for the Christmas/New Year holiday
Monday 9 January	Pupils return to school

*Date for Christmas Lunch for pupils & Christmas Jumper Day to be confirmed

School Values

